

Leith Chooses meeting, 15 October 2025

Present: Bruce, Don, Jack, Naomi, Sally, Susan

Apologies: Abby

Definite actions are green-highlighted.

1 Update on Naomi

- We all wish Naomi and her fiancé happy nuptials!

2 Other stuff

- Deadline for applications has been extended to 5 November.
 - So applications must be complete (all info, images etc supplied) by 28 November.
- We now have 19 applications, and so there should be sufficient total amount requested to cause a competition.
 - Action: Bruce to sort gallery by 5 Nov
- We have been advertised at Leith Central CC, and via *the Spuirtle*
- Naomi and Tremaine have been prodding potential applicants. One has said the process is too intensive, and that the competition element leads to some concerns. Also, arts projects may have less 'urgency' than food etc projects.
- Naomi and Tremaine are chasing last year's awardees who have not fully reported. (Himalayan Centre and Leith Athletic have submitted nothing; Edinburgh Tool Library and Citadel Youth Centre need to submit receipts).
 - Last year's awardees have until 5 November to submit these reports to be eligible this year. (This date is also the deadline for all applications to this year's instance.). Then all applicants have until 28 November to complete their applications.
 - There are questions over a particular awardee being very remiss about reporting over the years.
 - Action: steering group and CEC officers to discuss this on 5 November.
- Action: Sally to email Leon of Orlagh's about their potential application. Jack ditto re Compass, Bruce ditto re Afghan.
- Sally is working on disentangling website costs: a former LLCC member may be still paying for LC's domain.
- N&T are working on what to order, in this document: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2csjin2mnfox4y1apn8hj/LC-to-order-or-obtain.xlsx?rlkey=rt9rghg5aymshgbcortlwf4b&dl=0>. Action: steering group to tell them of any changes by 5 November.
 - It may be more cost-efficient to buy fruit from local sources.
- CEC comms team is finalising artwork for lamppost wraps in time for them to go to press.
- There was discussion of potential photographers.
- We could boost social media posts, e.g. around the date extension. (We have ~£100 for the full year for boosting.)
 - Action: Jack to undertake this.

2.1 Meeting arrangements

- CEC officers will attend on 5 November.
- Michael Edwards of CEC community grants will come to the 12 November meeting to talk about the transient visitor levy.
- Tremaine will attend online on 29 October.

3 Update on applications

- Almost all steering group notes on applications are on the tracker.
- Action: Sally to email ELREC/Parveen to arrange a meeting, if Tremaine can provide contact details.
- Actions: Forget me note, Creative Arts, Sketchy Beats: everyone to email their comments on these to Bruce by Friday 12:00. Bruce will then collate them on the tracker.