

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Tuesday 19th May 2015 in Newbattle Community Centre at 7pm

Present: Bob Miller(BM) Steven Horsburgh(SH)David Aird(DA)Caroline Crawford(CC)Paul Renwick(PR)Chris Mackrell(CM)Gordon Clayton(GC)

Welcome extended to Paul who outlined some of the experience and knowledge that he can bring to the Board. Paul had indicated that he would initially like to be an associate director.

Proposed by SH ,seconded by DA that PR be appointed an Associate Director until the AGM

Minutes of the meeting of 7th April----CC requested a change to the wording and with that amendment the minutes were approved-proposed CM seconded by DA

Insurance: Premium to be paid. Zurich had been slow to respond to queries. A quote for an increase of £200 to take cover on office equipment up to £40K seemed high. GC had asked for a quote lowering the furniture & fittings by £10K but increasing the equipment by £13K-Agent out of office again! BM will look at policies over summer with a view to looking at an alternative company

Costco Card-Drop-BM will use personal card if required

SCBN-SH to try and make contact through Charles Fletcher

Keys-SH to contact Norm

Cycle Event- Passed with limited involvement

Police Input- No progress-Police wanted to contact Crystal

Advertising on coaches-DA had provided a list and the discussion widened into a general discussion on advertising- It was agreed that getting our car stickers on coaches and taxis would be helpful.

Finance: A useful pre-meeting had been held with Carrie Campbell. Some points with accounts to be clarified but Carrie positive about getting involved in some capacity after the AGM

Bank Balance just over £8K but this was the period that there were a number of licences, insurances etc. to be paid. PRS may have a claim for 2 years and CC is on the case

CC will continue paying the bills and hand over accounts to Carrie at a later date.

AGM- CC had booked mining museum for Thursday 2nd July 7pm for 7.30pm

Meeting to be advertised through Notices, Radio, website, social media & MVA lists-21 days notice

Membership fee to be waived for 15/16

Nomination forms, proposed and seconded would be the procedure for prospective Full Directors.

Must be lodged at least 7 days in advance of the AGM

Station ID/Advertising: The earlier discussion came to the conclusion that we need to encourage companies to support Community Radio, a registered charity run by volunteers and that could be helpful to their profile and may increase their business. It was recognised that it was difficult to build a business case for advertising but we would continue to offer an attractive package and to work harder to develop links with the business community.PR attended a number of networking groups and CM would send details of the package.

The Cupar Ford traffic link was ready to go once payment was received.

Equipment Update: Power failure at transmission site had put BDFM off air yesterday

Thanks to Geoff and CM for time spent trying to resolve issues

CM trying to source batteries for back-up systems at reasonable costs.

Expense for replacement production pc and upgrade agreed circa £800 in total

Galas- Newtongrange & Gorebridge and Dalkeith Day---CM linking with organisers

Need for helpers to be there to set up and dismantle as well as do the stage

AOCB

Election Night had been interesting and audio produced in conjunction with Crystal

Edinburgh Reporter had not supplied anything and things had gone a bit quiet. GC to follow up.

DA to attend Volunteer Centre night.

A Marrantz recorder previously used by the late John Ritchie was available

Guest Book has disappeared- a paper form provided as a replacement

CM had prices for Banner- £40 and £239 for a 1000 flags and a net cost for jockey shirts under £10 for 25

Demand to be established and final price agreed

Date of Next Meeting---Monday29th June @ 7pm at the station to mainly deal with AGM matters.