

Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council Meeting

Date: 15 April 2025

Time: 19:00-20:30

In Attendance

Councillor Chas Booth (Ward 13-Leith) (Chair*)

Neil Tulloch

Douglas Tharby

David Fenton

Ian McCormick

Jonathan Camp

Elaine Dick

Jason Ran

Joanne McClelland

Connal Hughes

Margaret Wright

Morgane Pérez-Huet

Member of the Public in Attendance

Aythan Lewes

Apologies

Isabel Kane (Rotary Club of Leith)

Arthur Young (LHNCC member)

***Running of the Meeting**

Councillor Chas Booth, in his capacity as Councillor for Ward 13-Leith chaired the meeting until a new chair for the community council was elected. Once a Chair was elected, the new Chair took the role on leading the rest of the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

Joanne McClelland: Declared her interest as a local business owner in the community that focuses on developing local place plans.

Morgane Pérez-Huet: Declared her interest as a civil servant and her adherence to the civil service code.

Announcing Community Council Members as duly Elected

Councillor Chas Booth in his capacity as Councillor of ward 13-Leith announces the new members and returning members of the Community Council of Leith Harbour & Newhaven as duly elected.

Co-option of Additional Community Council Members

There were no new nominations for additional community council members.

Two individual and six local interest group vacancies remain for co-option into the community council.

[**ACTION:** Community Councillors to spread awareness about the vacancies around the community.](#)

Confirmation of Community Council Name

By a show of hands, it was agreed to keep the Community Council name 'Leith Harbour and Newhaven'.

Appointment of Office Bearers

a) Appointment of Chair

Elaine Dick and Douglas Tharby both nominated themselves as Chair for the Community Council. After some deliberation by the Council, it was agreed by a show of hands to share the role of Chair between the two members, who would both act as co-chairs of the Community Council. Appointed as co-chairs are Elaine Dick and Douglas Tharby. New members asked if there could be clarity on the division of responsibility between the co-chairs. Elaine agreed to work with Douglas to provide this. From here on out, the meeting was chaired by Elaine Dick.

[**ACTION:** Co-chairs to agree division of responsibilities and communicate to CC.](#)

b) Appointment of Secretary

No appointment of Secretary at this meeting. Elaine Dick emphasised the importance of the Secretary role, not least in triaging incoming LHNCC email and dealing with official correspondence. Elaine offered to take on the role of monitoring emails in the absence of a Secretary, as a temporary measure, until one is elected.

c) Appointment of Treasurer

Neil Tulloch nominated himself as Treasurer for the Community Council. By a show of hands, Neil Tulloch was appointed Treasurer.

d) Appointment of Engagement and Inclusion Officer

Morgane Pérez-Huet nominated herself for Engagement and Inclusion Officer. By a show of hands, Morgane Pérez-Huet was appointed Engagement and Inclusion Officer.

Two Community Council Representatives to attend induction event on 26 April 2025

Morgane Pérez-Huet and Elaine Dick nominated themselves to attend the induction event on 26 April 2025. By a show of hands, the Community Council agreed for Morgane and Elaine to attend the induction.

Future Meeting Schedule and Date of next Meeting

The next Leith Harbour & Newhaven Community Council meetings are scheduled for:

- 18:30, 29 April 2025 at Leith Custom House
- 18:30. 27 May 2025 at Leith Kirkgate

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No single use plastic bottles for next meeting