

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community

Media Association held on Thursday 4th February 2016

1. Apologies for Absence- Paul Renwick

2. Present: Bob Miller (BM) Carrie Campbell (CC) Steven Horsburgh (SH) Gordon. Clayton (GC) David Aird (DA) and Chris Mackrell (CM)

3. Minutes of Meeting of 7th January 2016—approved by those in attendance at the meeting

4. Matters Arising

a) Studio/Office Painting: on hold. CM to contact Bob Colvin re lights

b) Banners –Going ahead

c) Christmas Events; Check if money from Lisa Beattie was with Russell-Otherwise need to contact the Councillor or Ricky Moffat

d) Event on 19th March—Tickets --£7 from CC with extra charge for purchases through site. Posters created by CC-Hopeful of volunteer to distribute. Email to members gone out-Social media page event created

e) Gifts: £50 M&S vouchers and gift for voice-overs still to be actioned CC/BM.

d) Cupar Ford- Adverts removed- Hope the new car year will bring them back

Finance: funds. Easy giving income up, Dalkeith Lights and Schools had made donations.

Also £50 through Mydonate. Scotrail Application rejected.

Lesley Kelly (MVA) had offered a meeting-GC to try and get dates and CC would try to get there. Big Lottery Day in Dalkeith 23rd Feb. (GC) Leader Programme to be launched in Mid.

Advertising: Packages to be finalised, Take up offers of help

OFCOM: DA had attend events and made some useful contacts. Alan Stewart, (OFCOM) to check on the distance rule. A subsequent discussion about transmission sites culminated in BM offering to contact Councillor De Vink to see if we could access the council mast.

CM indicated that a broadband link might be possible

Extension to Licence: Confirm we will work towards April submission. Directors need to declare interests.

Schedule: Steve Burnett not available for Breakfasts and Jazz due to work commitments.

Tuesday late night available after gap in terms of the Airds leaving their programme

Saturday Breakfast has also been a gap since New Year

Training: Going well- High calibre of participants. 10th was final night and SH would try to get along to meet potential new presenters. Important to secure their membership, availability and willingness to buddy up or attend further desk training. The Board require other volunteers to assist newcomers and we need flexibility within the schedule to make the new people welcome where possible.

Equipment: CM spoke of the worry that equipment might have to be replaced without warning.

It was important not to buy inadequate equipment that burnt out under pressure. CM working on a solution and mentioned a number of improvements harnessing new technology and linking Skype to existing systems could be provided. Cables for presenter's devices available.

Keys: As BM will be abroad for 5 weeks (until 21st March)-his chairman's set would go to GC until SH returns from holiday at the end of the month.

Police Input: Delayed but to be incorporated in Community Works

CCTV/Compliance----Agreed to co-operate with one system for Centre with the compliance officer being the centre co-ordinator

AOCB:

Painting of corridor floor-BM had negotiated a postponement to the summer

DA may have found someone who might work with Bill Prentice but obviously up to him to decide (93 years on the 16th of Feb.

Overseas Listener: Joy Boothby, long-time and long distance listener will visit the studio

BM to contact Kevin the Advertiser to see if there was a story in her visit.

Newtongrange Gala: Accept offer of stall on 11th June but point out we expect a donation

References: CC advised that was easier to stick with facts in terms of volunteer time with the station. The exception might be someone trying to enter the media industry or Media Studies

Centre Management: Proposed changes would not appear to affect our relationship with the Centre

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 30th March @ 7pm

