

# MOORFOOT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## VISION STATEMENT

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

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



*Representing the Midlothian Villages of Borthwick, Carrington, Middleton & Temple together*

*with the surrounding landward area up to the Moorfoot Hills*



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<b>Broadband</b>	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”					
		Lothian Broadband to extend their service within the Moorfoot area		Lothian Broadband Local residents	Lothian Broadband (a commercial company) have installed mast at Wright’s Houses, Borthwick which can relay to houses within sight or “bounce” from one house to another. Already providing signal to at least 3 houses in Borthwick with improved speeds and have met with residents of N Middleton.		
<b>Planning</b>	<b>TBC</b>						

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	Future planning applications to consider additional services required eg GP surgeries					
<b>Paths Network</b>	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 signs		Community Council MLC – Land Resources	Midlothian Paths Group have built steps on a steep slope on the route between Borthwick and Crichton. Also steps and replaced wooden walkway on ROW behind the Old Manse, Borthwick. Further drainage work to be carried out soon.	
		Develop South Esk footpath route		Esk Valley Trust?		
		Improve access to walk in	6 – 12	Community Council		

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		Carrington – if interest apply for funding 2018 <a href="http://www.pathsforall.org.uk">www.pathsforall.org.uk</a>	months	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				
<b>Leisure/recreation/tourism</b>	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				
<b>Transport / Roads</b>	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		
		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		

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	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		
<b>Community/local-owned energy</b>	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				
<b>Environmental</b>	Works at the Middleton Quarry	Set up cross agency community engagement group		NWH Community Council Midlothian Council		
	Community Clear Ups					

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	Climate Change						
	Regulation of professional dog walkers						
<b>Agriculture and rural land use</b>	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 viability and vitality of rural communities, especially through creation of local employment.					

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	Provision of services in settlements in Moorfoot	Explore the possibilities for commercial and/or community-run shops in North Middleton (and Temple/Carrington?)				
<b>Communications</b>	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	Contract has been signed and payment made. Kiosks fully decommissioned	
		Installation of portable defibrillator devices Fund raising; shortfall of approx. £350.00 for N Middleton cabinet. Fund raising planned for November in N Middleton. Plans to paint kiosks and	1 – 3 years	Community Council North Middleton Village Hall	Sub group set up Funds raised from Carcant Wind Farm, Moorfoot residents, Borthwick Castle and grant from BHF. Donation of defibrillator for N	

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		replace windows in N Middleton kiosk – work costed and list of volunteers collected. In process of arranging training sessions from Scottish Ambulance			Middleton from NWH. Defibrillator for Carrington on order from BHF		
	Community Directory	Produce a Community Directory as a resource for the Moorfoot Community	6 months	Community Council Moorfoot Community MLC Communities Officer			
<b>Listed buildings and conservation areas</b>	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	Discuss with planners the potential for revisiting the 2009 appraisals for the Temple & Arniston, Borthwick & Crichton and Carrington		Residents Property owners Estates Council planning department			



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	and managed	Conservation Areas with a view to having greater community input into the process.		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 department Community Council		
<b>Crime prevention</b>	Rural Crime	Promote Rural Watch Scotland and encourage the Community to sign up for the latest information <a href="http://www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk">www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk</a>	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		

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