

MFW Residential 22-24 October 2021
Report from Planning group to MFW 27 June 2020

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The group was appointed in October 2019 with representatives from all four Area Meetings. The appointments last until after the event in October 2021.

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So far we have exchanged many e-mails, and set out the tasks we need to fulfil:

Overall purpose - Building community, getting to know one another

Venue - location & public transport; accessibility for people with mobility etc; rooms or spaces of different sizes for the activities and numbers of people; cost; catering; possibility of activities for all ages.

Topic - some aspect of sustainability/EcoFootprint; our ideal Quaker community; Lessons from our history e.g. Ebenezer Howard's Garden Cities, Maes yr Haf

Format - this goes with topic: workshops? creative sessions? outdoor activities? (3rd week of October can be balmy autumn, or wind, rain, and floods.) Invited speakers? DIY from our own membership?

Practical Arrangements - Booking venue; booking speakers; taking bookings from participants; agreeing menus for catering; Resources (projectors, name badges, craftwork, flipcharts and stands etc)

Accounting - payments to venue; payments from participants; travel posts of invited speakers; sorting out bursaries.

Forms - Booking; Safeguarding consents; posters; programme; feedback

We held one on-line meeting using Zoom on 19 March, by which time we had investigated about 20 possible venues, eliminating some as unsuitable or unavailable, and ranked the remaining 12. Of these, three looked very possible but the covid-19 corona virus lockdown meant that I have not been able to get replies from two of them.

Now, as we look forward to some easing of restrictions, and in the hope that new protocols may by October 2021 allow us to a gather in person, I will try again to contact them again.

Frances Voelcker 23 May 2020