

Southport Local Meeting for Worship for Business 4/4/21

Present 5 Friends

21/21 Advices and Queries have been read since our last LMfWB

22/21 Gerard was appointed as our representative for the Area Meeting for Business to be held on Sunday 11th April.

23/21 Our MfW has continued during March meeting online with faithful Friends holding a half hour MfW followed by sharing of support. On 28th March 4 friends attended the online Area MfW for one hour. It has been agreed that Southport Friends will continue their own MfW on a Sunday, but will attend the Area MfW on the 4th Sunday of a month. Other Friends not on Zoom have connected with each other in other ways and hold each other in the Light.

24/21 We await BT Openreach on 14th April. They will then lift and shift the internet connection point to a more appropriate location.

25/21 We still await the appointment of a new treasurer. Nominations are attempting to find a suitable person.

26/21 It was agreed that the Meeting House would reopen for face to face Meeting for Worship on the Sunday after 17th May (step 3 of the steps out of lockdown). We will work towards a Blended Meeting, but Gerard will report back to the meeting on progress at the May Local Meeting for Business.

27/21 We have been contacted by Marleen Schepers at Quaker Central Office in connection with a prisoner in Wymott prison. He is asking for support from Quakers and that a Meeting for Worship be held in the prison. Our friend Gerard has connections with Wymott in his capacity as the Prison Support Officer for Southport Samaritans. Gerard has emailed the Lead Chaplain at Wymott to ask how this support and a meeting be facilitated. It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Area Meeting for further discussion.

28/21 In view of the ongoing discussion, a brief discussion was held about the term “overseer”. We agree that the term “overseer” is possibly in need of revision.

29/21 We hold our Friend Elizabeth Rowland-Elliott in the light whilst she recovers from a short time in hospital . We also hold our friend Isobel Dunbar in the light.

Signed Clerk

GT Hughes