## Minutes of Probation/Criminal Justice Social Work Services

## Sub-committee meeting

## Held at GSO on Friday-Saturday 1st June 2018

1. The meeting opened at 5pm: Present were: - Trustee: Jeff B.

- Sub-committee member: Bill J,

Apologies Bob Mc, Neal C and Paul B.

1. The Preamble was read by Bill
2. Traditions 10 and 11 were read by Jeff
3. The minutes of the last meeting, which had been previously circulated, were approved.
4. There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
5. ***New member:***  Jeff welcomed new member Paul B from Highlands and Islands Region. Paul had considerable service experience, and would fulfil the much needed function of Criminal Justice Social Work Services in Scotland.
6. ***Future meetings***: The next sub-committee meeting would be on 9th / 10th September 2018.
7. ***Terms of Reference:*** Further discussion at the next sub-committee meeting when all members could be present.
8. ***Website content:*** Updates to be discussed at the next meeting.
9. ***Current activities:***  Bob submitted a written contribution: ‘We now plan to start providing demonstration meetings in Probation Offices from July.  A couple of issues encourage us to think this may be worthwhile.  In general, people will begin their “career” in the CJS with multiple contacts with probation services and, of course, those who serve custodial sentences will mostly return to probation supervision.  Our best chance of reaching the suffering alcoholic may depend on being available throughout the process. We are planning our first formal Prison/Probation liaison meeting later in the summer.  Among the issues we will want to explore is how best to support people in the critical first hours after release from a custodial sentence.  Part of the difficulty is recruiting enough people who can be available at the times the prisons work towards.  The other major issue is geographical.  Many of the people leaving London prisons will be going home to different parts of the country and the majority of releases from custody of London residents will happen from prisons outside London.  At the moment, I think the most we can offer is a promise to brainstorm these issues and share our thoughts’.

Jeff had given a presentation to The Magistrates Association in London on Thursday 24 May. A proposed meeting of Health Leaders at the National Probation Service in London which Jeff had been invited to attend had been postponed by the Probation Service to a date to be fixed.

1. The meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer at 17:25. Members would attend the joint meeting with the Prison sub-committee meeting the following morning.