

Midlothian *Moving Forward*

Community Planning for Midlothian

**Minutes of Community Planning Board Meeting
held on Thursday 22 June 2017, 10.00am
Corn Exchange Boardroom, Melville Housing Office,
200 High Street, Dalkeith**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jim Muirhead
Alasdair Mathers
Kenneth Lawrie
Euan Halliday
George Archibald
Kenny Simpson
Malcolm Spaven
Lawrence Wyper
David Farries
Lesley Kelly
Eibhlin McHugh
Professor Alison McCallum

Chair
Communities and Performance Manager
Chief Executive Midlothian Council
DWP
Chamber of Commerce
Police Scotland
Federation of Community Councils
Scottish Enterprise
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Midlothian Voluntary Action
Health and Social Care Partnership
Director of Public Health NHS Lothian

APOLOGIES:

George Wilson,
Niall Corbett
Ian Davidson
Alistair McKinnon
Annette Bruton
Grant McDougall
Gordon Henderson
John Reid
Mary Smith

Midlothian Voluntary Action
Scottish Natural Heritage
Scottish Government
Scottish Enterprise
Edinburgh College
Skills Development Scotland
Federation of Small Businesses
DWP ESES District Manager
Director, Education Community * Economy

Agenda		Action
1	Apologies See above.	
2	Minute of the previous CP Board meeting and Matters Arising The previous minutes dated 27 April 2017 were approved as a correct record. Minutes of the CPWG meeting on 8 June 2017 Lesley Kelly gave an overview of the CPWG meeting.	

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	Action Register AM reported that any items not closed or on the agenda in the action register are ongoing, work in progress.	
3	Universal Credit Presentation Euan Halliday gave a presentation about Universal Credit. There was considerable discussion of issues arising from the rollout. Recognising that the policies have been nationally determined at a UK level, efforts need to be focussed on working together to support Midlothian residents to understand and operate the new system, manage their finances and avoid getting into difficulties with debt, sanctions and on line claims systems. There are concerns in Council that previous rollout in East Lothian and other parts of the UK led to a significant rise in Housing and Council tax debt, and use of emergency support services such as Foodbanks. The 'agile' roll out system means that issues that arise can be reported back to DWP and adjustments pursued through the UK department. Information sharing is a concern. It was clear that connections were needed between Social Care, Housing, Community Safety, Mental Health and wider NHS services and the DWP. Current restrictions mean that even with informed consent, sharing information is complex.	
4	Revised Governance – Sub Group Report Kenneth Lawrie gave a presentation on Revised Governance – Sub Group Report. Copies have been previously circulated. After discussion in which the value of the community planning working group was stressed, the recommendations were agreed.	
5	Local Fire and Rescue Plan David Farries gave a presentation on Local Fire and Rescue Plan. Copies have been previously circulated. In discussion it was clear that the 6 proposed priorities for the new Fire and Rescue plan were welcomed by the Board. Support was also voiced for further development of the contribution of the service to wider community planning priorities.	

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6	Growth Challenges Kenneth Lawrie gave a presentation on Growth Challenges. Copies have been previously circulated. All agreed that the challenges were now better understood.	
7	Annual Planning Cycle/Planning Day Alasdair Mathers set out proposals for the Annual Planning Day. Please note that the Planning day is Thursday 9 November 2017. It was agreed that pace and scale of development, and how public services and communities respond was to be a main theme for the day.	
8	Citizens Panel Summary Report. This was carried forward to the next meeting.	
9	Any Other Business Lesley circulated a paper on new funding opportunities	
10	Date of Next Meeting To be agreed.	