

**Meeting: Thursday 4 December 2014  
4.30 – 6.00  
Fairfield House Conference Room 4**



**1. Present:**

Sandy Florence (Chair), George Maben, Caroline Crozier, Mizan Rahman, David



**2. In Attendance:**

Paul Johnson & Bryan Pottinger

**3. Apologies:**

Fiona, Caroline Rodgers, Rona Duncan



**4. Previous Minutes (November)**

Accepted as accurate. Sandy approved and Caroline seconded.

**5. Equalities Engagement Officer**

Erin Cuthbertson has been appointed. Paul will meet Erin beforehand and invite her to the next meeting.

**Action:** Paul

**6. Membership of MPEG / Attendance at meetings / Development of MPEG in 2015**

Paul has not had an opportunity to contact members currently not attending other than by email – he does ask members to let him know if they are unable to attend.

This will be discussed at next meeting.

Councillor Pottinger suggested that we create a calendar of events. Those present thought this was a very good idea and one that could be posted on the MPEG website also. 2 initial ideas included International Day for elimination of Racial Discrimination (21<sup>st</sup> March) and International Women's Day (March 8<sup>th</sup>).



Mizan had met with Annika. They had discussed holding the MELA later on in the calendar year and wished to get the view of MPEG members. Those present agreed that March would be too soon. There was a discussion around suitable time and venues. Agreement that, due to Midlothian Gala Days, a MELA would have to be held before the last week of May. Venues, other than Loanhead Miners, were discussed. 2 suggestions were County Hotel in Dalkeith and the possibility of holding the MELA in a school (Kings Park). Mizan indicated he and Annika were going to develop and submit an application for funding.



**Action** – Find time to follow up members either by letter or telephone (Paul/Erin). Conduct Research to create a 2015 Calendar of events (All). Mizan and Annika to develop funding application. Paul to check on availability of Kings Park Primary School as a venue.

**7. MPEG Website**

Internet Fees are £66.00 per year in total.  
Currently Evgenia is paying this from her own income. Those present agreed that money would be given in advance to pay these fees.

Mizan agreed that ELREC would contribute an item for posting on Web Site

**Action:** Signatories to go to Nationwide and pay funds to Evgenia. Mizan to forward Black History Month report and another article for the Website,



**8. AGM.**

Date agreed as Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Preparations will commence in January 2015

**Action**

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

None

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

15<sup>th</sup> January, Fairfield House, Conference Room 1, 4.30 – 6.00pm