

Leith Chooses meeting 18 December 2024

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

Apologies: Susan, Don, Bruce, Tremaine, Abigail

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

Updates from CEC

- Signs have been printed and laminated by ND and TB
- Smoothie bike has been ordered – frozen berries, fruit juice and milk ordered rather than yoghurt due to having no access to fridge at Leith Community Centre
- Table plan has been completed and table numbers printed
- Banners and stickers due to arrive at McDonald Road Library on 6th January

Preparation for voting day (and awards day)

- Sally and Jack to source foil trays
- Sally is following up with Asda regarding potential free food. Not heard back yet.
- Tremaine to share risk assessment with Steering Group once complete.
- Sally and Jack to coordinate with social media posts.
- Jack (Remakery and Sketchy Beats only) and Sally have brought back cards and stickers and given to Naomi. Sally has completed 150 so there are some spare cards left.
- Douglas, Sally and Jack to distribute leaflets and posters around Leith.
- Naomi to bring remaining leaflets and posters to next LC meeting and hold on to some for voting day.

Volunteers and guests for voting day

- Sally updating volunteer briefing
- Douglas sources mini prizes for children
- Special guests;
 - Susan to email all councillors to 'save the date'. (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)
 - Sally invited all relevant MPs and MSPs
 - Bruce and Sally invited Police
- Action: Susan to get Phyllis to provide press coverage, and source helpers (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Sally and Douglas met with Rob from Leith Community Centre. He confirmed the following:
 - food arriving on Wednesday to Community Centre is ok

- Happy to receive table and chairs
- Street Soccer are finishing early
- Persevere room also booked as overall LC booking
- 15th Jan meeting in Leith Community Centre
- Rob thinks he has banqueting paper, he is going to have a look for it
- No extra janitors needed and no extra cost
- PA system doesn't need booking. Need to remind Rob to put it out in the room on the morning of voting day. Rob to give welcome speech on voting day
- 29 x 17 m is the hall dimensions
- Urns for hot water and jugs available
- Rob to ask someone from Port of Leith Piper group to pipe in New Kirkgate to lead people upstairs to Leith CC on voting day
- Rob doesn't want to be put on ballot box
- Rob and Docherty have had fire training and happy to provide strong back up, but happy for Tremaine to be fire warden. They will do a fire drill before 18th Jan.
- Jack to arrange thank you gift for Rob and Docherty
- Jack and Bruce to be allocated ballot box on voting day, plus one volunteer (Andrew)

Voting website

- Tremaine to share final version of the online form with edits to SG by 8th Jan to have a final check.

AOB

- Susan to organise a voting-day 'scavenger hunt' quiz over the holidays, and provide a prize (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Sally to advertise 'quiet-room' voting to applicants, and draft an email to applicants (rolled over from 4/12/24).
- Next meeting due to take place on 8th January 2025 at Edinburgh Central Youth Hostel