

Meeting: Thursday 11th June 2015
4.30 – 6.00
Fairfield House, Conference Room 1



1. **Present**

Caroline Crozier, Sandy Florence (Chair), George Maben, Jan Irvine.

2. **In Attendance**

Bryan Pottinger & Christine Schaffer,



3. **Apologies**

Rona Duncan, Lynne Robson, Nila Joshi, Caroline Rodger, Fiona Wallace, Evgenia Kochkina, Mizan Rahman, Anika Wycislik, Paul Johnson



4. **Previous Minutes** (May) – Approved with one change on page one, ELREC - New grant funding.

5. **Matters Arising**

- **Bank account** – the group is committed to changing from a deposit to a cheque account. Action- Paul Johnson to assist with this on his return from leave.
- **Attendance of Council Officers at MPEG meetings** – the Group is missing the consistent support of Erin Cuthbertson and hope that there will soon be clarity about Erin's return. Action - Christine Schaffer to advise Annette Lang.
- **Letter to Police Scotland** – Jan Irvine has made a few test calls that have been responded to quickly and has learned that additional staff are being recruited and trained. Scottish Borders had submitted a similar FOI that was not responded to on the basis that this is not in the public's best interests. So it was agreed to put this action on hold meantime.

6. **Appointment of Office Bearers**

- **Chair** – Sandy Florence (proposer – George, seconder Jan)
- **Vice Chair** – Fiona Wallace (proposer – Sandy, seconder Jan), TBC at next meeting.
- **Secretary** – Nila Joshi (proposer – Sandy, seconder Caroline), TBC at next meeting.
- **Treasurer** – George Maben (proposer – Sandy, seconder Jan)

7. **MELA update**

- Anika is organising the venue and along with a significant number of the artists/workshops.
- Mizan is reviewing the poster. Jan will contact Mizan to progress
- Christine has made contact with a number of funders. It was agreed that any money raised will be put into Mela's bank account. Action - Christine to forward the Awards for All application form to George & Sandy, to complete relevant sections. A possible source of funding is Alex Noble; this would also offer them publicity.
- Jan has arranged a face painter, and has a contact who is a magician. Jan also has a contact at Black Diamond Radio who has a contact for the "Nitten Band" if required.
- There will be a meeting to review planning for the MELA on 23/06/15 and this will be the main item for the MPEG meeting in August.

8. AOCB

- Bank account – agreed signatories: Sandy Florence, George Maben, Nila Joshi and Caroline Crozier.
- The end of year accounts have been submitted to OSCR
- Michael's contact details needed added to the circulation list.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting(s)

Thursday 9th July at 4.30 at Fairfield House, Conference Room One

DRAFT