

Leith Chooses meeting, 11 February 2026

Present: Bruce, Don, Donna, Jack, Lisa, Naomi

Apologies: Rachel, Sally, Susan, Tremaine

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

1 Future of community grants fund

- There as discussion of the current report to CEC on this topic.
- **Action: Jack to ascertain understanding of 'consultation' in the current discussion at CEC.**
- An approach to overstressed funding panel members (there is very low turn-out in certain areas) might be 'how can PB reduce/remove your problems?'

2 Draft results

- **Action: Bruce to recheck these results, and do what-if calculations, also who are new applicants, when last won**
- Yellow highlight = boost-eligible

2.1 Fully funded

- The Living Memory Association
- The Water of Leith Conservation Trust
- Mustard Seed Edinburgh
- Dr Bell's Family Centre
- Edinburgh Community Food
- **Edinburgh & Lothians Regional Equality Council (ELREC)**
- Pilmeny Development Project
- **Milan Senior Welfare Organisation**
- Leith Community Growers

2.2 To be offered partial funding

- Kin Collective Family Wellbeing (£4313 of the applied-for £500)
 - **Action: Naomi/Tremaine to check whether KC wishes this**

2.3 Not funded

- The Men of Leith & District Men's Shed
- Leith Primary Parent Council
- The Edinburgh Remakery
- YMCA Edinburgh
- Citadel Arts Group
- A.R.Ts Afternoon
- **Dunedin Fencing Club**
- **Norinemindeyes Culture Connect Incorporated**
- The Junction
- Broughton Primary School Parent Council
- Creative Arts Therapies Space
- Tiny Changes
- Teens+ (Capella Charity)
- Turn the Tables
- The Forget Me Notes Project
- Who Cares? Scotland
- U-evolve
- TidyScot
- Volunteering Matters

3 Awards night running order etc

17:30	Setup
18:00	Arrival and refreshments (Abi: welcome guests and get them signed in)
18:15	Don: History/spirit of Leith Chooses
18:20	Susan: Thanks to Steering Group, Volunteers, Docherty and Rob*, (+ briefly, news about PB and visitor levy) * Jack is sorting gifts for Docherty and Rob • If Susan is ill, Cllr Kayleigh Kinross-O'Neill to take her place
18:25	Sally: Brief summary of this year's Leith Chooses (numbers supplied by CEC/Bruce)
18:30	Willy Barr: General thank you to applicants and everyone, and hand out envelopes to successful applicants (supported by Naomi / Tremaine) • including photo taking. ○ Cheque to be 'payable' to the 'Leith community' to minimise faff
18:45	Jack: Roundup/closing remarks
18:50	Group and individual photos
19:00	Pack up

- Action: Jack to draft press release (including who are first-time winners and first-time applicants), N&T to issue.