

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Association of Talking Friends, held on the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
April 2016 at the Priory Rooms, Birmingham**

**01.16 Present:** Alan Johnson, Gillian Bryan, Jane Beale, Cathy Khurana,  
Sue Thompson, Anne Austin.

**02.16 Prevented:** Anne Ullathorne. Jules Morris, Hilary Johnson, William Waddilove,  
Hilary Davies

**03.16 Matters arising** from the Minutes of the AGM 2015.

04.14/03.15 refers. A second duplicator has been purchased, February 2016.

**04.16 The Trustees report** for the year ended 31:12:2015 has been read and signed. We accept the report which is filed.

**Matters Arising**      **05.16 Copying and Distribution of recorded material.** The duplicating and copying has in general been more reliable this year. When difficulties arise however, we have difficulties resolving them. We agree to contact Stella Brinzeamu to request that Technology support at Friends House be asked to help resolve problems. Alan will make enquiries to Talking Newspapers about sharing the purchase of USBs.

**06.16 Suggestion to Quaker Life that CDs of Advices and Queries be distributed to all Local Meetings.** A response to this suggestion has been received from Jane Dawson, Advocacy and Public Relations Lead for Quakers in Britain. This is filed.

**07.16 Trustees**      We record our thanks to Jane Beale who has come to the end of her period of service.

**08.16 Committee Members** William Waddilove has asked to be released from the Committee as website administrator. We thank him for his service.

We re-appoint Anne Austin as a member of the Committee for one year.

**09.16 Response to Area Meeting Nominations Committee Report.**

We have three Trustees who are appointed by the Area Meeting. We consider this to be sufficient for the oversight of the Association.

Our purpose as an Association is clearly established; the numbers of the Committee are sufficient for the task; the roles of the Clerk and Treasurer are clearly defined.

We meet as a Committee four times a year and report to subscribers and members of the Association once a year.

This Minute is to be forwarded to Area Meeting.

**10.16 Annual Accounts** Gillian Bryan has presented the Annual Accounts, examined by John Bodycote. She commented that in general our income and outgoings balance; in 2015 we

spent more on advertising; this may have had the effect of increasing the number of subscribers.

We agree that the CAF deposit account should be a Reserves account.

Where costs are incurred on behalf of the Association, a refund can be claimed via the Treasurer. We agree to remind readers and others about this.

We thank Gillian for her service.

**11.16 Yearly Meeting** Alan has booked a room for 20 people on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> May between 5.30 and 6.30pm when he will speak about the Talking Friends' Association.

Anne will revise the leaflet; Gillian will contact David Brayley Wilmetts for advice about printing a revised leaflet.

Sue will speak to her sister who is a graphic designer about a poster.

Cathy suggests opportunities to record are a good way to involve people. She will bring a laptop etc.

**12.16 Report to Area Meeting.** Alan will report to Area Meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016.