

Leith Chooses meeting 9 October 2024

Present: Abby, Bruce (minutes), Douglas, Jack, Naomi, Sally

Apologies: Tremaine

Actions are green-highlighted

1 Catch-up on last week's actions

Nepal, rowan, Ned perf arts, building bridges: T has sought further details, including rewriting texts

1.1 Extending range of potential applicants

- The following actions are still in progress
 - Action: if **Hibs Supporters Club** applies, Tremaine to insist on getting HSC's constitution asap so relevant checks can be made.
 - Action: Sally to dig further into such concerns
- **ELREC**: Abby met with this organisation. It had a good turnout for its recent LC-funded project on community weaving, and so now wants to extend this to include [more] men, and add an outdoor aspect to community arts. Abby suggested their application makes clear that this would be a new project, as LC requires.

1.2 Mapping and publicity

- The following actions are still in progress:
 - Action: Tremaine/Naomi to seek an updated list of postcodes in the LC area.
 - Action: Tremaine to send DM's graphics and Templates (due to be ready end of October) to CEC print team to produce lamppost-wraps etc.
 - Action: steering group to decide how/when to publish the publicity materials Jack has created.

2 Reporting on previous years

2.1 Sikh Sanjog

- Sally has met with Trishna of Sikh Sanjog: SS has been struggling due to cuts, loss of staff etc. The worker for the funded project left with very little notice and could not be replaced. SS then engaged with Pilmeny development project and began to plan how to deliver the project. Some training for Pilmany people was undertaken, along with a couple of pilot sessions. SS and PDP wanted to evaluate these but could not. SS still wants to deliver the project but still has capacity issues. Sally asked whether SS could deliver something quickly, and SS suggested a Diwali event.
 - However, steering group is doubtful that this would be appropriate because it does not focus on women and girls, and so is not in line with the funding agreement. Also, Diwali is soon, so there may not be time to organise an event.
 - Action: Naomi/Tremaine to offer a meeting on Monday to take this conversation further.
 - Action: steering group to try to come up with suggestions that would be appropriate and feasible.

2.2 Himalayan Centre

- Any news?

3 Running expenses

- Tremaine is chasing for other volunteer expenses to be reimbursed. Any update?

4 Summary of applications

Organisation	Steering group comments on application	Level of concern	Amount requested	Boost requested	Date all issues resolved, final version of application eligible
Lochend Football Academy	Clarity may be needed on “Lochend” as it may veer into Craigenlinny/Duddingston	Eligibility question: geographical	£3,500	N	
Water of Leith Conservation Trust	It was discussed how WOLCT could perhaps break down their project a bit more so it's obvious which part of it the regeneration the £5,000 is actually going towards	Just information-request	£5,000	N	
Nepal Scotland Association	Action Tremaine: - Want more info on the end goal and good it will do for the Leith Community. - Want more info on hall hire: internal hall hire isn't allowed	Just information-request	£5,000	Y	
North Edinburgh Performing Arts Training	Action Tremaine: As they are located in Muirhouse and list EH5 as an area of provision in the application, what proportion of activity will take place in EH6 (and a little bit of EH7)? i.e. will it be based at MCFB in Coburg Street?	Eligibility question: geographical	£5,000	N	
Rowan Alba	Action Tremaine: RA is based in Fountainbridge, so where will the social activities take place?	Just information-request	£5,000	N	
Building Bridges	No concerns raised	None	£5,000	Y	2024_10_02
North East Edinburgh Counselling Service	Action Naomi: - concerns that we can't fund salaries, whether they will do any project working, whether they have necessary consents, permissions, insurance etc - Ask NEECS to remove all hints of personal information from project text (and hence use word-limit well)		£5,000	N	
Super Power Agency	Action Naomi: Ask for removal of Craigenlinny and EH7 6LR from application, and to find where proceeds of books-sales will go. Also suggest they allow some contingency funding	Eligibility question: geographical	£1,572	N	
A.R.Ts Afternoon	Ask them to ensure the quotes will be valid as long as needed (particularly accounting for inflation), and to suggest they make better use of the word-count	For their benefit	£2,225	N	

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Leith Runs Together	No concerns raised although did consider the fact the park permit isn't there yet.	Permits	£4,800	N	2024_10_02
One Parent Families Scotland	Action Naomi: - Action: Naomi to ask them to clarify (perhaps in the project overview) how they will actually both meet the service users, and how they will all meet each other - Action: Naomi to ask them to delete 'staff' (in travel costs) because that's ineligible		£2,975	N	
Dr Bell's Family Centre	Action Naomi: They have given the same project blurb as last year; so ask them to expand on the Dads Activity in their project text to ensure it's different from last year's project.	Eligibility question: new project	£4,950	N	
AUGB	Action Naomi: - The date under the Treasurer's signature is incorrect as it should read 2024. - Can we ask them to reach out to other minority communities to also participate on the day?	Just information-request	£5,000	Y	
Hibernian Community Foundation	Action Naomi: In project blurb first paragraph, 'activity' should either be 'activities', 'through activity' or appropriately re-worded.	For their benefit	£4,720	N	
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