

Leith Chooses meeting 20 November 2024

Present: Bruce (minutes), Naomi, Jack, Sally, Tremaine

Apologies: Abby, Don, Susan

- Definite actions are green-highlighted.
- Updates in today's meeting that might imply actions are yellow-highlighted.

1 Summary of applications

In the following, 'TB/ND' means 'Tremaine and/or Naomi'

- TB/ND have emailed all projects about 18 November deadline for getting everything to us, including gallery components.
 - Action: Bruce to update gallery with latest info, graphics, etc
 - Action: steering group to add checklist (included quotes, sent gallery components etc) to next year's application form
 - Suggestion: TB/ND, steering group members to phone laggards, hence action: TB/ND to delegate these calls
 - Action: Bruce to put up the project text we suggested for NSA, and trawl organisation websites/facebook for logos and images
 - Action: Jack to chase them for other needed data
- TB/ND to send organisations link to website (and password) on 2024_11_25, so they can feedback in time for gallery to go public on 2024_11_29.

Organisation	CEC concerns/actions	SG concerns/actions	Asked for support	Amount requested	Boost requested	Date all issues resolved, final version of application eligible
Lochend Football Academy	LFA still needs to confirm costs	gallery image not yet supplied – has been sent final nudge	?	£3,500	N	
Water of Leith Conservation Trust	WITHDRAWN					
Nepal Scotland Association	Awaiting constitution and accounts – has been sent final nudge	Project description hacked from Abby/Jack's text gallery image not yet supplied – has been sent final nudge	Y	£5,000	Y	
North Edinburgh Performing Arts Training		Suggest deleting 'In year 1' from start of project text. gallery image and project title approval not yet supplied	?	£5,000	N	
Rowan Alba	NONE	NONE	N	£5,000	N	2024_11_20
Building Bridges	NONE	gallery image not yet supplied – has been sent final nudge	N	£5,000	Y	
North East Edinburgh Counselling Service	WITHDRAWN					
Super Power Agency	NONE		Y	£1717.57	N	2024_11_13
A.R.Ts Afternoon	NONE		N	£2,475	N	2024_11_06
Leith Runs Together	LRT now has park permit so all OK		N	£4,800	N	2024_10_02

Organisation	CEC concerns/actions	SG concerns/actions	Asked for support	Amount requested	Boost requested	Date all issues resolved, final version of application eligible
One Parent Families Scotland	NONE		N	£2,975	N	2024_11_20
Dr Bell's Family Centre	NONE		N	£4,950	N	2024_11_06
AUGB	AUGB still needs to supply quotes to support costs and park permit	Need project text that's =<200 words Project title needs organisation's approval	Y (done)	£5,000	Y	
Hibernian Community Foundation	HCF still needs to submit quotes		N	£4,720	N	2024_11_06
Norinemindeyes Culture Connect Incorporated	NONE	Project image still has purple bit that could go	?	£5000	Y	2024_11_20
Broughton Primary School Parent Council	NONE		N	£3,494	N	2024_11_20
Citadel Youth Centre	NONE		N	£3,600	N	2024_11_06
Edinburgh Tool Library	WITHDRAWN					
Creative Electric	NONE	Project title needs organisation's approval	?	£4,900	N	2024_11_20
Who Cares? Scotland	NONE	Project title needs organisation's approval	N	£2,520	N	2024_11_20
Leith Primary Parent Council		Project text and gallery image not yet finalised/supplied – final nudge sent	Y	£4,768	N	
Norton Park SCIO	NONE	Project title needs organisation's approval	N	£5,000	N	2024_11_20
Leith Community Growers	still waiting for confirmation from Parks about the foundation		Y	£4990	TBC	
Sketchy Beats Art Collective	NONE		N	£5,000	N	2024_11_20
Himalayan Centre	REJECTED					
Edinburgh Remakery	NONE		N	£4,900	N	2024_11_20
Leith Festival Association	LFA has not responded to suggestion of removing ineligible costs	Logo, project title approval, project text, gallery image not yet supplied/finalised – final nudge sent	?	£3,600	N	
ELREC	NONE		Y	£4,469	Y	2024_11_20
Leith Walk Primary Parent Council	NONE	Logo, project title approval, background info links, gallery image not yet supplied	N	£2,631	N	
The Junction	NONE	Logo, project title approval, gallery image not yet supplied – final nudge sent	Y	£2,400	No	

2 Meetings with organisations

2.1 Leith Community Growers

- Advice meeting has taken place (Jack, Sally). They now have a 10-year lease with CEC on the Childrens Orchard, so future maintenance of the orchard following potential funding from this year's LC is covered.
 - Action: TB/ND to contact their Council contact person mark.bulloch@edinburgh.gov.uk to check that council agrees that this project is compliant with the terms of their lease.
- They are now aware of the problems with 'permanent structures' on the Links and have revised their project to incorporate a shed with plastic + gravel flooring.

