

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community media Association held online on Thursday 5 March 2021

Present: Steven Horsburgh (SH); Addie Thomson (AT); Bob Miller (BM) Carrie Campbell (CC) Kim Thomson (KT); Chris Mackrell (CM) ; Gordon Clayton (GC) and Tony Conlin (TC)

Minutes of meeting held 5 March 2020; Motion to approve moved by SH seconded by CC

Minutes of meeting held 23 March 2020; Motion to approve moved by BM seconded by AT

Minutes of meeting held 29 April 2020; Motion to approve moved by AT seconded by TC

Minutes of meeting held 28 May 2020; Motion to approve moved by SH seconded by TC

Minutes of meeting held 3 September 2020; Motion to approve moved by AT seconded by BM

Minutes of meeting held 22 October 2020; Motion to approve moved by AT seconded by TC

Minutes of meeting held 3 December 2020; Motion to approve moved by CM seconded by BM

Minutes of meeting held 21 January 2021; Motion to approve moved by CC seconded by SH

Minutes from Board Meetings - CM to put minutes from meetings on website.

Playout1 Update - CM advised update still to be done. Received quote for renewal of Playout1. Once allowed back into studio, CM will require to update Synergy and Playout1 library

Ofcom Workshop TC attending workshop and will keep in touch with Alan Thomson with regard to Politics output. The Board agreed that Alan Thomson would be political correspondent for BDFM.

CM raised the issue of politics purda. A message will be posted on Facebook work page.

Advertising - Still have Meadowfield garage advert and Sponsors KC Kitchen & Bathroom, Pentland Powder Coating and Dalkeith Ford

Charity Advertising TC suggested we connect with other charities; local rather than national.

Monitor quality of advert. BM has been contacted by Kidney Charity, SH and BM will confirm

Equipment - AT advised he had noticed Myriad Keyboards for sale on Community Radio Website and asked if they would be of any use to us. CM confirmed this was a possibility if in future we want to adapt all equipment to use Playout1.

Finance - £15989 in bank. outstanding cheque to Devaweb; not cashed yet. SH will email Devaweb. Outstanding cheque to Ofcom - grant underspend. Cheque sent but Ofcom staff not been in office

Accounts have been filed. Includes £5000 legacy from Bill Prentice. CM will put copy on website.

Air Purifier Unit - GC investigated online. Information suggests these units help with Covid. Board doubt how realistic the claims are. SH will contact engineer to repair the extractors in the station.

Power increase - Ofcom have advised that for the new plot a structural drawing is required. Also broadcasting code states the antennae requires to have proper distancing from the population. CM advises we should be ok but will double check.

Return to Studio - No update yet

PVG - As working from home, a temporary workaround has been put in place. Applications will be online. BM will complete applications and Disclosure Scotland will email applicant.

Fundraiser - KT and AT will hold a raffle just for members.

New Members - AT has been contacted by potential members. GC has been contacted by Alistair Mather with regard to a Brass Band specialist show.

Board agreed our hands are tied until restrictions are lifted.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 15 April 2021 @ 7pm