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

**9.30am Thursday 14th March, 2024**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Ben Clowes (chair), Naomi Prince, Nic Bentley, Ann Fox, Malcolm Lucas, Julia Branson, Bridget Bennett, Emma Crippen, Andrew Brown

**Attending:** Ruth Gilson-Webb, Andy Lindley

1. Welcome, apologies and opening devotions.
2. Minutes of meeting of 11th January 2024 – paper #1

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

1. Matters arising and carried forward items
   1. Safeguarding provision – ongoing arrangements were confirmed.
   2. Thrive – planning for this leadership programme continues to be a priority to be progressed as capacity permits.
   3. Warm Spaces development

A Warm Spaces Zoom provided a fruitful conversation about the development of warm spaces.

* 1. Trustee Skills – an ‘audit’ of skills to be undertaken.

1. Noting of decisions made by email since last meeting

A number of proposals were agreed regarding the YNY grant

1. District Update

The meeting received the paper and were also updated with the following dates.

* Ordinands Testimony Service- June 2nd, 4pm somewhere in Ripon.
* Representative Synod: 11th May
* Representative Synod: 7th September

1. HIH updates

The DLT received a verbal update from Bridget and a written paper from Andy Haynes.

1. Selby Street

The DLT agree to release £8,000 from the City Centre Fund for emergency work, however they recognise that the conversation about Subsidence fits into a bigger conversation about the future of work at Selby Street.

Ruth will pursue this, and the DLT will review this in September.

[Elliot Crippen joined the meeting]

1. Digital Ministry

The DLT received two papers from Elliot which highlighted the development of the role, and how his role might continue to develop, with a new role description focussing on digital pioneering.

The DLT supported this direction of travel in principle but asked for further information as to what work work might need to be passed on to someone else, so that there could a better understanding of the gaps.

[Elliot Crippen left the meeting; Adele Borrowman joined the meeting]

1. Funding update

Since 2020, the District has raised 1.4million pounds through external grants, excluding the YNY grant.

The paper received by the DLT outlining four proposals which were discussed and agreed by DLT

1. Finance 11.30am
   * 1. Salary Pay Reviews

The meeting noted the conflict of interest for both Naomi and Emma in this item of business. The DLT agreed to increase lay employee salaries by the same percentage as ministers.

* + 1. Safeguarding – an update was given regarding current provision.

1. Other business

* Skipwith Closure – agreed.

* Authorisations to Preside at Holy Communion

DLT give unanimous support for Abi and Ian’s Authorisations and acknowledges that Joseph continues to have an authorisation to preside at Holy Communion.

* Ministers in Oversight

Two probationers within the YNE District need new Ministers in Oversight due to changing situations and these need to be approved by the DLT. The DLT agree for Ben to continue on this work and the decisions made by him and the District Probationers Committee.

1. Any other business

* Appointment to Net Zero board of Lorraine Jones. – Agreed by DLT
* Circulation of DLT minutes – It was noted that this needs to be on the next agenda.

1. Closing prayer

The meeting ended in prayer.