

MOORFOOT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

VISION STATEMENT

A thriving and long term sustainable rural community and countryside, now and in the future.

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The purpose of the MCC neighbourhood plan is to enable people who live and work in the Moorfoot area to work with relevant agencies and contribute ideas and activities that ensure the valued rural nature is maintained at the same time as supporting requirements for the area and communities to thrive.

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Themes	Key Areas	Actions	Timescale	Lead Agencies	Action Status	Notes	
Broadband	Accessing a high speed broadband service	Develop extension of Heriot Community Broadband network into Moorfoot	End 2017	Community Council MLC – Economic Development			
		Monitor performance of fibre broadband service in Temple and other areas					
		Press BT to maintain existing broadband services pending introduction of “R100”					
Planning	TBC						
	Future planning applications to consider additional services required eg GP surgeries						
Paths Network	Development of a network of safe paths and bridleways	Identify what the routes are		Local working group			
		Better promotion of existing routes		Local working group Community Council MLC – Land Resources			
		Report damage or removal of		Community Council			

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		signs		MLC – Land Resources		
		Develop South Esk footpath route		Esk Valley Trust?		
		Improve access to walk in Carrington – if interest apply for funding 2018 www.pathsforall.org.uk	6 – 12 months	Community Council MLC – Land Resources Midlothian Path Group		
		Re-open circular right of way at North Middleton by repairing footbridge across North Middleton Burn and improving existing footpath	2 years	Community Council MLC – Land Resources Midlothian Path Group Miller Homes?		Requires consent from 2 relevant land owners
		Participation in Big Fit Walk – annual event in June				
Leisure/recreation/ tourism	Viewpoint/wildlife interpretation facilities at key locations	Bird/wildlife identification boards at Gladhouse Reservoir?		Scottish Water RSPB SWT		
		Establish viewpoint on B7007 at Wull Muir?		Arniston Estate Roads Dept		
		Improve off-road parking at popular locations				
Transport / Roads	Public transport	Explore ways of maximising the use of bus services in the area to promote their future sustainability	1 – 3 years	Midlothian Council – Public Transport Bus operators		

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		Ensure village notice boards are kept up to date with the latest public transport information	1 – 3 months	Midlothian Council – Public Transport Community Council Residents			
	Road repairs						
	Road safety issues at the North Middleton junction						
	Speeding/racing on the B6372 west of Temple	Investigate possibility of signage indicating roads used by pedestrians and horses as in Perthshire	1 year	Community Council MLC – Roads Dept. and Planning			
Community/local-owned energy	Hydro	Explore potential for hydro development on the South Esk, at Scottish Water facilities and elsewhere		Penicuik CDT Community Council Estates Scottish Water Esk Valley Trust Forth Fisheries Board			
	Solar	Explore potential for community/local-owned solar PV development					
	Wind	Explore potential for community/local-owned wind energy development					
Environmental	Works at the Middleton Quarry	Set up cross agency community engagement group		NWH Community Council			

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				Midlothian Council			
	Community Clear Ups						
	Climate Change						
	Regulation of professional dog walkers						
Agriculture and rural land use	Community Support for farming	Identify ways in which communities can support farmers e.g. in developing local products for local markets, providing educational opportunities for local schools, sourcing seasonal labour, siting community energy facilities on farmland etc					
	Community woodland	Progress discussions on potential community woodland at Temple					
	Rural housing	Identify locations where additional housing would support the viability and vitality of rural communities					
	Rural business	Identify locations where additional business/workshop/trading premises would support the					

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		viability and vitality of rural communities, especially through creation of local employment.					
	Provision of services in settlements in Moorfoot	Explore the possibilities for commercial and/or community-run shops in North Middleton (and Temple/Carrington?)					
Communications	Social Media	Identify a young person / group who would be interested in setting up a Moorfoot Neighbourhood Planning facebook page	1 – 3 months	Community Council MLC Communities Officer Moorfoot Primary School?			
		Set up Moorfoot Facebook for sharing information on Neighbourhood Planning	1 – 3 months	Community Council MLC Communities Officer			
	Community Council Boundary	Realign boundary between Gorebridge and Moorfoot Community Councils to reflect recent housing development	6 months	Moorfoot and Gorebridge Community Council MLC Communities Officer	Complete		
	Adoption of red phone boxes in Carrington and North Middleton	Liaise with BT to conclude adoption process	1 – 3 years	Community Council North Middleton Village Hall			
		Installation of portable defibrillator devices	1 – 3 years	Community Council North Middleton Village Hall			
	Community	Produce a Community	6 months	Community Council			

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	Directory	Directory as a resource for the Moorfoot Community		Moorfoot Community MLC Communities Officer			
Listed buildings and conservation areas	Bring derelict buildings back into use	Explore options for bringing derelict listed buildings back into use e.g. Esperston Farmhouse, Braidwood Farmhouse		Landowners/property owners Community Council Conservation agencies			
	Temple Old Kirk	Community input into plans for restoration		Temple residents Community Council Conservation agencies Midlothian Council			
	Develop greater community input into the way Conservation Areas are defined and managed	Discuss with planners the potential for revisiting the 2009 appraisals for the Temple & Arniston, Borthwick & Crichton and Carrington Conservation Areas with a view to having greater community input into the process.		Residents Property owners Estates Council planning department Community Council			
	Preserving stone walls	Explore ways of preserving stone walls as field boundaries for both functional (livestock protection) and historic/aesthetic reasons		Farmers Residents Property owners Estates Council planning			

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				department Community Council			
Crime prevention	Rural Crime	Promote Rural Watch Scotland and encourage the Community to sign up for the latest information www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk	6 months	Farmers Residents Property owners Estates Community Council Police Scotland			
		Increase awareness of SPARC (Scottish Partnership Against Rural Crime) and ensure information is disseminated to the wider community. Establish who the key contacts in Moorfoot are.	6 months	NFUS Police Scotland Community Council			
	Farm Security	Promote Police Scotland services in respect of security surveys and advice	6 months	Farmers Residents Property owners Estates Police Scotland Community Council			
		Annual Community Council meeting to promote and discuss farm security / rural crime with all interested parties	6 months	Farmers Residents Property owners Estates Police Scotland Community Council			
	Fly Tipping	Initiate and promote awareness raising campaign	6 months	Police Scotland Crimestoppers Midlothian Council			

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				Moorfoot Community			
		Identify areas and liaise with Midlothian Council to provide signage at popular fly tipping areas	6 months	Community Council MLC Communities Officer			