

**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community media Association held online on Thursday 24th June 2021**

Present: S Horsburgh (SH) Carrie Campbell (CC) Tony Conlin (TC) Bob Miller (RM) Chris Mackrell (CM) and Gordon Clayton (GC)

Apologies Addie and Kim Thomson for personal reasons

Minutes of previous meeting; Motion to approve moved by CC seconded by RM

Items of competent business dealt with prior to moving to main agenda:

We had been successful twice in different Arnold Clark draws but in fairness let them know and the second grant of £1k was not forthcoming.

An issue of lack of mic covers had been raised and fixed. Not sure why supply has been low if those in studio retained one and washed it. RM reported that this morning's event seemed a success but disappointment that volunteers drop out at last minute. Request that arrangements are put in place to get the new safe to the metal cupboard from the Hub so RM can access. The donated chairs were welcome but there was an excess in the office.

Gorebridge Cares/Former Police station: CC had visited as their accountant but discussion had led to BDFM's use of the building. Less work was being done by Gorebridge Cares to the building so scope for our use around the garage and rear of building. The project are keen to have BDFM on board and only asking for Heat and Light and other basics services to be covered. It is not clear whether this would be a sub-studio or the main studio. The space on offer may be just as tight as Newbattle. There is no line of sight with the existing transmission site and CM doubted if Halkerston would be better. Broadband could be the answer but costs involved. Considerable building work would be required to make it work. It was agreed that we should come to a decision sooner or later to be fair to the project. SH and TC to visit the potential premises. GC suggested that there might be premises in Rosewell due to the establishment of the steading. TC to check it out.

Transmission:

Compliance @ Medical Centre-CM to check we meet 3.16 m gap between signal and people working or walking around site.

Halkerston: Council still agreeable and Geoff Ruderham had helped get figures together for costs.

These would be close to £2000 and after discussion about finances and the potential loss of council funding, it was agreed that we go ahead on the motion of RM seconded by TC.

It would be a relaunch of the station after 15 years of broadcasting

Centre Links: AGM postponed-TC had agreed to attend and was willing to be the link on the committee instead of Moira & Gordon. TC said he would do his best but GC had used his knowledge and contacts to good effect.

Schedule: Breakfast slot remained a problem. Geoff Ruderrham would return to mid - morning on 4 days and Grant Henderson would be offered an extra slot as a reward for his sterling efforts over the last couple of years. RM raised an issue about possible restrictions on same artist and number of tracks from compilations. CM shared a screen shot of the licence that seemed to confirm this but

would check further. GC said this had ramifications for Monday musicals as it was his preferred method of creating a playlist.

Date of next meeting- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July @ 7pm via Google