

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING** of the **MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL** held in the Council Chambers, Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith on Tuesday 25 June 2013 at 1.30 pm.

**Present:-** Provost Wallace (Chair), Depute Provost Rosie and Councillors Baxter, Beattie, Bennett, Bryant, Constable, Imrie, Johnstone, Milligan, Muirhead, Pottinger, Russell, Thompson and de Vink.

**Religious Representative Present:-** Mr V Bourne.

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillors Boyes, Coventry and Montgomery.

The Provost intimated that the Meeting would be recorded.

**1      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2      Community Councils in Midlothian**

There was submitted a report dated 24 May 2013 by the Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing, seeking support for a review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils and endorsement of a request to undertake public consultation on the review of the draft revised Scheme.

The Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing, was heard in amplification of the report after which Annette Lang and Ken Adam provided further detail on the proposed changes to the Scheme and the categories of membership of Community Councils.

Councillor Thompson was heard welcoming the report and endorsing the proposed 90 day consultation period which would be undertaken after the summer holiday period.

In response to a question from Councillor Baxter, Ms Lang highlighted that there was no indication of what Grant would be available to Community Councils.

Councillor Milligan endorsed the proposal for a 90 day consultation period but suggested that once all feedback had been received, a report be submitted to a Seminar of the Council for further discussion.

**Decision**

To approve a 90 day consultation period on the revised Scheme for Community Councils and that thereafter a report providing feedback on the results of the consultation period be submitted to a Seminar of Midlothian Council for further discussion.

(Action: Acting Director, Communities and Wellbeing)

The meeting terminated at 1.50 pm.