

Leith Chooses Meeting Notes, 26 August 2026

Present: Abby, Bruce, Donna, Jack, Lisa, Sally, Tremaine

Apologies: Don, Susan

1 Support sessions

- 30 September 5:30 to 6:30 online: Abigail and Tremaine staffing this. (Action: they will have a pre-meet – date/time TBC.)
 - Sessions have had low attendance but attendees have valued them.
- The idea of generating FAQs from these sessions was discussed.
 - Action: Tremaine to look at recording from a recent online session for FAQ candidates.
- Action: Tremaine to update record of all support sessions on Teams.

1.1 Potential FAQs

- What about if an organisation's head office isn't in Leith but its project is in Leith?
- What about numbers of project beneficiaries?
 - It was noted that elsewhere CGF uses 'at least 50% of beneficiaries live in Edinburgh'. SG would prefer 100% Leith beneficiaries, so would like to not fund general events which non-Leithers could attend. However, making this rule would require an official policy-change by the CEC culture and communities committee, and such change isn't cannot be discussed at C&C committee for some months.
 - It was also noted that minority communities tend to like such open events, perhaps mostly to demonstrate their existence, and that such events have attracted people from across the UK.
 - Hence the way to handle applications for events is to ask applicants to show how such events would benefit Leith.

2 Comms

- [That's TV](#) has an interest in us. Tremaine to supply details when they are available.
- Action: Bruce to check with chair of NTBCC if he can post about LC/support sessions on NTBCC website.
- Lamp-post wraps: the contract for fringe publicity, from which CEC gets a community benefit that pays for lamp-post wraps, is now with another company. (It used to be with Out of Hand.) Hence there is a need to renegotiate LC's lamp-post wrap locations, but we are still limited to 20.
 - Decision: 2 will be in 'Spurtleshire' (Broughton Rd, near Tesco; south end of Easter Road). The others will be as before, apart from 2 which are no longer possible, so we still have 20 wraps.
- Action: Aine to work on social media publicity items, sending drafts to Sally, Jack, Bruce for final checks.

2.1 Posters/flyers

- It was suggested that moat shop tend to prefer A5 to A4.
 - Action: Jack to add firm dates to posters/flyers (150 A5, 25 A4), then send draft to Bruce to check.

2.2 Project spotlights

- Jack has files for these from some time ago. (There hasn't been a suitable opportunity to publish them yet but it's OK to do so now that the application window is open. Such publishing must stop before the application window closes on 12 October.)
 - Action: Tremaine to supply end-of-project reports to Jack to create spotlights.
 - Action: Jack to do so, publishing on Instagram as 'Throwback Thursday' items, scheduling them at 2pm Thursdays until Oct 10th.

3 Applications

- 1 so far.
 - Action: Tremaine to share redacted version on Teams.
- NB: steering group quorum is 4, so the steering group cannot make eligibility decisions if there are less than 4 members at a meeting.

4 Tech support for SG members

- This has been arranged for **14 September, 9am, online**

5 AOB

- Naomi and Tremaine should soon receive CEC payment cards, which should help with buying things rather than steering group members doing so and claiming reimbursement
- Decision: the steering group is happy for Edinburgh Napier students to volunteer at the voting day.

- We should do project spotlights – Tremaine to supply reports to Jack to create these – need to stop after 10 October (when applications close)