

Lindisfarne Methodist Parish

Pink sheet – October 2023

Your Parish Council last met on Tuesday, 26th September 2023. The following items were discussed:

- Under finances it was noted that whilst our church applied and received several grants from various sources within the Methodist Church, this funding is for maintenance on our building only. Excluding this income, our church continues to have a debt at the end of each financial year. Within 4 years, funding our current expenditure will be at crisis point.
- The recent soup lunches held after church went well and it was a great time of fellowship.
- This year's Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, 14th October.
- Mid-week church service and lunch is to be held on Thursday, 19th October.
- Solar panels have been installed and are now working. We have produced more electricity than required so we have sold some power back to the National grid.
- At the time of this meeting, the radiant heaters were being installed in the auditorium. These will work by time switch.
- A gas detection alarm has been installed in the kitchen so if there is any gas leak or the gas hasn't been turned off, this alarm will alert people in our Centre.

- You may see some new notices on the walls, outlining the Methodist Church's complaint procedure pertaining to abuse.
- Methodist Mission CE Laura Black attended this meeting. She commented on:
 1. The concern over the decrease of Government expenditure which will have a direct impact on the funding they will receive to provide essential services to the community.
 2. A lot of young people approaching the Mission for help have mental health issues.
 3. Their Board is working on their 3 year strategic plan.
 4. A growing concern is older people's poverty. As the older generation grows, there will be less people working to provide taxes to pay for services for older people. Many retired people won't have the income to pay for rent, care, food and other basic commodities. Laura sees the Mission having to provide more services for this generation.
- Tania attended a recent Synod meeting. She has agreed to be Regional Representative on the Synod Exec and Parish Review Committee.
- As I, Carolyn Weston am not standing for Parish Council Secretary this year, an advertisement will be in the Bulletin, inviting anyone interested in taking on this position.