

Minute of Meeting



Petitions Committee

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday 27 September 2016	10.00 am	Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Dalkeith, EH22 1DN

Present:

Councillor Coventry (Chair)	Councillor Baxter
Councillor Bryant	Councillor de Vink
Councillor Rosie	Councillor Russell

In attendance:

John Blair	Director, Resources
Andrew Ralton	Economic Development Officer
Gordon Aitken	Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies

1.1 No apologies were received.

2. Order of Business

The order of business was as per the Agenda.

3. Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were received.

4. Reports

Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
4.1	Minutes of Meeting of 24 March 2015	Director, Resources
Decision		
The Minutes of the Meeting of 24 March 2015 were submitted and approved as a correct record.		
Report No.	Report Title	Presented by:
5.1	Broadband Speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage.	Director, Resources
Outline of report and summary of discussion		
There was submitted report dated 21 September 2016, by the Director, Resources incorporating a petition from Morleymor Fisher calling upon the Council to address the issue of inadequate broadband speed at Cockmuir, Talisker House, Scarcerigg Cottage, Mount Lothian Farm and Mayfield Cottage with the appropriate authorities.		
The Committee then heard from Mr Fisher in support of the petition particularly highlighting that he would be grateful if the Council could address this issue with the relevant authorities to improve the line speed within his location.		
There followed a general discussion on the detail of the petition, during which several Members, whilst sympathising with Mr Fisher's situation and suggesting possible areas to pursue, stressed that the Council had very little power in initiating any solution to the problems being experienced by him.		
Mr Ralton also provided information on several Government supported schemes that may be accessible to Mr Fisher which could possibly assist him in this area and agreed to investigate any other potential assistance that could be provided by the Council.		
Decision		
That Mr Ralton continue to liaise with Mr Fisher in order to explore all possible areas that may assist him in achieving a better broadband system within his area.		

The meeting terminated at 10.50am