

Midlothian Community Media Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2009 7.30pm Newbattle Community Learning Centre

Present: John Ritchie (Chair), Chris Mackrell, Sharon Colvin, Sandy Florence, Colin McCall

In Attendance: Gordon Clayton, Laurence Reid,

Apologies: Andy Macdonald

Proposed: Sandy Florence

Seconded: Chris Mackrell

A. Minutes of the last meeting

1. Studio Etiquette

Sharon reported that most membership agreements are now in and she is going to chase up those who have not handed any in. It was discussed that there should be membership cards issued soon.

ACTION: Sharon

2. Jingle Package

See below

3. CRBS Checks

Colin reported that Gus and Russell are still to be CRBS checked as there is an issue about how the 'position/role' box should be filled in. There was a short discussion about CRBS checks and it was decided to seek further clarification from CRBS and in the meantime get a copy of Gus and Russell's documentation and proof of ID.

ACTION: Colin McCall

B. Community Radio Fund

Gordon stated that applications are now being accepted for the Ofcom Community Radio Fund. There was a discussion to decide if we should apply or not after suggestions that there was a high possibility of being successful after previous attempts.

Gordon reported that 'Leader Plus' need three estimates on the cost of a second studio for the application to go through. Chris and John suggested a few companies to try. Gordon also reported that the 'Awards For All' application had been submitted. John stated that it was hard to get 'running costs' funding and funders were looking for specific 'projects' to support instead. Gordon added that there was a possibility that the group could re apply for Loyds TSB and Roberson Trust funding.

ACTION: GORDON CLAYTON

C. Community Works

Gordon raised that he had plenty of interviews to last him up until the Edinburgh Festival and that after this date he would like to play songs from the musicals and feature reviews. This was approved.

D. Seeing Is Believing Fund

Gordon raised that he had received communication from Derek Cowan regarding funding previously given to visit Radio Regen in Manchester. Derek claims he still has outstanding expenses from the trip. It was decided to send a letter to Derek asking for receipts from the trip before payment can be made. Derek also raised to Gordon that he also is due expenses (a £10 fee) for a Volunteer Centre training course. It was decided to check with the Volunteer Centre to get confirmation of the fee and Derek's attendance before payment.

ACTION: Gordon

E. Transmitter Move

Chris reported that the new transmitter site had been visited and looks like it has potential. The only possible issue is with the microwave transmission. John reported that Ofcom have been informed of the impending move.

F. Gala Day's 09

Chris stated that Ailsa was doing a great job organising this years gala activities. Ailsa has spoken to the volunteers both at meetings and on the telephone and is organising a meeting to finalise details and dates. Sharon reported that Brass In The Park would be lasting one week this year instead of the usual weekend. John raised that Gus had achieved a major sponsor for the gala days and will be attending the next meeting to talk about it. The question was raised if Vogrie Festival would be happening this year. *This has now been confirmed.*

ACTION: CHRIS MACKRELL, SHARON COLVIN & AILSA MACINTOSH

G. Sponsorship Proposal

Gus was due to talk about further sponsorship for the 'Fun Factor' and other proposals but was unavailable for this meeting. He will be attending the next meeting.

H. Jingles

Work is to continue on the new station jingles package Gus Bain, Stevie Horsburgh and Geoff Ruderham are to co-ordinate the package while Chris liaises on the technical side.

I. AOB

- Sandy asked about the recent departure of Ian Robertson. John reported that complaints had been received from both inside the station and from listeners. John spoke to Ian after his show to take action on the complaints. On hearing about the complaints and possible suspension Ian then quit and verbally attacked John and the station.
- Colin reported that he had received a letter from Companies House saying they could not accept a new set of Accounts. However, these Accounts had not been sent by any member of the Board. Colin also reported that the Accountant had received fifteen points to correct on the Account. The Accountant has checked our accounts and there are no problems.
- Chris asked about the remaining money from last year's gala days. It was agreed to carry the money to this years galas.

J. Date Of Future Meetings

- **Volunteers / Presenters Meeting: Wed 13th May – Chair Norm Dunk**
- **Board Meeting: Thu 30th April 7:30 NCLC**