

Minutes for Area Meeting on 19th November 2021

11 Friends from Aberdeen, Forres, Inverness, Lochaber & Lorn

Prevented: Penny Selbie

Membership

42/21 We record that Ian Bonner Evans (Inverness/Forres) has resigned his membership.

43/21 We record that Robert Wilson's transfer of membership is accepted by Warrington and Manchester Area Meeting.

44/21 We acknowledge the life of Mari Wright, a faithful attender of Lochaber meeting for many years, who died in September 2021. She never joined the Society of Friends but contributed generously to the Society and to the life of the Meeting.

45/21 We have received a transfer request for our Friend Michael Ashman, from Sheffield and Balby to North Scotland (Lochaber & Lorn). Michael has made good contacts already with Friends in Lochaber and Lorn. We welcome Michael to North Scotland Area Meeting. We ask Peter Heald to let Sheffield and Balby Area Meeting know that Michael's transfer of membership has been accepted.

Nominations -

46/21 Nominations Committee - the following names have come forward from the Pastoral & Spiritual Care Group for Friends to serve on Nominations Committee:

Lesley Reynolds, (1st triennium) to serve from 1st Jan 2022 until 31 Dec 2024

Nigel Dower (2nd triennium) to serve from 1st January 2022 until 31 Dec 2024.

William Purser (2nd triennium) to serve from 1st January 2022 until Dec 2024

We appoint these Friends and thank them for their offers of service.

The Pastoral & Spiritual Care team are continuing to seek friends to serve on Nominations Committee from Inverness and elsewhere.

47/21 We appoint **Nigel Dower** to serve as convenor of our Nominations Committee, as an interim arrangement from now until 30 June 2022.

48/21 We appoint Piers Voysey (2nd triennium) to serve as AM clerk from 1st January 2022 to 31 Dec 2024.

We appoint Edmund Holt to serve as AM assistant clerk, from 1st January 2022 until 31 Dec 2024, noting that Andrew Collins and John Hitchen are also continuing their service in this shared role.

We appoint David James to serve as clerk of Trustees for 1 more year from 1st Jan to 31 Dec 2022.

49/21 It is noted that AM is still looking for another Trustee,
and Still looking for a 4th assistant clerk.

It is also noted that the Pastoral & Spiritual care team were appointed for 1 year, so there is a need to role these appointments forward and when appointing, to stagger their terms of service (appointing for 1 year, 2 years and a full triennium) so that there is overlapping continuity of service within the team.

AM proposes that these appointments could be made on a 'between meetings' process by the AM Clerking team, if the names are circulated to AM in advance.

50/21 Fellowship Area Meeting 19th December:

We ask the AM Planning Group to arrange a pre-Christmas fellowship meeting, online, late afternoon/early evening, on Sunday 19th December with Friends bringing together a programme of readings, poems, art work, photos, music, short videos and winter songs, whatever they would like to contribute.

51/21 The Planning Group will next meet on Monday Dec 6th December 2021 at 7pm, to not only organise the fellowship Meeting on the 19th, but also to arrange a short evening AM for business in December to consider the budget and any other financial matters.

The Planning Group will also set a date in the New Year to arrange AM for the 5th February 2022.

Piers Voysey