

Meeting: Thursday 1 May April 2014
4.30 – 6.00
Fairfield House, Conference Room 4
Meeting Notes



- 1. Present** Sandy Florence, Jan Irvine, Nila Joshi, David Ledner,
George Maben,
In Attendance
Paul Johnson, Bryan Pottinger,



- 2. Apologies**
Fiona Wallace, Caroline Rodger, Caroline Crozier, Ronnie
Chisnal, Ryan Sturrock, Nila Joshi, Evgenia Kochkina



3. Previous Minutes – Amendments:

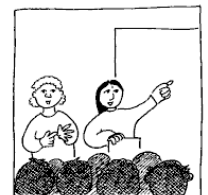
- Group had received a letter from the Director of Education in reply to clarification requested by group as to role of Midlothian Council in supporting the group. Group members were disappointed as the letter only repeated information previously given by Education Officer Anne McConaghy.
- Councillor Pottinger should have been recorded as being *In Attendance* at the meeting in April. Furthermore he is the *Elected Members Equalities Champion* on Midlothian Council.

With the amendments noted above the minutes were then approved as an accurate record by Sandy Florence, seconded by Jan Irvine.

5. Election of the Board

Paul had sent Ronny an email on 15th April asking if he wished to accept nomination as 'Treasurer'.

Action – Paul will send another email to Ronny



6. Review of MELA

Notes still to be disseminated

Action - Paul

7. Support from Midlothian Council

No new update – Paul will continue to write up minutes and send out agenda's. He will be on Annual Leave on date of proposed next meeting June 5th. He will book venue, likely to be Fairfield House.

Action - Paul



8. MPEG Website.

Nila has sent in article. Paul will forward this & send Agendas, Minutes, Report on Immigration event and photographs of MELA to Evgeniya to put on MPEG website

Action – ALL members of MPEG members of MPEG to send any articles (stories, notices of events, reports of meetings or activities attended) to Evegenia. It will be important to make sure the website contains up to date information.

9. Comic Relief Application

Paul, Sandy and Jan have met to discuss the application. There was a discussion at the meeting which examined the questions. The responses will be used in the application.

Action – Sandy, Jan and Paul will meet to further develop the application.

10. A.O.C.B.

Jan raised concerns re Community Councils wish to meet in private to discuss matters – Is this democratic?. Councillor Pottinger explained background to the issue.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 5 June 2014, Fairfield House, Conference Room 1 (Paul on Annual Leave)