

Leith Chooses meeting 301 October 2024

Present: Abby, Bruce (minutes), Douglas, Jack, Sally, Susan, Tremaine

Apologies: Naomi

Actions are green-highlighted

1 Donation by LeithLate

- LeithLate wishes to donate £5000 to a single winning (arts) organisation, and wishes to Teams-chat with us about them (12-1 on 20 November).
 - Sally notes precedent from 2 years ago – there was a simple transfer between the donor and the relevant winner.
 - Noted that steering group needs to take a position – we can't guarantee an arts organisation asking for £5000 being a winner (very few arts orgs have won in the past). So could the donation be split, or ring-fenced for arts organisations. How do we define arts organisations?
 - We think these are NEPAT (asking for 5k), Arts Afternoon (£2225), Norinemindeyes (5k), Creative Electric (£4900), Sketchy Beats (£5k)
 - We think it probably needs to be an arts **project**. So might Super Power Agency count.
 - Action: Sally, Abby, Naomi to meet with them. Naomi to share their email addresses so LeithLate can set up a meeting.
 - Action: Bruce to note which arts organisations have entered.
 - Action: Bruce to make up relevant text on draft version of gallery.
 - Action: Tremaine to ask LeithLate if the cash can be held by LeithLinks CC so it can be added to next year's cycle (and not cause last minute hassle for this cycle.)
 - Action: Tremaine to ask Creative Electric if it can round its ask up to £5k)
 - Action: in meeting, describe SPA's project **WITHOUT NAMING IT**) and ask if it would count.

2 Materials for gallery

- Action: Tremaine to tell all applicants to get gallery materials in by 14 November.

3 Late application by The Junction

- Deadline was 17 October and this arrived late on 17 October. (We didn't say what time on 17th the window closed.)
- Actions: Tremaine to put it on dropbox, then SG to decide whether to accept by email by 6/11/24.

4 Summary of applications

- Action: Tremaine to consider sending 'please bear with us while we consider eligibilities etc' email.
- Action: Tremaine/Naomi to send another 'we are working on it' email

5 Himalayan Centre

- Concerning missing receipts, Tremaine was sent screenshots of order confirmations but they are not evidence of spend. And they are many months after the deadline
- So Tremaine emailed yesterday that **they are out of this year's event**. But we still need all the necessary proofs of spending from previous years – or to return cash that does not have proof of spend.
 - It was noted that previously CEC has not been insistent like this, so LC/CEC needs to be careful. Also HC has lost its treasurer, leaving the main HC person in limbo.
 - If HC do supply receipts, and valid report for their current project, they would be eligible for subsequent years

6 Sikh Sanjog

- Sally has engaged, suggesting they don't send a full report, and to reassure Trishna.
- Tremaine: they have submitted a report, so just need to tidy it up a bit.
- Tremaine: they would be eligible to apply in future years.
 - Action: Tremaine to write this to Trishna.
- Tremaine: so long as the cash is back by beginning of January, it can be added to this year's pot.
 - Action: Tremaine to follow this.

7 Reimbursement of Kirkgate/Rob Levick

- This is about reimbursement of an item of last year's spending. (It stems from an agreement made with Jade back in 2023 that the Community Centre would pay for the wristbands and face painter, and then claim back from the council [because the Council couldn't pay for these directly]. Rob was slow in putting his invoice in, but I know that Jade did receive the invoice before she left.
 - Rob says nothing has come through yet - would it be possible to check please and see what the hold up is?
 - Action: Tremaine to see whether any further info (e.g. invoice numbers) is needed
 - Action: Sally to ask Rob to resend the invoice.

8 Publicity

- T-shirts: one-sided; 5 small, 5 medium, 10 large, 4 extra large for turquoise. Action: Tremaine will confirm with David McNaughton
- Proofs of posters/wraps: Action: Steering group to look at proofs and feed back to Tremaine on templates by 6/11/24.

9 All other business

- Tremaine and Naomi are working their way down the list of applications, prioritising the ones that don't comply at all.
- Tremaine hasn't heard back from Water of Leith Conservation Trust and they haven't resubmitted. Action: Tremaine will phone them.

