



Note of Leith Chooses Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 21 August, 3-5pm
McDonald Road Library Business Hub

Present

Don Giles	Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council
Douglas Tharby	Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council
Sally Miller	Leith Links Community Council
Cllr Susan Rae	Edinburgh Council
Evelyn Kilmurry	Edinburgh Kilmurry
Bruce Ryan	Voluntary Sector

Item		Action
1.	Welcome & Apologies (Sabrina Tickle, Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan)	
2.	Minutes & Matters Arising accepted	none
3.	Eligibility requirements Updates to the ethnic minority booster vote pages (pp.3-4) were discussed and agreed.	BR/SM to implement these
4.	Application form and guidance notes it was noted that changes to these are contingent on resolution of the schools issue below.	BR

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5.	Separate competition for schools, and possible exclusion of applicants who have either not reported on finished project appropriately or had won in previous editions The reason for the uncertainty about this was recalled. (That is, we had decided to have a separate schools competition, probably using online voting. However, this became uncertain when it became likely that we couldn't do a online-only competition.) • EK noted that exclusion conditions might be affected by CEC's conditions of grant procedures, and that this may need approval by CEC committee. (CEC does not currently penalise groups who do not report or deliver as specified.) • BMR had suggested '<i>if your organisation previously won a Feith Chooses or Feith Decides award, and that project has finished, but you have not submitted a satisfactory report as required by Feith Chooses/Feith Decides and Edinburgh Council, your organisation will not be eligible for further Feith Chooses awards. Of course you can rectify this by submitting a satisfactory report before the deadline for applications.</i> • Don had suggested '<i>Rather than exclude previous winners why don't we force them to team up instead with a non winner smaller group, with a similar theme where the previous winner can only get 20% of the award and the (smaller) other group gets 80%?</i>' [This] increases community partnership and doesn't exclude the public favourites? Second year they can stand alone? • There was discussion of how to deal with homeless voters who may not actually live in Leith but come to organisations such as Mustard Seed which operates in Leith. • EK insisted we still need evidence to justify separation. She provided some evidence from 2015-16 onwards. However, this was incomplete, and did not show how many non-schools organisations applied and how many of these won funding. • Don's suggestion of dissuading organisations who had previously been very successful in winning money from applying again was discussed and rejected. • It was suggested that we don't need to state the different pots <i>ab initio</i>, so long as it is done before the voting – and publicised well to avoid claims of intransparency. • Agreement to only have a single competition (and to say, if asked, that we are aware of the issue)	• EK to find complete evidence
6.	Timeline Current version accepted subject to correcting typos	• BR
7.	Risk register BR highlighted some concerns he had with V1 of the RR. (He had created this from a copy of the final version of the previous year's RR. However, he was concerned that some topics on the RR had not yet been tackled.) Most concerns were answered at the meeting, but some updates are needed.	• BR
8.	Operation funding EK is still looking for sources of operational funding	• EK
9.	Date of next meeting - Wednesday 28 August, at 3pm	ALL