

Leith Chooses Meeting Notes, 10 June 2026

Present: Abby, Aine, Bruce, Don, Donna, Jack, Lisa, Naomi, Rachel, Sally

Apologies: Jason, Susan

1 Introductions and welcome

Aine was welcomed to the meeting. The steering group and Aine introduced themselves to each other, then Aine was given a brief history of LC and the challenges it faces. Aine (pronounced 'Anye') lives in Leith and is interested in the SG but works full time outside Leith, so might be able to arrange to attend regularly/some meetings, but not all.

2 Terms of reference (ToR)

- Discussion held over to next week
- **Action: Bruce to recirculate ToR.**

3 Timeline decisions

- Applications open: 10 August 2026
- Application support sessions:
 - It was agreed these should be more frequent, start earlier, be better publicised.
 - **Action: Donna, Naomi, Rachel to consider dates, venues, frequencies, and report on/by 24th June 2027.**
 - The idea would be to hold sessions in different venues, around the fringes of Leith to encourage new, 'outlying' participants. Sessions would be in person ideally, possibly 'hybrid'. Utilita and Harbour Homes were both offered as venues. Heart of Newhaven was also suggested.
- Applications close: 12 October 2026 (We may have a 'hidden' extension to 26th October, depending on the total amount applied for by 12 October. The guideline would be £55k.)
- In-person voting: 23 January 2027
 - **Action: SG to discuss alternative venues on 17 June.**
- Online voting: 26 January to 9 February 2027
- In-person vote count: Wednesday 27 January 2027
- Results announcement: Thursday 18 February 2027
- **Action: Bruce to tweak full spreadsheet to match the above dates, including earlier booking of awards MC etc.**
- **Action: Bruce to generate to-do list from tweaked spreadsheet.**

4 Gala day preparation

- Jack has made leaflets.
- The LC presence will be at the joint Leith CCs stall, and 'roving'.
 - There is not much room left at stall (as it is shared by 3 CCs and EBUG).
 - The activity will be handing out leaflets and talking to people, including going to other stalls and giving them leaflets.
 - **Lisa volunteered to distribute LC leaflets, generally and particularly round other stall holders**
 - **Action: Jack to engage with LCCC engagement officer to help at CC stall.**

5 Pop-up banners

Action: Naomi/Tremaine to buy new pull-up banner(s) – no blank space!

6 Meeting attendance by CEC officers

Naomi/Tremaine will attend 1 meeting per month, usually 2nd Wednesday in the month, but can be contacted by email any time with questions etc, and can be flexible with dates if necessary.

7 Zhuoyo's report

- Rachel asked if this could be made public, e.g. via the LC website. Yes, as SG controls the website (not Council) and Zhuoyo has already given her permission.
 - **Action: Sally and Rachel to re-read the report and each highlight 'quotable quotes' then liaise to draw these together into a short post, but linking to the full report.**

8 Topics for next meeting topics (17 June, 4pm)

- Themes
- Terms of reference
- Venues for voting day and awards night