

Chair's notes from Trustee meeting 14th November 2018

All Trustee/Directors and both Wardens attended.

I took the opportunity to break my journey at Woking and meet up with Jan Marshall. Our trains were delayed by overcrowding on the lines. In spite of that five of us had a quick lunch together in a Turkish restaurant on The Cut, just around the corner from our venue, St Andrew's Church on Short Street.

We had a very full agenda and worked hard from 1.15 to 4.45pm. We opened with a short time of silence, an extract from Quaker Advices and Queries and Psalm 23.

With 3 new Trustees in key positions our intention is to reach a shared understanding with regard to our accounting processes and financial position and our legal constitution within Charity and Company law. We made a good start, with our longer standing Trustees and our Wardens supplying much useful information and insights – thank you for your forbearance.

Angie Smith, our new Treasurer has met with Roger Neville, out-going treasurer, for a very useful hand over meeting and will have a follow up meeting in London soon. Angie's expertise is of immense benefit to The Community.

Angela Mutum is wrestling with a couple of legal issues and we will be seeking legal advice. The Community is similarly benefiting from Angela's specialist knowledge.

Reports were received from Othona Bradwell and Othona West Dorset. The trustees support the concerns and the strategic direction taken at the Centres and appreciate the contributions made by the Committees and the Members. Both Centre Committees aim to keep up regular communications through the Websites and by email. The first edition of the new news-sheet from the Centres is in preparation and will soon be arriving on the doormats of paid-up Members.

Our constitution states that we are to have between 8 and 14 Trustees. Currently we have 7. We are actively searching for new Trustees with expertise in any of the following areas; finance, HR, communications, fund raising, project management and a replacement membership secretary.

We finished the formal meeting with a few moments of quiet and a shared review of our team working. Many had to go on to catch trains, but 4 of us stayed on and had a meal before going home.

Questions, comments, ideas and offers of assistance from members and friends all welcome. Please raise these through the centre committees in the first instance.

Clare Gough 16.11.2018