

Leith Chooses Meeting Notes, 27 May 2026

Present: Abigail, Bruce, Don, Jack, Jason, Rachel

Apologies: Donna, Lisa, Sally, Susan

1 Introductions & background for new potential recruit Aine, if she attends

- Aine will attend next week

2 Inspiring Volunteer award

- We won a nice certificate. There were many other winners, including 3 LC-funded organisations. Only one winner received a financial prize.
- Action: Jack to thanks Naomi and Tremaine for nominating the SG.
- Action: Abby to get the certificate framed in time for the gala. Then it will be passed on to Naomi and Tremaine.

3 Review of design and content of draft leaflet for Gala Day and beyond code

- Action: Jack to implement SG suggestions, including putting QR code on both sides, then get 500 copies printed.

4 Boost Vote

4.1 Jack to report on new Council fund for ethnic groups - does this have implications for Boost Vote?

- This is the [regenerative futures fund](#). CEC is contributing £1m to the overall £50m fund, which is for 10 years. It supports minority ethnic projects. It may not have much impact on LC, because it funds core activities which LC doesn't. (Very few winners so far have previously won LC funding.)
- Decisions were taken by a funding panel.
- Access to which organisations won is behind a hyperlink in the press-release.
- Overall, we believe there are no immediate lessons for LC on how to do things, but we will monitor progress.

4.2 Boost vote eligibility mini-group (Abi, Jason, Rachel)

- Action: Rachel to make initial comments on BV part of application form, then discuss with others, then bring back to full SG, by end of June.

4.3 Publicity and hard-to-reach groups(Donna)

- Held over, because Donna wasn't present

5 AOB

5.1 Report from Zhouyu

- This was very positive about our trope of trying to generate trust, potentially in contrast to other 'PB' instances Zhuoyu may have encountered. However, our amount of time spent on small things could be weaponised by 'anti-LC/anti-democracy' proponents.
- Action: Rachel to ask Zhuoyu if this report is public.

5.2 Decisions re meeting dates through June/July

- Suggested topics
 - Timeline 10 June
 - Final prep for Leith Gala day 10 June
 - This year's theme(s) 17 June
 - The draft terms of reference 17 June
 - Drafting action/improvement plan 24 June
 - Boost-vote subgroup findings 1 July

5.3 Discussions from TVL meeting

- Barriers to LC applications include administrative burden, not paying core costs, paying staff for Saturday (in-person voting day), length of LC cycle, level of grant (max (£5k). There was no discussion at this meeting about the potential difficulties raised by the TVL PB being online only.
- Perhaps we need to think systematically about our overall position in the funding ecosystem. (We are currently a small part of the CEC community grants fund.)

5.4 Approach to drafting action/improvement plan

- Held over

6 Next meeting

- 4pm Wednesday 10th June