**Yorkshire North and East District: District Leadership Team**

**9.30am Thursday 11th January 2024**

**Present:** Leslie Newton (Chair), Naomi Prince, Ruth Gilson-Webb, Andrew Brown, Nic Bentley, Ann Fix, Emma Crippen, Bridget Bennett, Malcolm Lucas, Julia Branson, Andy Lindley

**Apologies:** Ben Clowes

1. Welcome, apologies and opening devotions

The Chair led the meeting in opening devotions

1. Minutes of meeting of 21st November 2023

DLT approved the minutes

1. Matters arising and carried forward items
2. Safeguarding provision – an update was given.
3. Warm Spaces development

If churches are reapplying for Warm Spaces, they are being encouraged to think about the missional development of these projects and Ruth is hosting space for some of these conversations.

1. Selby Street

There is a pause on this conversation.

1. Noting of decisions made by email since last meeting

* Bishop Monkton, Application for grant from the District Advance Fund
* AH contracted to HIH

1. Chair’s update

The Chair’s update contained the following

* Stationing update
* University of York Chaplaincy update
* Reflections on ‘Viva la Revolution’
* An update on YN&E Bridge Circuit

1. HIH updates

A verbal update was received

1. Services of Revd Mick Neal

The DLT agrees to reimburse Mick Neal (from DAF) for support services to the Hull (Centre and West) Circuit for the 2023/24 connexional year.

1. Net Zero Programme Board update

The DLT approved the presented paper which offered a working definition of Net Zero.

The DLT also approved the addition of Revd Dr Philip Bee to the Net Zero Programme Board.

1. Funding update

* AB Hours and Focus time

The meeting agreed to back pay AB extended hours.

* YNY Funding update

DLT are supportive of the funding bid, and expressed huge gratitude for all the work that has gone in to researching, negotiating and successfully securing a funding offer from YNY. A number of concerns and questions were noted seeking clarification and RGB will take these to AB.

1. Flourish planning

Following a brief discussion the DLT agreed to the following proposals:

* The DLT agree to the location of Flourish 2026 to be at the University of York.
* The DLT agree to the dates of Flourish 2026 to be 13th-15th of February
* The DLT approve the employment of an Event Manager for Flourish from September 2024 until the end of February 2026.

The DLT support in principle the below proposal but asks Malcolm to confirm the DAF contribution.

* The DLT approves of a grant of £10,000 from DAF for the years 2023/4, 2024/25, 2025/26 as the District contribution to Flourish.

1. Thrive Leadership Development

The DLT are excited about this project and approved the way ahead set out in the paper.

1. Manse for RGB

The DLT approved the resolution as presented in Appendix item 2.

1. Lay employment policies to note

The meeting noted the policies as seen in the link below

<https://www.yorkshirenemethodist.org/resources/lay-employment-support/>

1. Other business

* A Local Preacher Extension Application was accepted.
* Trustees Skills – agreed that an audit would be helpful.
* Circulation and availability of DLT minutes – to be considered.
* Stillington closure was approved.

1. Closing prayer