

**Meeting: Thursday 20 November 2014
4.30 – 6.00
Fairfield House Conference Room 4**



1. Present:

Sandy, George, Caroline C

2. In Attendance:

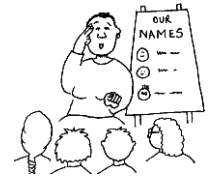
Paul Johnson, Bryan Pottinger, Rona Duncan

3. Apologies:

David, Fiona, Caroline, Evgenia

4. Previous Minutes (September)

Accepted as accurate



5. Health and Social Care for Adults in Midlothian - What is important to you?

Sandy attended the meeting and gave his feedback. Caroline responded in separate forum. Meeting discussed the potential of greater use of the Midlothian community hospital.

Bryan advised the group about local pharmacies offering a minor ailments service

Action: Complete

6. Black History Month

Those presents indicated that the Event went very well. Partners involved in the event also gave excellent feedback thanks the group for their work in hosting the event. Contributions from entertainers were excellent. Event kept to the advertised agenda and running times. Sandy and Caroline were thanked for the work re registration. Evaluation from participants was very good also. Suggestion had been made that the event could have had a 'Drop-In' format but those present at the MPEG meeting agreed that pre-registration had worked very well. The Digital Signer had been effective in enabling full participation. ELREC have written a report and MPEG members are looking forward to receiving a copy of the completed report. A special mention was made in appreciation of the contribution of Geoff Palmer.

7. MPEG Website

Those present agreed that the website should be maintained and kept for the near future.



8. Membership of MPEG / Attendance at meetings / Development of MPEG

Paul will create survey and distribute at the earliest opportunity. He does ask to be informed whether members can attend but doesn't get a reply from everyone on the mailing list.

9. AGM.

Date agreed as Thursday March 6th. Preparations will commence in January 2015

10. A.O.C.B.

Equalities Monitoring needs to be consistent, data collected and reported upon.

World Aids Day on 1st December

International Day for the disabled in coming up. On behalf of the group, Bryan will raise with Chief Executive of Midlothian Council

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting

4 December 2014, Fairfield House, Conference Room 4, 4.30 – 6.