

**Meeting: Thursday 16 April 2014**  
**4.30 – 6.00**  
**Fairfield House, Conference Room 1**  
**Meeting Notes**



- 1. Present** - Caroline Crozier, Sandy Florence, Jan Irvine, Nila Joshi, Evgenia Kochkina, David Ledner, George Maben, Caroline Rodger, Fiona Wallace



**In Attendance**

Paul Johnson

- 2. Apologies** - Ronnie Chisnal, Ryan Sturrock



- 3. Previous Minutes** - Approved as an accurate record by Sandy Florence, seconded by Jan Irvine

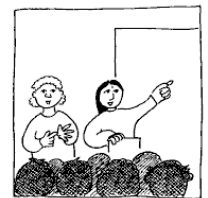
**4. Councillor Bryan Pottinger**

Councillor Pottinger introduced himself to the group. He has been elected as 'Equalities Champion' for Midlothian Council. He informed group members of the wide range of experience has in the 'Equalities' field. Those present welcomed him to the group.

**5. Election of the Board**

Members of the Board had been elected at the public meeting (AGM) on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Board members were nominated and elected as Office Bearers at the meeting



<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Sandy Florence</b>	Jan Irvine	Nila Joshi
<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	<b>Fiona Wallace</b>	Sandy Florence	George Maben
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Ronny Chisnal</b>	Jan Irvine	Caroline Crozier
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Nila Joshi</b>	Sandy Florence	Evgenia Kochkina

**6. Review of MELA (Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March)**

See Notes

**7. Support form Midlothian Council**

Paul explained position. Jan and Sandy had met with Anne McConaghy. CLD management had agreed that Paul will continue to facilitate preparation for meetings. He will also assist members with Comic Relief Funding application.



## **8. MPEG Website.**

There was agreement that member need to contribute to the keeping the Website up to date. These should include:

Pictures and Photographs from MELA and One Scotland Many Cultures event

Minutes & Agendas from meetings

## **9. A.O.C.B.**

Nila suggested a Multi-faith event in September

Paul will meet with Jan and Sandy re Comic Relief Application on 29<sup>th</sup> April

## **10. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 Fairfield House, Conference Room 2

## MELA – What Worked Well

- MPEG members put a lot of effort into the event.
- Sound System was vastly improved and provided an excellent service.
- Venue was excellent
- Workshops were excellent: inc.Sari, Face Painting, Break Dancing, Salsa and Children's
- Arts and Crafts