

Friargate Information and Communications Group
Meeting 5
1st June 2018 2 pm

Minutes

Present: Cath Harvey, Julia Terry, Raymond Williams, Barbara Windle

Prevented: John Fieldhouse

1 Agenda

The agenda was agreed.

We have considered the membership of our group, and also how contacts and the information flow between our group and Resources Committee / Business Group could be improved.

We understand that changes in the Business Group and resources Committee are underway.

2 Updates from last meeting's minutes

- (Re Minute 2.2) Details have not yet been received from elders about the volume of sales from the foyer book rack.

[Note: Since our meeting we have received and circulated a list received, which however seems to cover the sales over many, unspecified years.]

- (Re Minute 4) Minutes of our last meeting, with the suggestion that a threshing meeting be held on the future of the library were sent to the clerks. To date no wider discussion of the future of the library would seem to be planned, however. Raymond will write to the clerks again in this matter.

We hear that concerning the wider context of the development of Friargate as a Quaker Centre Cath has prepared a paper at the request of the Business Group. They have asked Cath to circulate and discuss the paper with all LMs in York AM. This is in progress and we understand that the paper is on the agenda at Friargate LM in June.

3 Website items

We understand that there are now currently no immediate plans for a standalone lettings website. The creation of a new integrated booking system is now being given priority.

The website manager would be grateful to be kept informed about changes affecting the online presence of the lettings pages of our website.

4 Library items

We note that John Fieldhouse has been discussing the future of the library with Cath. We believe that this group also has a role to play in these considerations.

5 Resources Committee and Staff items

We hear that discussions are in hand in Resources Committee about the redecoration of the Fox Room. The work is planned to take place in August.

We see two separate issues: one is the redecoration of the room; the other is the future of the library and the location of its stock. We believe that these should be treated separately. It is our view that the future of the library must be considered carefully by the local meeting as a whole. (Cf Minute 4 of our March meeting.) Raymond will inform Resources Committee of our views and Cath will speak to this at the next meeting of Resources Committee.

The hanging poster display in the foyer has been dismantled by the window cleaners. Raymond will rehang a poster at the earliest opportunity. The three "And a Quaker ..." posters in the windows facing Friargate have now been in situ for over 8 months. We suggest these should now be removed or replaced with other posters in the same series.

6 Quakevine items

Our Publications Sub-group is taking forward ideas about the development of a Friargate Newsletter. They will be meeting to discuss a possible timetable.

3.5 Overseers' items

Overseers have assembled an information pack for newcomers to the meeting. Raymond will design an overprinted envelope for the leaflets.

3.6 Elders' items

elders intend to sort the contents of the store cupboard in the basement, which contains leaflets etc.

4 Next Meeting

We agree to meet on Friday 14th September at 2pm.

Raymond Williams