

Minutes of the Board of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Thursday 11 April 2019 held in Newbattle Community Learning Centre @ 7.00pm. Present: Bob Miller (BM), Steven Horsburgh (SH), Gordon Clayton (GC), Chris Mackrell (CM), Kim Thomson (KT), David Aird(DA), Matthew Ronaldson (MR)

1. Apologies: Carrie Campbell, Addie Thomson
Business Arising
 - 2 Finance
Balance in Bank £12,605
 3. Update from BDM
 - a. New potential advertiser - 99 Property; looking to advertise and also have fortnightly piece to play on air. Sunrite blinds in final negotiations to continue sponsoring show. Dog & Cat home looking for event to be attended by BDFM, 25 May. Details from GR (not available to attend board meeting)
When 99 Property advert starts suggestion to split adverts into 2 blocks. Details will be confirmed.
SH confirmed advert stack has been set up to assist presenters. No need to line up adverts.
 - 4 Transmission Update
 - a. Extension application to Ofcom; no further update; Ofcom are publishing details of successful applicants, nothing in Midlothian as yet
 - b. New TX Site - slight outage reported due to really bad weather, not something we can control.
 - c. Small scale DAB application - no further update
 5. Blue Ext Button update - no further update
 6. Equipment update
CD Player 1 has been replaced
CD Player 2 can be temperamental. Suggestion to buy new player; also repair existing player and have as spare.
Presenters will be given notice that CD player will be removed for repair to enable them to prepare for show using 1 player.
1 speaker is faulty and amplifier temperamental - equipment used for Galas/events
 7. Press Release - GC has sent piece to Liam Rudden at Evening News; not published in paper as yet.
 8. Key Commitment/local issues
Update from GC - Debate at Newbattle to be held on 25 June. The Planning Partnership to provide the panel and BDFM would have Alan Thomson on site. Newbattle High School pupils to assist.
 9. Fundraisers
 - a. Gorebridge Development Trust/BDFM joint fundraiser - carry forward
 - b. Race Night - 25 May, Dean Tavern. Tony Conlin providing the equipment.
AT and KT to contact David Wilson re posters and Geoff Ruderham re Promo.
Final auction race fundraising to be for Kidney Research in memory of David Pearson.
 - c. Joint fundraiser with Black Diamond cheerleaders and BDFM - carry forward but possibility after cheerleaders move to new premises.
- Nursery in centre is holding a Car Boot Sale. Suggested we find out how successful this was and hold one for BDFM; perhaps using space indoors also.
10. Events - in addition to equipment requirements, also have need to replace advertising merchandising. Suggestion of car stickers, paper flags, pens - for giveaways
Also merchandise that could be sold; jute bags, re-usable thermos coffee cups.
Board agreed to obtain budget from CC and order goods for up-coming Galas/events.

11. a. Asda Foundation Grant - carry forward
b. Cala Bursary - application submitted
12. Introduce Broadcast Fee - Full board not present but members present agreed this would not be resolved easily so should be removed from the Agenda and re-introduced if additional funds were required
13. 2 functions for each member - full board not present but board members present agreed this wasn't something easily managed if even possible.
14. Text Service
CM setting up text service as trial. Presenters to encourage listeners to use the service.
15. Links with Napier University
Item being removed from Agenda.
16. Volunteer Recruitment
Ayden Butt agreed to assist with training of new volunteers - AB & CM
GR submitted advert to 'Radio Today'
17. Disclosure Services Update - Leavers criteria, including leaving reason, to be submitted to Disclosure Scotland by Chairman.
Members to complete disclosure as Youth mentor; supervision of young.
DA and CM to be added - BM forwarding forms to both.
18. MSYP Interviews - KT emailed candidate to get details of all candidates and has had no response as yet

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Member suggested possibility of running a BDFM charity shop to raise funds. Board agreed this would not be feasible due to volunteers required.

Science Festival - after success of raising profiles at events last year we should attend again this year. GC to email Bruno

Midlothian Awards at Newbattle - DA to attend with Russell Aitken.
Possibility of attending Youth Awards, held in Penicuik

2018 was last year of holding the Jerusalem Awards

Articles for the website should be sent to CM and Ayden Butt

Easyfundraising no longer available on Amazon as they have their own way to pass on monies to charity, Amazon Smile. BDFM can be set up; CM will work with CC to set up with bank details.

BM has been visiting Bill Prestice in hospital. His family have confirmed he won't be going back home and he has a large collection of records/cd's that he is happy to donate to the station/members.

