



Note of Leith Chooses Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 6 November, 3-5pm
McDonald Road Library Business Hub

Present

Cllr Susan Rae	City of Edinburgh Council Elected Member
Caroline Lamond	City of Edinburgh Council Officer
Don Giles	Leith Harbour Community Council
Sally Millar	Leith Links Community Council

In attendance

Chris Wilson	City of Edinburgh Council Officer
Darren Wraight	City of Edinburgh Council Officer
Alan Stewart	City of Edinburgh Council Officer

Item		Action
1.	Welcome Apologies (Sabrina Tickle, Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan, Evelyn Kilmurry, George Fyvie, Bruce Ryan, Douglas Tharby)	none
2.	Minutes of previous meeting	
3.	Matters arising a: Schools evidence ongoing issue	EK, DT
4.	Matters arising b: Operational Budget Action: SM has shared her submission with BR. BR to shape up business case request to KG. Leith Links Community Council may have to be approached to be the host organisation for Governance protocols. Action: Bruce to try his Napier and former publishing contacts for possible funding opportunities.	BR
5.	Matters arising c: Consul gallery Action: Caroline & Sally to attend Consul demonstration tomorrow. If Consul id not usable as a 'gallery', Plan B for Leith Chooses 2019/20 is already decided - using the existing WordPress website www.leithchooses.net BR has already drafted sample pages Gallery on the website. SM admins the website, BR is also an admin. Michael Traill can also assist if needed (he set up the website originally). (Plan C - if necessary, to use 'Our Priorities' software (as last year). Could DemSoc offer any support? otherwise have to go straight to software developer Robert Bjarnsson, pay licence.)	CL, SM SM, BR
6.	Matters arising d: Tram funding resolution Tram Funding Conversation CW set context: As part of the Support to Businesses in Leith package, conversations have taken place and Business owners had apparently identified that they wish to see a community benefit fund be made available. The sum under discussion is £25K. On 14 th March 2019, CEC took the decision to proceed with Tram works. Following preparatory works, contracts were signed on 8 October 2019. The Tram project team had had internal conversations about the possibility of using a Participatory Budgeting approach for fund-distribution as this was a transparent and	

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	democratic process. £eith Chooses was name-checked although NO conversations have taken place with £eith Chooses steering group. The Tram project team has spoken with EK. There is a possibility of holding a conversation at Leith Neighborhood Network about how the fund might link to the Locality Improvement Plan and how it might be distributed. £eith Chooses, Youth Talk are only two possible mechanisms for the distribution of the fund. Others exist. There has been no conversation with Forth Ports and this money is not linked to the £100K fund announced at Leith Community Conference (Oct 2019). £CSG advised there should be a clear understanding with Businesses concerned that £C is themed. The parameters of the fund criteria need to be clarified and brought back to £CSG for consideration. CW is the lead contact for queries. CW and DW were thanked for their input.	CW
7.	Matters arising e: Green volunteers and police volunteers Green Volunteers contact emails required. £CSG will make a call for volunteers at the end of November. SM is liaising with Police Youth Volunteers	Cllr R CL SM
8.	Matters arising f: A4 posters CL has sent draft to Edinburgh print Services to get a quote and timeline for processing. tbc	CL
9.	Matters arising g: tweets Action: Bruce to repeat a second round of tweeting. [Congratulations to DT on his guest celebrity social media appearance on Junior MasterChef]	BR
10.	Matters arising g: Journalists No publication to date of SM's interview with EEN journalist (intern?) Cllr R to link with Jacob (Junior Evening News) and Leith Reporter.	Cllr R
11.	Matters arising h: Reports ongoing	CL
12.	Matters arising i: Support sessions One session delivered with no uptake. Revisited One application per Organisation discussion.	
13.	Matters arising j: Diversity Action: Sally to try to connect with Mizan Rahman when his personal circumstances allow.	SM

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14.	Youth talk AS outlined the work undertaken through Youth Talk. 200 young people in Leith were asked what was important in their world. 25 young people are now meeting to reflect on the issues identified. The issues are: Alcohol and Drug misuse Community Safety concerns and need more information to keep safe. Online Safety More safety and support required. Work is taking place at Leith Academy using Child Exploitation & Online Protection Command + Think You Know resources. Weekend Activities including Edinburgh Leisure and Gamechanger input. Safety in Parks & Greenspaces An Action Group has been formed. A post card exercise has established themes. One of the tasks is to link with EC Steering group. [Q: What is the youth population in Leith? A: tbc] AS was thanked for his information share.	AS
15.	Timeline, wristbands and voting cards <i>Timeline checked- on target.</i> <i>Wristbands received</i> <i>Action: Sally to try to locate voting cards in Leith CC.</i>	SM
16.	AOB Update Risk Register Impact of General Election on volunteers/activists' availability	BR
17.	Date of next meeting 2019_11_13	