**Quakers in Yorkshire**

**Group to Reinvigorate and Simplify Structures and Processes (GRASP)**

**Minutes of meeting held on 8 February 2021 by Zoom**

**Present:** David Bunney (CY), Alison Clarke (York), Tim Herrick (S&B), Jim Ledwidge (BWY), Tracey Martin (Leeds), David Olver (C&K & Convenor), Rosie Roberts (co-opted to link with young people), Barbara Windle (co-opted).

**Prevented:** Phyllis Wicks (P&H)

**We began our meeting with worship.**

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of our meeting held on 11 January 2021 have been circulated.

**2. Local Development Worker**

We have noted developments since our last meeting.

**3. Single charity for multiple AMs**

David B has reported on the meeting arranged by Jonathan Carmichael to bring together representatives of London and Welsh Quakers to talk about having a single charity but multiple area meetings. The initiatives came about due to some AMs struggling to appoint trustees.

They seem to be making progress towards having a single charity for the London region and a single charity for Friends in Wales.

If some, or all, of the AMs in QiY were to go down the same route, we could learn from their experience.

**4. Core aspects of Quakerism**

We have considered the proposed redraft of the core aspects of Quakerism which we published in our Interim Report.

We approve the changes (subject to the small amendment agreed today). They will be in the final report.

**5. GRASP report**

The revised and shortened draft of our final report has been circulated. Thanks to David O and Barbara for their work on the revisions and for everyone else for providing comments and corrections.

We have discussed the final version and agreed some changes. David B agrees to draft a final paragraph for email consideration and agreement.

We agree that the report will have the title: *Quakers in Yorkshire – Reinvigoration and Simplification*.

We approve the amended version for publication.

We agree that electronic copies will be distributed to each AM and LM and a copy placed on the QiY website. We will leave it up to each meeting to print copies if needed.

Each of us will be responsible for making presentations to our area meeting.

Jim has drafted a Powerpoint presentation which he will use at Brighouse West Yorkshire AM on 13 March. He will circulate it to us.

**6. GRASP next stage**

In the next few months, the work of GRASP will be to respond to requests from LMs and AMs as they consider our report. We will also publicise examples where meetings have ideas for simplification. We will therefore keep a watching brief on issues.

We agree to ask for a slot at QiY on 17 April 2021. This will both be to publicise the report and seek guidance on whether there is a need for a future QiY group similar to GRASP.

**7. Date of next meeting**

We agree to meet next by Zoom on **Monday 29 March 2021 (7.00 pm - 9.00 pm).**

David Olver

8 February 2021