

**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of directors of Midlothian Community Media Association held on Thursday 13th May 2021 by Google @ 7pm**

Present: Steve Horsburgh(SH) Bob Miller(RM) Carrie Campbell(CC) Chris Mackrell(CM) Gordon Clayton(GC)

Apologies: Addie & Kim Thomson and Tony Conlin would join the meeting later

Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April approval RM seconded by SH

Business Arising: (not on Agenda) none

Scheduling/Return to studio/ need for gap : After a lengthy discussion about the implications of the various levels set by Scottish government, it was agreed to continue with the status quo. (Tony Conlin (AC) joined the meeting)

Centre/BDFM relations: The new trainee administrator had raised an issue with the chairperson and after identifying the person involved and getting their view of what had taken place SH had replied that he had looked into the matter and the parties had differing views of what had taken place and that our member would avoid any further misunderstandings arising. As far as the Board was concerned the matter was closed.

Technical including Halkerston/website host

No reply from Council official about Halkerston but CM would chase the matter soon.

Geoff Ruderham had a friend who might provide the required plot without there being a charge. The company who provided the webhosting indicated that they wanted to withdraw the service at short notice. CM had switched to Amazon on a pay as you go basis while he shops around to see if he can get a permanent deal at lower cost. CC hoped that the new provider could go on direct debit or an annual charge. Some complaints re intermittent faults with one of the CD players. Presenters to be advised to use pen drives if possible.

On Friday RM will host the UK wide Mental Health Minute that CM had signed the station up to. The family of the late Ted Comerford had asked if we had a copy of any programme presented by him and Bill Prentice. RM would look through discs held but it was unlikely.

Finance including bank change/licence renewal

Balance held £15162.16 with Webvt bill of close on £900 to pay. The change of Bank had been delayed but only a couple of steps to go. We had applied twice to the Arnold Clark Community Fund for £1000 to help pay for Webvt and transmitter costs. GC and AC for lack of communication over the applications.

CC went through categories of expenditure for the licence renewal so that the form can be completed. The final draft will be shared before submission.

Communication with presenters

While a presenter's meeting was desirable, it was agreed that it was unlikely to take place before July. The Facebook page was an available tool but also represented a risk as posts can be shared and the Board in particular need to exercise care.

Date of Next Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 7pm. CM to send out invitations.