

**MEARNS COMMUNITY RADIO GROUP**  
**Minutes of meeting – 21 September 2006**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Ian Hunter (convenor)	Sandy Wallace
Charlie Sands (secretary)	Chris Holden
Raymond Christie (treasurer)	Mike Sullivan

**Programmes**

Ian Hunter thought that the making of programmes was the least important business. But it would be ideal to talk to people who had been involved in the old Stonehaven Radio – such as Jack Emslie.

Ian agreed to approach Martin Moir to see if he would pioneer the Commedia internet streaming technology for us. Charlie thought that we should encourage webcasts, even if this meant royalties were due for copyright music, but Ian argued that for now there was a large amount of royalty free music available.

**Funding**

Ian thought that £300 would probably be available from David Fleming (community council), although this had not yet been discussed by the council. Raymond thought that Willie Munro (Aberdeenshire Council) had suggested the council could match funding obtained elsewhere.

Charlie had drafted application forms to approach various funders, and agreed to speak to Andrea at K&D Voice to see if access to “funderfinder” was available.

**Legal Status**

The draft Memo and Articles were discussed. Charlie agreed to push these along, the next step being to contact the charities regulator, OSCR, to find out if this constitution was acceptable to them. Thereafter an EGM would be required, probably in November, to consider this and the licence application.

There was then some discussion about who the group would be able to approach to act as directors, or to nominate someone to act on their behalf.

**Licence application form**

The new form was available now (assuming there were no more changes) and Charlie agreed to copy the relevant sections from the old form.

Ian will check the technical aspects – e.g. transmitter power and sites.

On social gain, we could point to the involvement of youth clubs, health programmes, training youngsters, stimulating the arts, promoting police/fire/coastguard and free adverts for community events.

On accountability, we can refer top open meetings, ring-in chat programmes and the membership / AGM process.

**Other business**

Mike Burleigh had asked at the AGM for written contributions for the St Cyrus newsletter and Charlie had been too busy to manage this. Ian agreed to forward something to him.

Charlie agreed to pass Rodger Lyall's "Tale of the Howe" CD on to Ian ASAP. Charlie thought it would be good to use parts of this in several programmes.

The visit to SHMU has had to be changed to Thursday 5 October and Charlie will send out an e-mail inviting people to attend.