

Minutes of the Board of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Thursday 21 November 2019 held in Newbattle Community Learning Centre @ 7.00pm.

Present: Steven Horsburgh (SH), Addie Thomson (AT), Carrie Campbell (CC), Kim Thomson (KT), Gordon Clayton (GC), Chris Mackrell (CM), David Aird (DA), Bob Miller (BM), Tony Conlin (TC), Suzanne Mackrell (SM)

Minutes of previous meeting held on 10 October 2019: Approved on the proposal of GC seconded by CM

#### AOCB

SH advised Christmas Jingles were being produced by Devaweb. Presenters would be able to play Christmas tracks from 9 December 2019. Russell Aitken will be gathering Christmas message recordings from local businesses to be played on air - Income of £25 per message

An Election Programme featuring all four candidates for the Midlothian Constituency being recorded by Alan Thomson and edited by GC for broadcast on Sunday 8th December between 3pm-5pm.

TC has friend diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease and has wish to be a radio presenter 'for the day'. AT will give Thursday show to enable this and SH will have jingle made. TC to contact SH with details.

TC will continue to look into possible grants and inform CC

BM working on item for The Advertiser - collaboration BDFM and Rosewell Miners.

AT raised he had spoken to presenter about resetting board to normal settings. Have new members that were previously at ECFM. They will go through normal training process.

Suggested they join Women on The Loose programme - Moira currently not able to get in to join the show but has been phoning in to keep included. Margaret not able to do show currently AT and TC have been presenting Men on The Loose covering male issues. presented 2 shows, 1 more to go before Margaret comes back. 2 more new members being trained on Saturday Matinee show.

CM has received response from Ofcom; requested we send any further response. Geoff Ruderham confirmed he had nothing further to add. Ofcom found MCMA in Breach. In MCMA response to Ofcom we advised we would do refresher training for all Volunteers. Volunteer Meeting to be held in January 2020 to enable this process to start.

Finance: current balance £8634 + £1100 from recent fundraisers plus £2000 Midlothian council grant = circa £11,500 minus £7000 annual running costs gives £4500 to spend on new equipment for second transmitter site.

CC and AT met Chris Barrat at recent fundraiser who has volunteered to install new aerial for no charge. Would have previously paid Company The Aerial Man at a cost.

CM will cost equipment; 2 options; cheaper and better quality and will let Board members know. General consensus was to buy the best we could afford

Wonderful Donation site being used is showing option for Gift Aid. Donations only would give gift aid so Board thought the use of Wonderful should be encouraged for all future donations.

CC will check how the Gift Aid process works. SM will also check with Girl Guide group she volunteers with.

Alan Thomson is working on a potential project with Newbattle High School. Will report back in the new year.

Also potential that BDFM can work with a group using Community Learning Centre.

Gorebridge Police Station - not had access yet.

Membership Forms - SM at meeting to update Board.

SM reported big improvement on numbers of forms completed and returned and also received a lot more larger donations.

Small number of members not completed forms; SM will compare list she has with list of presenters from AT and will report back to Board to discuss next steps.

It has been noted that volunteers not completing forms are volunteers that have been members for a number of years so 'should know better'

Suggested we add bank details to the form in future so volunteers could pay membership/donation direct to bank.

New presenters for Seniors Hour replacement found. Sylvia Northcote and 2 others. GC has recorded programmes up to 15 December

Bill Prentice record collection - AT and TC offered to take to local collectors to sell. BM will try to find someone to donate to in the first instance; eg hospital radio

Recent fundraisers - Quiz Night, Race Night and Charity football match raised a total of £1100. for BDFM. Also raised £300 for Whitehill Welfare Floodlight Fund and £200 for Midlothian Community Hospital.

Rosewell Miners challenged BDFM to further football matches and asked about quiz night being held there.

Pop up banners would be useful for indoor events - Instaprint have Black Friday Deals - Prices to be checked

Next Meeting 16 January 2020

