

Leith Chooses meeting 15 May 2024

Present: Jack, Douglas (online), Bruce (minutes), Abby, Susan (online), Jade, Sally, Don

Apologies: Tremaine

1 2023-2024 instance

- All winners apart from Hermitage Park had already received their grants.
- HP should now have received its grant
 - Action: Jade to seek confirmation of this.

2 2022-23 instance reports

- Action: Jade to forward these to Bruce for adding to Dropbox
- Himalayan Centre is asking for an extension
 - Action: Jade to follow this up

3 LC website

- Sally is adding these pages to the website: (1) About us; (2) Library/resources/appropriate_title

4 Outreach

- Abby is in contact with an African church based at Heart of Newhaven

5 Evaluation of LC and other neighbourhood networks' community grant schemes

- All NNs other than Leith NN use panels, consisting of ward councillors, CC representatives and some community stakeholders
 - However, they suffer from attendance issues.
 - Some meet ad-hoc, i.e. if there are applications. These tend to hold money in reserve. Others tend to be 'first come, first served'. There was discussion of the pros and cons of these styles
 - Action: Jade to ascertain CEC's definition of 'equity'.
- Question: are processes – including LC's – over-complex?

5.1 Historical record of community grants

- There is such a record, but it is likely to be out of date.
- LC's record (from 2017-18 onwards) is on the website, although split across records from each year. (See https://www.leithchooses.net/?page_id=1257)
 - Action: Bruce to try to collate them

5.2 The way ahead

- It was decided that LC should not try for 2 instances per year:
 - It would be too taxing on steering group members.
 - People are used to the annual rhythm.

5.3 Evaluating community grants processes

- Most of the meeting was spent discussing 5 questions from CEC community grants.
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6 LC's own self evaluation

- This is now complete, and available at https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/6htbzauhg93t2qkmt6qq8/2024_05_14-LC-self-evaluation-V5-Bruce-changes-accepted.pdf?rlkey=ayug8ql7oxygef316kongdk72&dl=0
 - Action: Jade to forward it as appropriate, e.g. to CEC community grants head