Organisation	Steering group comments on application	Level of concern	Asked for support	Amount requested	Boost requested	All CEC requirements fulfilled	Date all issues resolved, final version of application eligible
1. Lochend Football Academy	Clarity may be needed on “Lochend” as it may veer into Craigentinny/Duddingston	Eligibility question: geographical	?	£3,500	N		
2. 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		
3. 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	Y	£5,000	Y		
4. 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		
5. Rowan Alba	Action Tremaine: RA is based in Fountainbridge, so where will the social activities take place?	Eligibility question: geographical	N	£5,000	N		
6. Building Bridges	No concerns raised	None	N	£5,000	Y		2024_10_02
7. 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)	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	N	£5,000	N		
8. Super Power Agency	Action Naomi: Ask for removal of Craigentinny 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	Y	£1,572	N		
9. 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	N	£2,225	N		
10. Leith Runs Together	No concerns raised although did consider the fact the park permit isn't there yet. Will need to withdraw if they don't get permit.	Eligibility question: permissions	N	£4,800	N		2024_10_02

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11. 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	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	N	£2,975	N		
12. 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	N	£4,950	N		
13. 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	Y (done)	£5,000	Y		
14. Hibernian Community Foundation	No actions – as agreed today, Bruce has tweaked the text	For their benefit	N	£4,720	N		
15. Norinemindeyes Culture Connect Incorporated	Tremaine/Naomi: get them to cut down project text. Project manager and facilitator own-staff cost must not be LC-funded. They seem to be aiming for a lot. We can't fund work outwith LC area (They say 'Edinburgh and the Lothians'.) So they should only ask for funding for activities in LC area	Quite strong concerns	?	£5000	Y		
16. Broughton Primary School Parent Council	Improvement to CEC property may not be eligible but there are precedents of LC funding such things. So they should focus on non-property (community involvement) aspects of application. Also Tremaine to check if this clashes with another CGF application. Some costs (storage of stuff) may be ineligible.	Mostly info-requests	N	£3,794	N		
17. Citadel Youth Centre	More detail needed of what and where (why are transport costs needed), and how it differs from previous LC-funded projects. Concerns over other costs, e.g. volunteer costs	These concerns need resolved	N	£3,600	N		

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18. Edinburgh Tool Library	- They already run such courses. Concern over staff costs and other costs, e.g. what are 'workshop costs'. Concern whether would be able to recruit the numbers they state, minorities. How can they confirm they will attract new participants? (Due to concern over whether previous LC-funded project is being done properly) - Tremaine to offer meeting – offer sent by ND	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	?	£5,000	N		
19. Creative Electric	- Need clarification over/breakdown of 'tutors and support staff' costs - Need proportion of ethnic minorities (staff and participants) to decide boost vote eligibility	Eligibility question: potentially inappropriate spend on staff	?	£4,900	N		
20. Who Cares Scotland	Ask them for examples of what they might do. Need to be clear that LC funding will support only LC area inhabitants – drop 'Trinity' (maybe), state 'northeast Edinburgh', include other Leith schools	These concerns need resolved	N	£2,520	N		
21. Leith Primary Parent Council	They need to buy and USE a litter bin. Tremaine to offer a meeting	These concerns need resolved	Y	£4,768	N		
22. Norton Park SCIO	- Need more detail on the activities they might do. - Also, LC funding is only for LC-denizens	These concerns need resolved	N	£5,000	N		
23. Leith Community Growers	Tremaine to de-redact this application Growing an orchard for the people ND to forward project texts and £4990 Concern about permissions, shed-locations (LL is public good land) and potential vandalism of sheds Q whether we can ask for comments on future maintenance	Eligibility question: permissions	Y	£4990	TBC		
24. Sketchy Beats	Do we fund admin costs (Is this promotion?). Can't charge for venue costs. How many classes? Can we fund advertising. Where is other £1000 coming from?	These concerns need resolved	N	£5,000	N		
25. Himalayan Centre	Project text is too long and vague No receipts received for last year's report, which prevents them from being eligible* Issues with delivery of current project. Action: Naomi to tell them very hard	These concerns MUST be resolved before we can consider this application.	Y	£5,000	Y		
26. Edinburgh Remakery	They should fund the other parts of the application	These concerns need resolved	N	£4,900	N		
27. Leith Festival Association	'core costs' are not eligible. What is 'LAYC'? - Project text too long	These concerns need resolved	?	£3,600	N		

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28. ELREC	Is workshop facilitator salary cost correctly calculated	These concerns need resolved	Y	£4,469	Y		
29. Leith Walk Primary Parent Council	- Could round up amounts to allow for contingency - Slight concern over where it will be done - Who are the qualified staff?	These concerns need resolved	N	£2,631	N		
30. The Junction			Y	£2,400	No		