

Cardiff Quaker Meeting: values and aspirations in the development of the Meeting House

In view of Cardiff Council's rejection of our initial proposals with regard to the development of the Meeting House, it is apparent that we have to reduce the scale and scope of the facilities which we would like to have at 43, Charles Street. This short consultation paper sets out what aspirations and values we might wish to retain in continuing to pursue a radical redevelopment of the site. It will help to guide the work of the Steering Group and Cardiff Meeting as we enter into further negotiations with our various partners, including Wales and West Housing Association, Cardiff Council Planning Department and Welsh Government.

Quaker values and aspirations

- a Quaker presence in the city centre
- a setting for Quaker worship and witness
- a building which meets the spiritual needs of the Quaker community
- a resource for the community of South Wales Area Meeting
- a resource open to the Meeting of Friends in Wales and Britain Yearly Meeting
- a building which clearly reflects Quaker values of inclusion, cooperation, peaceful enterprise and open dialogue
- a building which reflects our commitment to becoming a low carbon, sustainable community in line with our concern for the earth and all that live in it

Community values and aspirations

- a resource that enhances the health and wellbeing of the different communities of Cardiff and South Wales
- working in partnership to provide social and/or affordable housing for those experiencing financial and social disadvantage
- greater access and use by the wider community
- an experience of the Meeting House as a place of wellbeing, health, respite, peace and safety
- a place of sanctuary

- a public face for Quaker values including trust, friendliness and non-coercive behaviours

Construction and management values and aspirations

- an aesthetically pleasing and functional building
- facilities which are conducive to worship
- facilities which serve a wide range of community focussed activities
- appropriate accommodation for tenants and others who work and meet in the building
- construction design and materials which are environmentally sustainable and 'future-proofed'
- compliance with DDA requirements
- a building which is both welcoming and safe
- a financially viable and self-supporting resource
- a low maintenance building
- management which is ethical and efficient

You may wish to put forward your constructive suggestions as to how this draft can be amended or you may wish, simply, to state your support for the document. You can

EITHER: send an email to enquiries@cardiffquakers.com with your comments;

OR: send an email with a copy of this file attached showing your tracked changes and comments (the file is available on the website under 'Future Plans');

OR: post your comments to Cardiff Quaker Meeting House, 43, Charles Street, Cardiff CF10 2GB marked 'For the attention of Trevor Guy'. If you wish to respond please do so by April 14th.

Thank you in anticipation of your friendly cooperation,

Trevor Guy

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