

Leith Chooses meeting, 21 January 2026

Present: Abigail, Bruce, Don, Donna, Hannah (volunteer from Napier), Jack, Laurie (volunteer), Lisa, Naomi, Rachel, Rob, Sally, Susan

Apologies: Jason, Tremaine

Definite actions are green-highlighted (sorry there are two shades of green – out of my control – no significance!)

1 Cards for sticking

- All done, including ballot-box stickers

2 Volunteering training, etc

- ~9 people attended last week's online training
- **Action: Bruce to put video online.**
- A Napier student may join this evening's online training.
- Discussion of task-description for ballot-box volunteers (jack and Lisa plus volunteers; Bruce and Jason plus volunteers)
 - NB BB volunteers should not be left alone.
 - We may also need some queue-management volunteers.
- Discussion of voting for people who can't do the stairs.
 - A ballot-box at Utilita or wherever may be too taxing for our resources.
 - We might use quiet-room voting slips, with ground-floor volunteers carrying a stock.
 - (This might also capture numbers who can't access the Kirkgate without the lift.)
 - Ways around included LC SG members at Utilita, either helping people (via volunteers) to get upstairs or vote via the quiet-room forms. (The third ballot-box would be in Utilita.)
 - Susan has raised lift-nonfunction with higher-ups in CEC, and checked with a wheelchair-using councillor.)
 - Some wheelchair users may need to drive up the ramp.
 - **Decision: we will do the Utilita thing so long as there are sufficient volunteers/bodies on the day.**
 - **Action: Naomi to circulate lift-nonfunction via the mailing list, with a JPG graphic.**
- Need someone near lift, especially if it's not working.
 - This person would get other volunteers to help individuals.
 - Don was 'volunteered' as main lift-monitor.
 - Also, we should put a phone number on the lift. **Action: Naomi to add her number to the poster.**
 - The foot of the ramp can be blocked off after the stall-holders can arrive. **Action: Donna to arrange this.**
- Rob assures there will be hot water – not from taps but from the portable boilers.