

Methodist Church in The Isle of Man
Minutes of the District Policy Committee Meeting
Willaston Methodist Church, 3rd February 2016

Those present: Revd Richard Hall (Chair), Nick Owen, Revd Richard Hooton, Elaine Christian, Revd Chris Belfield, David Quayle, Frank Cowin,

Apologies: Philip Wedgewood. Revd David Shirliff, David Le Prevost,

1. **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2015 were accepted and signed as an accurate record of that meeting.
2. **Permission to Cease Worship.**
No new case.
3. **Staffing**
The meeting gave its approval to the submission of an application for Connexional assistance with ministerial removal expenses, when the final estimates are to hand. This was felt necessary because of the number of ministers moving stations on and from off the island this September.
4. **District Finance**
The meeting was reminded that it carries responsibility for the use of the District Funds. i.e. The District Expenses Fund and The District Advance Fund. One important function of the D.A.F. is to be a source of funding for Mission Initiatives. In future District budgets will be set and approved by the D.P.C.
4. **Ecumenical Matters**
Richard reported that the ecumenical celebration at Ballakermeen school on February 1st had been well attended and well received by those present. Richard will take back a suggestion that in future years this is detached from the Anglican Synod by holding it on a different date.
5. **Finance & Property**
The F&P meeting was held following DPC and will submit its own minutes to the Circuit Meeting.
6. **Lay Employment**
The Lay Employment Committee is due to meet on the August 26th and will bring a report to the Circuit Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer.

The next meeting of the DPC will be at Willaston at 7.30pm, on Wednesday 11th of May 2016. This will be followed at 8.15pm by the Finance and Property Meeting.