

Leith Chooses meeting, 3 September 2025

Present: Abigail, Bruce (minutes), Don, Naomi, Sally

Apologies: Jason, Susan

Actions and decisions are green-highlighted.

1 Use of Kirkgate etc

- Sally met with Rob Levick. Our proposed dates for evening meetings are all available for free.
- But the Kirkgate's door is unstaffed from 5pm, so someone needs to get there early. (This could be Sally or Rob)
- Action: Sally to liaise with Rob over this.

1.1 Voting dates

- Rob prefers Saturday 24th for voting day. The steering group appeared to be divided.
- If 24th, online voting would be Tuesday 27th January (to allow a day for handling any issues stemming from voting day) to Tuesday 10th February, and announcement would be 19 February.
- We want voting day to precede e-voting so any issues can be dealt with.
- Decision: the above dates were agreed. They should give CEC sufficient time to issue the award moneys.
- Action: Sally to confirm these dates with Rob.
- Rob is looking into getting the new Leith pipe band to play at the voting day.
- The lifts are currently not working. Rob is chasing this.
 - Action: Naomi and Jack to flag this issue with CEC managers, Andrew Field, etc.

1.2 Circulation

- Action: Bruce to forward meeting notes to Rob – but nothing else.

1.3 Award ceremony

- Action: Sally to check if Kinnaird room is available for this (19th February), and to book the big TV.

2 Update on applications

- There have been no actual applications but there have been enquiries.
- Bruce and Naomi had a conversation with EHFM, a possible applicant:
 - EHFM (a radio station <https://www.ehfm.live>) is based at the music base.
 - We explored what themes mean - how applicants could make an eligible project within that, and how they can maximise their vote.
 - Naomi and Bruce noted that the theme might be too broad! Does a broad theme defeat its own purpose? This is a question for next year.
 - We should try to get feedback from applicants about themes.
- Applications are being tracked in this spreadsheet:
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9rotni630gxni063hrx5m/2025-26-application-tracker.xlsx?rlkey=tjagxww114gh5lpa190zcgcseb&dl=0>
- Action: Naomi to check if she and Tremaine are on track wrt the project planner/task-list.

3 Communications

- Promotion is happening on CEC social media and NextDoor
- Action: Bruce to update website (move 2024-25 to past, do normal things for 2025-26)
- Action: Jack to post more on social media.
- Action: Jack to draft press release and check with Susan and Steering Group