2.2 Leith PS Parent Council

- Advice meeting has taken place (Jack, Abi, Sally), mostly involving briefing them about how LC and voting process works. They confirmed they could proceed with the project even if they don't manage to raise the extra £1,000 they intend to fundraise for. Asked them to consider adding purchase of a kid's litter bin to their equipment list. They will send in finalised text, an image and a project title asap.

3 Voting day planning

- Catering
 - Action: Naomi to look into catering; we will keep £80 aside for potential pastries.
- Things for the day (non-complete list, Naomi has full list)
 - We need ballot box ties (ACTION: Jack to acquire)
 - Trays for food
 - Blue tack and tape
 - Wristbands (to be found)
 - Cards (to be found)
 - Labels (ACTION: Sally to send Tremaine dimensions for printing before Christmas)
 - Smoothie bike (ACTION: Tremaine and Naomi to book via Miriam)
 - Facepainter (ACTION: Sally to book through community centre)
 - Library booking for vote count (ACTION: Tremaine to book for Wed 22nd January)
 - Consultation Hub setup + preview discussion will be on 4th December Steering Group meeting)
 - Volunteers (ACTION: Tremaine to check Jade's handover notes for a volunteer)
 - Tables and chairs (ACTION: Tremaine will look at last year's invoice and re-order with 3 more tables and 6 more chairs)
- Things we should have already
 - Maps and postcode list (needs updated by GIS team)
 - Facebook ads (starting Friday 3rd January)
 - Full Lifelong Learning team (6) will be volunteering.

4 Naomi's PB review

- Held over until next week.

5 Actions held over from last week

5.1 Donation by LeithLate

5.1.1 Meeting with LeithLate 2024 11 20

Present: Joette (LeithLate), Naomi, Sally & Abigail

Leith Late has £5,000+ to give away BY THE END OF ITS FINANCIAL YEAR (March 2025), to an arts organisation/arts project. But could hang on until say February 2025 — no huge rush right now.

They are willing to split it across more than one organisation.

Definition of 'arts' is broad / flexible.

They are speaking to another Organisation as well as LC. They might decide to give some to it and some to LC — it's a Board decision. (But they are keen to give back to the community in general as well as to arts.)

They understand the PB process and would not wish to interfere in it (eg by offering a sub award to a group that had not passed the threshold of vote numbers to be entitled to an award, or by complicating the voting process).

They would like Leith Late to be credited and given publicity for their sponsorship, but only after the event as part of the 'awards' process, (rather than part of the pre voting process or voting process).

Agreed that a possible way forward would be for them to wait until the voting is complete.

LC to contact LL immediately votes are counted and verified.

If no arts projects have won, they give up on LC and dispose of their money elsewhere, as they wish.

If any of the arts projects have won, LC tells LL immediately – in confidence – what the project is, and how much they applied for.

(If by any chance 2 or more arts projects win (unlikely) discussion with LL as to how they wish to proceed)

LL decides whether or not they want to give them the money. If no, nothing further happens (and they would presumably give all their money to another organisation outside LC), and LC proceeds normally.

If Yes, LL agrees to pay it to them directly (ASSUMING THEY PROVIDE ALL THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK TO LC AS ANY OTHER ORGANISATION WOULD NEED TO IN ORDER TO GET COUNCIL FUNDS)

If yes, LC immediately adds the £ sum thus 'liberated' to the LC pot, which will bump the next highest vote winner up the list into the 'winner' Category (either for a full or part award).

Only THEN are the awards announced publicly, including the new Organisation bumped into the winners list, and announcing the LL sponsorship, giving LL publicity.

Advantages

LC process is kept 'clean', voters are not confused.

LL gets credit and publicity for this nice 'goodbye to Leith'

Leith community gets an extra project funded.

APPENDIX

Several Arts Organisations have applied, but not all for the round £5,000

- NEPAT (£5000)
- Super Power Agency (£1572)
- A.R.Ts Afternoon (£2475)
- Norinemindeyes (£5000)
- Broughton Primary (£3794)
- Creative Electric (£4900)
- Sketchy Beats (£5000)
- Edinburgh Remakery (£4900)
- ELREC (£4469)

5.1.2 Discussion during meeting

- There was discussion of the fine details of getting cash to any vote-winning arts organisation. Vote is on 3 Feb, so we will give LL to 10 Feb to decide if they like. Then delay awards to 18th or 20th Feb (to fit with term time)
 - Action: TB/ND to check with Rob Levick if these dates suit the community centre

5.2 Sikh Sanjog

- Receipt of pay-back of unspent funding has now been confirmed, and SS has sent an updated report.
- TB/ND confirms this money will go into the 2024-25 grant pot. TB / ND will forward to LC SG the exact total now in the current LC pot.
- Should LC credit SS in the written posts about the pot amount?

5.3 Reimbursement of Kirkgate/Rob Levick

- CEC needs a purchase order number, so TB/ND have asked Rob for this to be added to the invoice.

5.4 Publicity

- Action: TB/ND to tell David McNaughton that all content is OK, and ask him to send the final files.