

Communications Group meeting, 19/11/15

Present: Deborah Charlesworth, Dora Lola-luz and Philip McDowell

Apologies: Barbara O'Loughlin, Bob Hodgart.

Website - we chose the domain name www.sccedinburgh.org.uk, and set up the web hosting. PM has subsequently uploaded the website pages, and set up some email addresses.

Grants - The timescales for applying for the immediately available grant is very short, and since we decided we could fund the website out of normal CC grant funds, we decided not to try for a grant at this stage. It also looked as if the criteria we had to meet were rather restrictive, and we were not sure we could meet them.

We did however decide that we should apply for a grant at the next opportunity to produce a newsletter. We thought that we could organise a "Community Day", probably an event in St Patrick Square one Saturday afternoon in May, where we could have a stall and invite members of the public to meet us and tell us what they think we should be doing. We could invite other organisations (such as the Southside Association) to join us. We would need some printed material for this, and we thought we would need a grant to cover the costs. We plan to bring this to the full CC on 14th December.

Logo - PM agreed to contact Ian Sharman, who runs a graphic design evening class at the Edinburgh College of Art, and whose students recently produced logo ideas for FoMBL, to see if we could get some ideas for a logo for the SCC.

We thought it would be good to produce an information sheet specifically aimed at students. This could be distributed into student residences, as well as cafes, bars and other places frequented by students.

We discussed ideas for the Contacts on the website, and thought of the ward Councillors, the Police, Living Southside, and various Council officers. Any more ideas welcome.

Facebook page - we decided we need a Facebook page, and PM agreed to set one up.