

LEEDS METHODIST MISSION COUNCIL

WAYS OF WORKING – A REMINDER

As we meet, a reminder of our purpose as a Mission Council: we are concerned with governance – overview – strategic direction – permission giving.

Rarely, and only within the above with detail, we act for and on behalf of the Leeds Methodist District. Although we sit around the table looking at this distinct piece of work it must always be connected to and in strong partnership with the Methodist work within the city. As with every local Church – but even more so given our city centre location - we will work ecumenically wherever possible. Much of our work is in partnership with voluntary groups and city initiatives.

If anyone on the group wants more detail or wants to ask questions of detail then this is often best done outside the meeting. Initially approach

Trevor Parker – for property and conferencing

Bernard Neville – for finance

Jenny Jones – for outreach and partnerships

Ken Tait – for Council and governance

At any time feel free to inform or engage Peter Whittaker

Agenda for 26 January 2015 (7.30pm at Oxford Place Centre)

1. Opening Devotions
2. Attendance and apologies for absence
3. Comment on ways of working and any other additional agenda items
4. Minutes of previous meeting (15th October 2014) and matters arising from minutes:
 - (i) Caretaker post (completed) [4 (iv)]
 - (ii) Leeds Christian Fellowship Church [4 (v)]
 - (iii) Boiler leakage and danger of basement flooding – update [9 (iii)]

Substantive issues

5. Property – Primary matters
 - (i) Work undertaken since last meeting
 - (ii) Installation of lift
 - (iii) Update on the response to the Quinquennial Inspection
6. Café situation update and action
7. Mission statement

- (i) Description of our work
 - (ii) Telling the story
 - (iii) Our presence on the Web
8. Finance matters a brief update
 9. Conferencing update
 10. Overview of current staffing situation – some considerations for the future
 11. Parking issues
 12. Membership of Council giving consideration to the following
 - (i) Ecumenical representation could be strengthened
 - (ii) New circuit structure is proposed from September 2015
 - (iii) Property support needs strengthening
 - (iv) Wendy Ribbands – resignation

We need to bear in mind the differences in the ways a large representative body as distinct from a smaller more focused group might work in relationships and engagement with a variety of others.
 13. Property – Secondary matters not raised earlier in the meeting but needing to be noted and given attention
 14. Dates of future meetings
 15. Close