

Meeting: Thursday 16 January 2014
5.00 – 6.30
Midlothian House, Conference Room 2
Agenda



- 1. Present** -Sandy Florence, Ronnie Chisnal, Nila Joshi, David Ledner, Caroline Rodger, Caroline Crozier, Anne Torrance, Evgenia Kochkina, Jan Irvine, Fiona Wallace



In Attendance

Paul Johnson, Margaret Petrie

- 2. Apologies** - Sandra Mason, Sophie Hogg, Ryan Sturrock, Mizan Rahman,



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

4. Meetings – Venue & Time

Agreed that the meeting will continue to be held on Thursday of the month.

Action

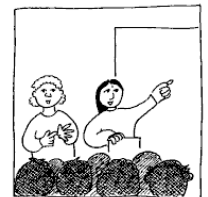
We will try to get the same room and also some flasks in order we can have refreshments.

5. Community Engagement Seminar

Sandy and Nila reported back on the seminar. The main issue appeared to be that of poor communication between groups and departments involved in community engagement activities. Consequently information is not being shared effectively.

Group discussed the benefit of inter-personal contact.

Participants at the seminar commented positively on MPEG's input to the event.



6. Work / Tasks completed by group members

Leaflets and Pull-Up displays have been printed and delivered.

Paul has take displays and leaflets to Newtongrange Library. Library Services will be transporting exhibitions to various Library locations in Midlothian.

Sandy will join Caroline as members of the funding group.

7. One Scotland – Many Cultures event

- Margaret issued the programme for the event
- (Thursday 23 January, 5.00 – 8.00pm)
- Ronnie is providing catering



- Jan is the compere
- Paul will organise the IT and audio provision. He and Margaret will meet to support one of the exhibitors on the Wednesday before the event.
- The event has been promoted in the Midlothian Advertiser
- We have been unable to get artist to perform 'Scottish' music.
- Nila raised concerns about the lack of variety in music.

8. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Accounts are required to be resubmitted to OSCR (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).

The AGM will be held during Equal Midlothian Week and perhaps involve a film showing in the Kabin in Loanhead.



9. Equal Midlothian Week

Margaret distributed draft programme for the week

Group discussed the potential for event discussing the issues surrounding the independence vote held in September.

Those present discussed other activities such as the Human Library. The group agreed that they would participate in such an activity during Equal Midlothian Week.

10. A.O.C.B.

Community Safety Police officers would like to meet with the group.

Anne Torrance is moving to another post within Police Scotland, Rona Duncan will be taking her place. The group thanked Anne for her involvement.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th February, Midlothian House, Conference Room 2

