

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Midlothian Community media Association held online on Wednesday 23 March 2022

Present: Steven Horsburgh (SH) Addie Thomson (AT); Kim Thomson (KT); Chris Mackrell (CM) Gordon Clayton (GC) and Tony Conlin(TC); [Carrie Campbell](#)(CC); Alan Thomson (Alan T)

Apologies Bob Miller

Minutes of meeting 17 November 2021; Motion to approve moved by SH seconded by TC

Minutes of meeting 12 January 2022; Motion to approve moved by CC seconded by TC

Minutes of meeting 23 February; Motion to approve moved by SH seconded by TC

Finance

CC completed and sent back acceptance form for Midlothian Council grant; therefore should arrive early April

Also submitted the confirmation statement and the vat returns.

Balance in bank £15k; CC requires BM to sign some cheques.

Technical Update

New broadband line is yet to be installed

Synergy MPU has a faulty Mic Channel which may need looked at. Also had two reports over 3 months of the sustainer channel not working

Centre WIFI - Community Centre are looking for a broadband provider. CM has offered the use of our connection if Board agree.

Board agreed to this as long as this doesn't impact on station services; GC reminded the board we have had the use of the portable PA from the Centre.

Esk Valley View

SH had meeting with Graeme Rigby regarding advert in Esk Valley View to launch the new frequency. Half page in brochure; 28000 copies distributed £140 + VAT. Potential for more advertising.

News Bed

SH confirmed New news jingle & bed been created for 15th anniversary

Fundraiser - Sport Quiz

Russell Aitken contacted Board for permission to hold a live quiz on the sport program. TC will contact Russell for more information prior to giving go ahead

Email from Presenter

[Russell Aitken](#) contacted the board regarding an email he received prior to interviewing a member of a football team. There had been allegations of homophobic language at a match. Russell took the decision to postpone the interview until checking with the Board for advice.

During board meeting some investigation was carried out and confirmed the matter had been dealt with and apologies made; SH will contact Russell to advise ok to go ahead with interviewing the club

Concerns

A presenter (presenter A) contacted the Concerns mail box as another presenter (presenter B), when telling the listeners about upcoming programmes, does not say their name while saying other presenters names. Presenter A also took offence at a comment Presenter B made on their personal social media page. The board decided that Presenter B should refrain from making any comments on Presenter A social media page.

KT raised had 2 notes of interest in joining the Board at the next AGM; Russell Aitken and Ian Hunter. Ian, as an associate member would require to be co-opted to the Board by Board members.

GC raised the possibility of amending the Art & Memes in order to allow members who have lived/worked in Midlothian in the past to become full members and hence have larger potential for more board members. The Board agreed this would be discussed at a later meeting.

Presenter Meeting

Date of 7 May was agreed for presenter meeting; but prefer name for meeting to be Volunteer Meeting. Suggested we look for larger premises to allow for more space as some volunteers may still be reluctant to meet with larger groups in a confined space.

KT has email address for Dean Tavern and will contact them to check for availability.

Next Board Meeting

10 May 2022

AOCB

TC raised concern about Accounts when CC stands down. CC reassured the board that she would still be on hand to support person taking on the task.

Also looking online for any possibility for more grants.

KT advised we do not have a Breakfast presenter on a Friday. Steve Burnett is able to continue with Thursday only

AT raised issue with possible missing set of keys. SH will check at station

Also raised the difficulty with latest fundraiser.

CM has been checking list of members and can see a large number of people not submitted membership for current year. He will do a comparison of people from previous year.

Alan T is looking to get a sponsor for Breakfast programme. He will keep looking and update Graeme

Alan T also asked if it would be worth trying to have businesses put an advert on the website. CM confirmed we could miss out on potential on air advertising and therefore the funding that goes with it.

CM raised his great concern about the apparent lack of interest in the 15 year anniversary of the station and new frequency launch. Feels that time at board meetings could be used in a more beneficial way.

Meeting Closed