

Leith Chooses Steering Group Meeting Notes

28 October 2020

1. Online Community Meeting

Invite has not gone out yet although meeting link has been created. Agreed we don't want the link going out, getting lost / copied/ etc. - too much work

- **Sally will review the text**
- **Bruce will create an Eventbrite booking option, asap.**
- **Invitation will be emailed by Caroline to (1) all previous applicants, (2) the Neighbourhood Network mailing list, and (3) the Volunteers list, asap.**
- **Sally will put it on web site and social media**
- **Agenda to be hammered out at next meeting, as priority business.**
- **We need to have trial run of a Teams meeting, to make sure we can manage it. Wednesday 4th?**

2. Caroline has been in contact with Emma. Training on Friday 13th November 10:30 – 12.00.

Bruce and Sally would like to also attend if possible.

But can 'outsiders' (non council staff) get access?

We will need two versions of the site (1) to showcase projects (and take comments?) and then (2) for voting.

We need to remember that we still have to edit the text for the pages on the site.

3. Possible new member. Abigail Cunningham of Leith Links Community Council expressed a desire to 'shadow' Sally at LC Steering Group. She was sent the meeting link but may be unable to attend (she works at Napier). Sally will follow up.

4. Port of Leith Housing Association (POLHA) have been in touch to offer help. Agreed to ask them (Anita?) to a SG meeting soon. We need to think about what they could do to help. (inform all their tenants, distribute leaflets, get them all to vote, in special sessions in-house?) Caroline will follow up.

5. We have had a first application! From ELREC. Some issues for Caroline to sort out with them. Including asking tactfully / informally re Boost Vote to clarify on what basis specifically they are eligible.

6. Discussed 'Leith Gives' What is it? Susan had been informed they were meeting. Thought at first it might be the £100K from Forth Ports. But it turns out it's a get together of all the various groups distributing food in Leith, including Empty Kitchens Full Hearts (EKFH). Good idea to coordinate. How will these groups and their efforts be sustainable? The need is still there / growing. Is EVOC a member? (they were coordinating early volunteer efforts at start of lockdown.

Susan will ask for feedback from the meeting from Lisa

7. Agreed that EKFH should be encouraged to apply to LC.

Douglas will ask if they are a constituted group with a bank account.

8. Douglas has contacted 'his' groups about the report/repeat application issue.