

Meeting: Thursday 7th May 2015
4.30 – 6.00
Fairfield House, Conference Room 1



1. Present

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



2. In Attendance

Paul Johnson & Christine Schaffer, Mizan Rahman, Anika Wycislik

3. Apologies

Rona Duncan, Nila Joshi, Bryan Pottinger, Lynne Robson, Caroline Rodger, Fiona Wallace



4. Previous Minutes (April) - Approved

5. Annual General Meeting

- **Venue** – Dalkeith Arts Centre, 4.30 – 6.30 pm
- **Programme** – After a wide ranging discussion those present agreed that this year's AGM will be a formal meeting followed by refreshment.
- **Agenda items** – See final page of this document.
- **Membership Nominations** – There was discussion around creation of a list beforehand (the method at previous AGM) or to seek nominations at the AGM. Decision by those present to create a list for presentation at the AGM. Paul will circulate amongst current members in order that there is agreement and to give more people to opportunity to become committee members. Nominations will also be accepted at the meeting. Board will be elected at the first meeting after the AGM.
- **Annual Report** – Those present reviewed the document. Agreed that Anika from Health in Mind be included in the non-voting members. Paul agreed to distribute the *final* draft report. Those present agreed to review it and submit any edits before Paul arranges to get it printed.

6. A.O.C.B.

- Police Scotland call centre in Loanhead. Group discussed the issue. Jan noted that there were still concerns, although she had noticed that a recruitment drive for call handlers was underway. Jan is composing a letter on behalf of MIDSAFE and will also write a letter on behalf of MPEG.
- Caroline C had met Michael Davidson (who had previously attended the group) who intimated that he didn't know about meeting dates. Unfortunately we do not have Michaels' contact details. Caroline will try to get the details and forward to Paul in order that we can enable him to join the groups' meetings.
- MELA Membership of sub-group is Mizan Rahman, Anika Wycislik, Jan Irvine & Nila Joshi. Provisional date of next meeting – **May 28th 11.00, venue to be confirmed.**
- ELREC – New grant funding – Develop action plan and encourage participation in public life of excluded in groups.

A.O.C.B. (cont.)

- Health In Mind – Anika will be recruiting volunteers.
- Paul gave update on developments re former Community Learning and Development staff and change in roles to ‘Lifelong Learning and Employability’ and ‘Communities’.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting(s)

- 21st May, AGM, Dalkeith Arts Centre, 4.30 – 6.30

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