

# **Lewes Meeting for Worship for Church Affairs**

**5th May 2019 at 12:00 noon**

## **MINUTES**

### **23.19 Opening worship**

During our opening worship QF&P 28.10 was read.

### **24.19 Appointment**

We appoint our Friends John Ashcroft and Nancy Wall to attend Area Meeting in Uckfield on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. We ask them to report back to the Meeting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

### **25.19 Report from the Property and Finance Committee**

We thank the members of the Property and Finance Committee for the work they have done. The Project Group is addressing the question of what the council will allow. Until we have that information we will not try to make definite plans for the precise outcome. The planning application is intended to give us maximum flexibility. The outcome of the application will inform us all as to what can be done and roughly how much money needs to be raised. Friends may attend the open meeting of the Lewes District Council planning committee; their presence could be influential.

### **26.19 Report from the Project Group**

We note that the new estimated total cost of the full range of development plans plus the necessary repairs to the west end of the MH amount to £578,400. This allows for possible additional work that may follow when the forthcoming investigations in the Library and Gallery area are completed. It also includes the cost of all of the changes detailed in the planning application; it is possible that the meeting may in the future decide not to take forward all of the possibilities. (These decisions may apply in particular to the layout of the first floor.)

We expect that the Project, Fund Raising and Resident Friends and Maintenance Groups will make a presentation to Friends on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> after Meeting for Worship. This will be followed by a picnic lunch. Then there will be an opportunity to discuss the issues and develop a proposal to bring to the business meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **27.19 Report from the Resident Friends and Maintenance Group**

We agree to continue having Resident Friends in the upstairs flat, for one year initially, but with an option to extend the contract if both sides agree, so that they can continue to take care of the premises and manage the letting arrangements.

We ask Nominations Committee to bring forward a minimum of three names to join the Succession Planning Group, at the next Meeting for Worship for Church Affairs. A role description for the Group will be required as soon as possible. We ask this group to work closely with the Resident Friends and Maintenance Group (RFMG). We thank the RFMG for the hard work they have done in preparing for the forthcoming departure of our greatly appreciated resident friends.

We note that it is difficult to agree a budget for work on the flat because there are many unknowns at the present time. We understand that the flat is in need of some repair and some work will need to be done swiftly before or after the departure of our present Resident Friends. We expect that this work will need to be funded by Lewes Local Meeting. We will return to this matter later in the year.

### **28.19 The Memorandum of Understanding between Sussex East Area Meeting (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and Lewes Local Quaker Meeting**

We agree to the new Memorandum of Understanding between Sussex East Area Meeting (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and Lewes Local Quaker Meeting. The final version will be attached to this minute when we receive it.

### **29.19**

23 Friends attended the meeting. We agree to meet again on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019.

Nancy Wall  
Co-clerk