



Note of Leith Chooses Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 26 March 2020, 3pm
via Zoom

Present

Caroline Lamond	City of Edinburgh Council Officer
Cllr Susan Rae	City of Edinburgh Council Elected Member
Douglas Tharby	Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council
Don Giles	Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council
Sally Millar	Leith Links Community Council
Bruce Ryan	various community councils

Item		Action
1.	Welcome Apologies: none	none
2.	Freezing LC 2020-21 - This was suggested by Cllr Rae, mostly because coronavirus is taxing CEC councilors' and officials' time and energy. - Caroline added that CEC's priorities are homeless people and other most vulnerable people. She described how CEC is redeploying staff and other resources, and possible future actions. - Don noted that CEC will still be overworked when restrictions are relaxed. So the effects may last for over 12 months. - It was agreed that LC takes most of a year to organize, so it is unlikely that LC2020-21 can be resurrected. <i>Agreement: pause LC work (except that which is necessary to aid and/or complete LC 2019-20 projects, with a view to reviewing the situation in 3 months' time.</i>	none
3.	Aiding coronavirus work - It was suggested, because Caroline may be redeployed, that steering group members offer to help her with her other duties where this is possible. There was no dissent from this. <i>Action: Caroline to consider what work she can delegate.</i> <i>Action: other steering group members to pick up such work as their circumstances allow</i> - Douglas noted that he has sourced a composter for a 2020 project. - It was asked how LC can aid Leith Neighbourhood Network's work. - It was asked how steering group members can support hyperlocal coronavirus work. - Bruce noted NTBCC's compilation of hyperlocal groups. - It was asked what should go on LC's website and other media. <i>Agreement: LC should at most publish links to reliable 'official' information, especially because that will be updated regularly, and LC cannot match this.</i>	CL others
4.	Keeping in contact - It was suggested that the steering group continues to regularly meet (briefly) online to maintain our working relationships and momentum, and to just be nice to each other. - Sally noted she has a [paid] Zoom account. However Zoom free meetings can currently go on longer than 40 minutes. <i>Action: Bruce to set up weekly brief Zoom meetings, Wednesdays 3pm</i>	BR
5.	Date of next meeting 2020_04_01, 3pm via Zoom. - This is April Fools' day ☺	