

FARINGDON PEACE GROUP

Annual General Meeting and 34th Birthday of Faringdon Peace Group

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2014 at FRIENDS' MEETING HOUSE, FARINGDON at 7.30pm

Chair - Phil Chesterton

Phil Chesterton welcomed the members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Steve and Jenny Braithwaite, Karen Vogt, Mary Love, and Adam Twine., Sand Cooper, Pete Stone.

Those present: Penny Wixey, Marge Crosby, Dave Headey, Sjoerd Vogt, Pat Saunders, Pat Williams, Hazel Townesend, John Cottis, Janie Cottis, David Morgan, Helen Holly, Josephine Wright, Ian Wright, Dave Penn, Daphne Saunders, Phil Chesterton, Jennie Chesterton.

1. Project for a Ceramic Wall or Floor Panel part funded by the Award from the Movement for the Abolition of War.

Sue Drew spoke about the Project for a ceramic pavement or wall panel to be made and installed in Faringdon to tell the story of the work of the Faringdon Peace Group. Her proposal was presented. Examples of the pieces done with Faringdon Academy schools were shown. The Group needed to consider the nature, design, size and location for such a piece and to take forward the planning and gain necessary approvals. As Sue had another meeting to attend, further discussion was postponed (see below). Sue was thanked for her presentation and offer to undertake the project.

2. Minutes of the AGM 2 October 2013 had been circulated and were agreed.

3. Dates for Diaries for October 2014 for regional and national events were circulated.

Attention was drawn to the following:

- 4 Oct National march and rally at Croughton USAF Base
- 5 Nov FPG meeting - Bruce Kent to speak on Forgotten Voices of WW1
- 9 Nov Remembrance Day - wreath of red and white poppies to be laid
- 11 Nov Vigil for Peace 10.30am in Faringdon Market Place
- 3 Dec Kate Hudson to speak (re-arranged from July)

4. Reports

a) Activities and Events 2013-2014. A record of activities and events in 2013-2014 was circulated and is attached to these minutes. Jennie Chesterton was thanked for her work in making the arrangements and she referred to the help given in the year by Sjoerd Vogt and others.

(b) Newsletters and meeting publicity. Regular notices of meetings and follow-up reports had been distributed and the cooperation of Faringdon Folly in including reports was appreciated. Karen Vogt was thanked for the work she had done during the year. The website had been maintained by Sjoerd Vogt and Dave Heady and it was agreed that further consideration of publicity in the Wantage area would be undertaken.

(c) Accounts. The examined accounts for the year ended 31 August 2014 were received and approved. A copy is attached. The balance stood at £3126 and the main difference in income was from the receipts of the fete. Our 'profit' for the year was down by approximately £400 but was still positive at £32. We thank Steve Braithwaite (Treasurer) and John Cecil (Examiner of Accounts).

(d) Fete. Income from the Peace Fete had been affected by less favourable weather than in 2013 and by a clash with the day of the primary schools' fete. Nevertheless it had been another successful event and thanks are due to Denny Wickham for the use of the Clock House, to Sjoerd Vogt for the organisation and all helpers and stallholders.

(e) Resources. Adam Twine had continued to store our equipment, for which we are grateful, and the location had been moved from Collymore Farm to Westmill Farm. Fete notices are currently at West Mill, placards at Colleymore.

(f) Commemorating World War 1. It had not been possible to arrange a special public meeting in 2014, as had been intended, but meetings of the group were continuing and a public meeting is being considered for 2015.

(g) Monthly Meetings. Offers of accommodation for our speakers and transport from the station had continued and members who had assisted in this respect expected to be able to continue i.e Penny Wixey and Daphne Saunders, also Hazel Townesend.. We were grateful for this support and any further offers will be appreciated.

5. Election of Officers.

The following elections were made;

Chair people (Meetings) - Sjoerd Vogt, Phil Chesterton, Dave Heady, John Cottis, Hazel Townesend, Adam Twine.

Secretary for meetings and Activities - Jennie Chesterton

Secretary for Newsletter/Faringdon Folly/posters in town – Karen Vogt

Treasurer - Steve Braithwaite

Creative Co-ordinator - Karen Vogt

Fete Organiser - Sjoerd Vogt

Website/Computer lists – Sjoerd Vogt: Dave Headey

Resources Organisers - Phil Chesterton, Pete Stone, Karen Vogt, Dave Penn

Publicity/Press releases - Sand Cooper to be approached.

6 Extra Meeting held on 4 December 2013.

It had been agreed at the meeting on 4 December 2013 that £700 be paid to Faringdon Quaker Aid for their support of the work of the Gulu Development Association in N Uganda; that the other donations had been approved as listed in the accounts; that the group planning for the commemoration of WW1 be set up; that the ceramic art project be carried forward; and that display boards be investigated with a view to purchase.

7. Project for Ceramic Wall or Floor Panel.

A group was established to carry forward the planning of this project. It was noted that Sue Drew has offered to conduct a workshop to explore possibilities with the group. It was agreed that an overall budget of £1000, to include the £300 award from the Movement for the Abolition of War, be agreed.

8. Donations and Grants.

The following were agreed:

£120 approximately for the purchase of display boards

£500 for Faringdon Quaker Aid in support of training at the Gulu Youth Development Assoc.

£50 CND

£50 Medical Aid for Palestine

£50 Peace News

£50 Campaign against the Arms Trade

£50 Movement for the Abolition of War

£50 Stop the War Coalition

£50 Oxfordshire Peace Campaign

£50 Drones War UK

£50 Nukewatch

The meeting concluded at approximately 10pm with refreshments and cake to celebrate the 34th Birthday of the Faringdon Peace Group

Chair