

Minutes of the Board of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 held in Newbattle Community Learning Centre @ 7.00pm.

Present: Bob Miller (BM), Carrie Campbell (CC); Gordon Clayton (GC), Chris Mackrell (CM), Kim Thomson (KT), David Aird(DA), Addie Thomson (AT)

1. Apologies: Steven Horsburgh , Matthew Ronaldson
2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 11 April 19: Approved on the proposal of GC seconded by DA

Business Arising

3. Transmission Update
  - a. Extension application to Ofcom; no update re BDFM
  - b. New TX Site - CC will include details of equipment in Insurance renewal
  - c. Small scale DAB application - no further update - agreed to remove from Agenda

CC joined meeting

4. Press release released to and published in Edinburgh Evening News
5. BT MyDonate closing 30 June - CM looking at other options
6. Amazon Smile set up for BDFM - CM will advise when in place
7. Finance & Equipment/Merchandise requirements.

CC advised majority of funds in bank are required for running costs. Members agreed it was necessary to buy merchandise for gala days. Equipment required would be costed and purchased as necessary

Received donation from listener who came into Station to meet Graeme McLeod.

8. Text Service set up and ready to use. Presenters to be advised - **SH** text message charged at standard message rate
9. Thank you gift passed to Scott Wilson. Scott thanked BDFM for the gift.
10. Volunteer recruitment/training - adverts not been placed yet, AT advised he had new volunteers ready for training.

CM advised looking to start training sessions with Ayden in September.

GR joined meeting

#### 11. Fundraisers

Gorebridge Development Trust/BDFM joint fundraiser - carry forward

Race Night - 25 May, Dean Tavern. GR will contact advertisers to ask if they would like to sponsor a race.

CC making up race booklets, purchasing prizes and Tony Conlin providing the entertainment for the evening FOC.

12. Joint fundraiser with Black Diamond Cheerleaders - agreed to remove from Agenda - CC

will

update the Board/fundraisers as required.

13. Key commitment / local issues - debate being run by/at Newbattle High School. BDFM will receive recording to play on air. Presenters to promote on air.

Alan Thompson will be recording debate

14. Blue Ext Button update - no further update

- 15 Local democracy partnership with BBC - BBC are paying for journalists to write scripts on what is happening in Midlothian. Important BDFM are seen to be a local station

16. Newtongrange master plan does not appear to have allowed sufficient space in new hub for BDFM. Board agreed that we should be on the lookout for new premises.

AT agreed to ask at Dean Tavern about the possibility of using space upstairs.

AT will report back

17. BDM update

90 property now on-board for a year. Originally requested to also have fortnightly property surgery, may reduce to monthly.

KC Kitchen and Bathrooms renewed for further 3 months

Sunrite blinds - weather sponsor - not continuing.

Citycare plastering not continuing

Adverts could all be played in one batch; however CI could be added in and still split into 2 batches

18. Grant Applications

Cala Bursary grant was unsuccessful

Asda Foundation Grant - unsuccessful

AOCB

Board agreed was good to have Steve Burnett on air again.

GR asked that presenters were reminded that advertisements should not be referred to in a derogatory manner

Presenters also to be reminded not to mention politics at all - Ofcom code to be enforced

TV in Studio not working - intermittent. AT has a TV to replace it.

Also raised matter of presenters posting at last minute that they cannot cover their show.

Agreed that ill health, family emergencies were completely acceptable but found that presenters did not give a lot of notice for holidays.

Also presenters just not showing up.

BM posting on facebook work page

AGM Meeting Date 25 July 2019

Next Board Meeting 13 June 2019