

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 '@ 7.15 pm

1. Present: Bob Miller(RM), David Aird(DA) Steve Horsburgh(SH) Chris Mackrell(CM) Carrie Campbell(CC) & Gordon Clayton(GC)

2. Minutes of the meeting

Item 4 Alteration to make the sentence refer to all presenters

Approval Proposed CC seconded by SH

3. Business Arising

a) Hamper-----To become a leaving present

b) Easygiving Advert-Await next Scott Wilson session

c) Accounts on Website CM aware

d) Interference: 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter sent. If no response DA will call his contact in Scottish office of OFCOM

e) No response from Radio Response----not in funding list from Community Radio Fund

f) Quiz night- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ Dean Trust-----Gordon to collect income

g) Open Doors day in September- Centre happy to open up at same time as BDFM

We will also work with NBCC on Heritage Week in first week of May

4. Transmission: RM will contact the MD of the Company at D'Arcy to see if he would be agreeable and what type of arrangement could be secured.

If that approach was unsuccessful then Crawlees Road and other sites around Mayfield would have to be explored. Electrical Supply and affordability key to the search plus need to get signal into the areas of Woodburn, Mayfield and Gorebridge.

5. The Birthday 'window' was 29<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> May

It was agreed to plan for Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. GC to get cost of Mining Museum from noon-six pm

Plan to have music event involving Bands and Performers who have appeared on BDFM

Could be split between Sunday Lunch and Down the Bye ways music. NBCC would be fall back if Museum not available or too expensive

6. Membership Subscription: The £1 referred to in the Articles & Memorandum will be collected for 2017/18. A membership form additional to the Volunteer Agreement will be available prior to AGM.

Any member wishing to contribute more should make payments through Mydonate on the website.

7. Aviva-Funds should be in Bank---mid-February and purchase of UPS can go ahead

Community Radio Fund Bid unsuccessful---- List of grants showed that all applicants sought finance to employ a member of staff.

Clydesdale Bank—MFIN will apply with a view to MCMA getting £750 for helping create programmes that would go out on Community Works and be available as Podcasts.

Police Fund: RM eligible to apply for £1K . Agreed to seek to improve Portable Equipment: RM & CM to collaborate on application.

8. Financial Position similar to January Report (Around £5K)

9. Scheduling: Pool of presenters healthy with volunteers helping to fill unexpected gaps.

David Pearson returning on a Friday. Pm

10. Advertising: Agreed that no further discounts on Rate Card. New jingles being prepared for Cupar Ford which hopefully means renewal of £1K Travel deal. Possibility of an E Lothian eaterie placing an advertisement

Work on CCTV to start shortly so Aerial Man advert to be reinstated

11. Request from Napier Journalism Student (Lauren Walker) for a month long placement to be met. A second student back to back would give cover across summer. Discussed proposal for a News feed from a Scottish perspective from company based in Leeds at a similar cost to Sky.

Length may be the problem and it was agreed that CM would investigate what was on offer.

12. Audience: 2 questions would be asked in the next citizen panel survey in relation to Community Radio. Instead of reason to listen, frequency and time of day of listening would feature.

13. AOCB:

Programme on Penicuik House would be initially be broadcast in April

AGM---Wed 12<sup>th</sup> July- Newbattle Centre 7pm for 7.30pm

14. Date of Next meeting---- Anniversary Day-----29<sup>th</sup> March in NBCC @ 7.30pm

(DA sends apologies)

