

MBC Trustees Meeting: 7th July 2021

Attendees

Present: Silabodhi (SB – Chris Effendowicz) - Chair, –Prasadu, (PS), Chandana (CH – Stuart Orvis), Vishangka (VS – Keith Green), Mahasraddha (MS – Mark Leech), Vidyapala (VP – Paul Whitehead), Dharmakarunya (DK – Ursula Tidd), Aparajita (AJ Gilbert), Mary Tait (MT).

Apologies: , Suryaka (SK - Helen Ellis), Sundeep Grewel (SG), Claire Morris (CM),

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| 1. Welcome SB welcomed all to the meeting. | |
| 2. Apologies SK, SG and CM sent apologies. | |
| 3. Check In All present checked in. | |
| 4. Appreciation of Chandana Appreciation was expressed for all Chandana's work in the Centre Team over many years and the meeting rejoiced in his merits. | |
| 5. Spiritual Welfare of MBC and Centre team Centre Team: Sundeep is away on retreat and Louise will join the team soon. Vishangka is working on getting more volunteers involved. The Mitra convenor's kula meets next week. Women's Sangha: The women's community in Salford have held a garden party which was attended by around twenty women sangha members. Four women will become Mitras on Dharma Day 25 th July Men's Sangha: Four men There will be a morning for men training for ordination on 17 th July. There is much appreciation and enthusiasm in the sangha at the moment. | |
| 6. Approval of Minutes 26th May 2021 The minutes were approved as a true copy. | |
| Matters Arising Actions Completed There is now a detailed breakdown of Sundeep's job. An A3 copy of the outcome of the visioning meeting has been sent to Prasadu. Ongoing Action. Analysis of visioning session Gender inclusivity Akashaloka have two possibilities for people to join them in the community. It is likely that one will not join as it is too far for him to travel. Buddhasmagama has confirmed that the community is ready to take on new members. | Vidyapala/Prasadu September Dharmakarunya and Claire After September |

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| <p>A question was asked on how volunteers were to be used. The plan is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work within the team to identify needs and priorities. • Meet with key volunteers to talk about their experience. • Consider the need for a culture shift in team. <p>Update on Centre Team Changes</p> | |
| <p>7. Sundeep</p> <p>Although she will be missed as a member of the Centre team, we are delighted to learn of Sundeep's appointment as Racial Diversity Coordinator. This is an order wide role, and we are pleased to learn that Sundeep will remain based in Manchester and continue as a Trustee of Manchester Buddhist Centre. In her role as Racial Diversity Coordinator, she will work with a team in London. After ordination, Sundeep will return to work on 1st October and start her new role in January 2022.</p> <p>8. Mahasraddha</p> <p>Mahasraddha will be moving to Scarborough to support a network of Triratna Communities such as those in York, Leeds and Newcastle. He will leave Manchester in around three months, although this may be reviewed. He has worked out solutions with all those affected by his move. He will return to Manchester from time to time, although it will not be viable to continue as a Trustee. He will be much missed</p> <p>9. Akashaloka Community Request</p> | |
| <p>Akashaloka have requested that the Community should be a five rather than six person habitation. The sixth room is small and difficult to let. This would reduce the income from the community from £1,649 to £1,472 which would still cover the mortgage. The mortgage is still being covered even with only three people in residence. The request was agreed.</p> <p>10. Arthavadin Session - Progress on Analysis</p> | |
| <p>Checking to see whether A3 sheet provides more information. Meeting to take place to discuss how complete information is and how necessary the additional information is to the outcome of the analysis.</p> <p>Check with Arthavadin the relevance of column 2 in the spreadsheet.</p> <p>Action due for completion in September.</p> <p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p> | <p>Vidyapala/Prasadu</p> <p>Silabodhi</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 4th August at Silabodhi's House IN PERSON at 7pm 73 Singleton Road, Salford, M7 4LX</p> | |