

Leith Chooses Steering Group

Skype Meeting 3-4 pm Wednesday 10 June

Present –Caroline, Don, Douglas, Sally, Susan

Apologies - Bruce

PB Scotland Survey

Sally sent Bruce an edit and Bruce has now submitted a response on behalf of himself and representing Leith Chooses 'officially'.

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Current Status / Follow Up with 2019/2020 groups

Responses / communication with all groups,
4/10 are still working on their plans

DIY Skateparks have got back to Caroline saying that they plan to wait until Scotland is officially into 'Phase 2' of the lockdown, and then start opening their original project up, but with appropriate social distancing etc. Discussed, and agreed to leave it with them for now. They are all volunteers, and it is unclear what else they might have capacity to do, within the themes of LC 2019/2020. The question was raised as to whether the Council might allow them an extension (for spending the money), if necessary. They still have plenty of time meanwhile.

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FENIKS

Douglas has spoken to Heather Muchamore and she has put forward the names of three potentially suitable teachers from the Adult Education team. Douglas is checking with them that they are content to share their contact details with FENIKS, and passing these contacts on.

ACTION: Douglas will continue the conversation with Feniks as required.

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Dr. Bells – Don has tried to contact Sally Findlay but no response as yet.

ACTION: Don will follow up to see how their plans are progressing, possibly by Zoom.

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ELREC –No further news recently from ELREC, presumably they are going ahead with their plans for phone support and food distribution for vulnerable families.

ACTION: Sally will continue the conversation with ELREC as required.

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Communication with Groups

We discussed the 28th June 'deadline'. Does it mean anything now that we already know what all the groups are planning to do (more or less)? Should we be asking them for a more formal written proposal based on what they've said they are planning to do?

We agreed that we wish to avoid unnecessary paperwork for all concerned. By the terms of the Finance agreement they have signed they do not strictly speaking have to do anything other than report at the end of the project.

ACTION: Agreed to

- (a) Continue liaising with groups (as above) still needing support with their adaptation plans.
- (b) Remind all groups that we are here for them if they want/need to get in touch about anything, and tell all groups we plan to check in with them on 1st September 2020 (the halfway mark) to see how they are doing, offer support remind them of project end date, reporting requirements etc.
- (c) Check in with all groups on 1st September.

Finance Dept. issue

Caroline had intended to raise this issue at recent Extended Manager meeting, but it got bumped off the agenda by more pressing issues. To be continued....

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Woman Footballer

Susan reported that she had had contact with 'Caitlin' (Sp?) who is a woman footballer who used to play for Hibs Ladies but is currently working in Sweden. She has agreed to be a "celebrity" for Feith Chooses. She has been asking Susan questions about PB to deepen her understanding of the whole process. Also asking about the future of the EC process after CO19.

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2020/2021

Continuation of the discussion about a 'Plan of Action' about how LC 2021 will be delivered. Agreed deadline of 28th June for formulation of Feith Chooses Plan 2021 – does this still stand?

Caroline is pursuing information about plans for Community Grants, and for PB (wider picture), and information about Consul / DPIA etc. with Council officers, e.g. Michelle Mulvanney, Strategy and Insight committee. She may find out more at a meeting this week.

Caroline has been thinking about possible use of the CEC Consultation Hub as a way of sounding out opinions about EC 2021 and possible methodologies / delivery strategies.

Sally suggested a Survey Monkey on EC website and social media is another way to ask the local community for their views.

(The two are not mutually exclusive)

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ACTION: It was suggested last week that we ask PB Scotland if there is information from other places about the DPIA issue – this has not been done yet but Sally will undertake to do that asap.

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Next Meeting – 17 June 3pm. By Skype (recurring meeting is set for 8 more weeks).