Yorkshire North and East Methodist District: District Leadership Team

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

**Apologies:** Ben Clowes, Emma Crippen

1. Welcome, apologies and opening devotions

Leslie welcomed Julia Branson and Andy Lindley to their first DLT meeting before leading us in opening devotions.

1. Minutes of meeting of 14th September 2023

DLT approved the minutes

1. Matters arising and carried forward items
2. JDS
3. HIH
4. Youth Work Review
5. Don’t wake the Baby
6. Selby Street
7. Noting of decisions made by email since last meeting

Leslie, Malcolm and Andrew agreed on behalf of the DLT to instruct the architect to proceed with the work relating to the staircase and fire doors at HIH.

The DLT agreed a third proposal which was missed from the original NZ report.

1. Chair’s update

The chair’s update included the following topics

* Stationing
* NPNP Development
* Community Energy Awards
* Flourish
* Update on Chair’s Health

1. DSO arrangements

The meeting received a verbal update from Leslie

1. Open Doors/PA

Following extensive conversation, the DLT came to a decision.

1. Net Zero Programme Board update

The Net Zero Programme Board have met for their first meeting, although membership is thin.

9. Thrive

Ruth Gilson Webb presented to the meeting an early project around leadership which she is creating.

1. District funding and DAF

* Update on DAF

Following an update on the finances within DAF, Malcolm proposed to the DLT that the District pays for Ruth’s manse within the Aire and Calder Circuit.

* Financial Policy discussion

The DLT approved the new Financial Policy as presented by Malcolm.

1. Funding and DAF grants

* Funding update

The DLT were presented with a funding update.

* Warm Spaces

Nic asked the meeting for clarity about its position for churches who were making a repeated application for a Warm Spaces Grant.

* AV

DLT reaffirmed it’s position that AV would not be funded out of DAF unless there was a clear indication that it was a missional project.

* Portable baptistry

The DLT agreed to buy the Portable baptistry as a District resource for £500.

1. Other business

* Bridge Circuit: Resolutions

The DLT unanimously voted through the items in appendix 2

1. Any other business
2. Closing prayer