

Leith Chooses meeting 11 December 2024

Present: Don, Douglas, Jack (notes), Naomi, Sally, Tremaine, Sabrina

Apologies: Susan, Bruce, Abby

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

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

1 Gallery

Sally had raised three items:

- The Junction have withdrawn their application. Tremaine has apologised to them but the Steering Group recognises they submitted their application too late to correct any found errors.

2 Updates from CEC

2.1 LeithChooses and PB in the future

- The draft *Learning from LeithChooses document* had caused some concern with some members of the steering group, but it was made clear that this is only part of a set of documents on the future of PB in Edinburgh that will widely consider the benefits and challenges of PB. Naomi has engaged with other PB instances, read Oliver Escobar's publications, undertaken other research.
 - Action: Bruce to send a couple of PB research papers he co-authored to Naomi.

3 Preparation for voting day (and awards day)

- Perspex ballot box has been sourced for "Best Stall" vote!
- Sally and Jack to source foil trays
- Sally is following up with Asda regarding potential free food.
- Sally has emailed Rob Levi's about urns and is awaiting reply
- Sally and Douglas to have one more walkaround meeting with Rob next Wednesday morning or this Thursday and Friday and book the Persevere a room from 3-6pm on Wednesday 15th plus will check the big sheets of banqueting paper, marketing sign- open question.
- David McNaughton has sent social media graphics for advertising on 3rd January-18th for in person, and the second on the 20th.
- Table and chair order is confirmed!
- Table mats need to be sourced.
- Steering Group members have taken away the following cards and stickers to be paired:
 - Douglas: AUGB, Normindeyes, Leith Grows Together, Norton Park
 - Don: Broughton Primary School, Citadel Youth Centre, Creative Electric, Who Cares Scotland
 - Sally: Leith Runs Together, One Parent Family, Hibs, Dr Bells, Super Power, ARTS Afternoon, Rowan Alba, NEPA
 - Jack: Sketchy Beats, Edinburgh Remakery, Leith Festival Association, ELREC
 - Tremaine and Naomi: 5 remaining boost vote card sets

3.1 Volunteers and guests for voting day

- TB and ND have advised that five staff members will likely volunteer this year: Miriam, Michael, Helen, Tremaine, and Naomi.
- Debbie has said yes to run the “best stall” vote and bringing helpers, Don will bring prize and Douglas will look for mini prizes.
- Susan, Sally, Jack to feed back to Tremaine so she can maintain the volunteer list.
- Sally updating volunteer briefing, and hoping for a volunteer briefing at 4 or 5 on Wednesday
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- Special guests;
 - Action: Susan to email all councillors to ‘save the date’. (rolled over from 4/12/24)
 - Action: Susan/Jack to reiterate invitations to LC cllrs, a few days later than the email to all cllrs. (rolled over from 4/12/24)
 - Action: Susan/Jack to invite high-ups in the Place Directorate, including Paul Lawrence, so they can see grass-roots ‘place’ happenings. (rolled over from 4/12/24)
 - Action: Sally to invite all relevant MPs and MSPs, including list/regional MSPs. (rolled over from 4/12/24 although constituency MSP and MP have been invited).
 - Andrew Field may drop in on the day.

3.1.1 Press table (Edinburgh Reporter)

- Action: Susan to get Phyllis to provide press coverage, and source helpers (rolled over from 4/12/24).

3.2 Community police

- Action: Bruce to invite community police associated with Leith Central, Leith Harbour & Newhaven, New Town & Broughton
- Action: Sally to invite community police associated with Leith Links
 - Process: Bruce drafts wording for him and Sally, Sally to check wording is OK. Basic message to be ‘come and mingle, take part’.

4 Voting website

- STEERING GROUP to review the Consultation Hub.
- Action: Tremaine to work with Emma Candy to sort these (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Action: Bruce to review updated version on 2024_12_08 (rolled over from 4/12/24).

5 AOB

- Action: Susan to organise a voting-day ‘scavenger hunt’ quiz over the holidays, and provide a prize (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Action: Sally to advertise ‘quiet-room’ voting to applicants, and draft an email to applicants (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Action: TB/ND to email from LC mailbox (when CEC has fixed the send-block).