

**MEARNS COMMUNITY RADIO GROUP  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2007 at 7.30pm  
STONEHAVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present**

Ian Hunter  
Charlie Sands  
Doug McKelvie  
Mike Burleigh

**Apologies**

Sandy Wallace  
Stuart Munn  
Andrea Hauxwell (K&D Voice)

**Ofcom Licence**

The application has been lodged and an answer may be forthcoming in about 3 months.

**Funds Report**

The Rotary Club of Stonehaven had recently donated £500 from their Beaujolais Run, and CHARLIE confirmed he had e-mailed the President and would write a letter of thanks to the group.

There was some discussion of other funding sources – chicken and egg – but the group was keen to approach potential funders and begin the process of seeking financial support. His proposal was greeted enthusiastically. Pre-booking time/ adverts by making donations now. Rate card? (DOUG to progress)

**Podcasting**

IAN said he was finding out more about this area. The CMA streaming service was free to members. The whole thing was very low cost.

**Premises**

IAN had been in touch again with Carol McLaren at Aberdeenshire Council (Leisure & Recreation) and she has confirmed we can use a backstage dressing room at the Town Hall. (The Jura report on the future of the building is out now, and includes a radio/ recording studio in the plans for the basement!) We will need to carpet / redecorate the room, but the plan is to get in with a table and a little equipment ASAP. It is thought that the Council might allow us to have our own keys.

A pooling programme to share broadcasts with other stations should be investigated (and this is being dicussed on the CMA website just now).

Once we are in we can say “Come along and look” to the schools etc. There was some discussion about interaction with the schools and how this would improve when we had proper equipment available.

IAN and MIKE agreed to start on a budget for the Town Hall decoration costs. Dave Smith Carpets was suggested as a possible source of remnants etc.

### **Transmitters**

IAN has spoken to the press and broadcast manager at BT and received a positive reaction to his enquiry about transmitting from Bruxie. This will not be turned into a formal request, but could be seen by BT as good PR for them.

### **Memo & Articles**

CHARLIE explained how OSCR had not been happy with the first draft M&As (prepared by Aberdeenshire Council) and distributed a second draft (prepared by Andrea Hauxwell of K&D Voice.) The second submission would be more carefully scrutinised by OSCR in case we were just trying to “get around” their rules.

The second draft was looked at in detail and CHARLIE undertook to go through it again before forwarding comments to Andrea. It was hoped that the revised version could be ready for the next meeting.

### **Programme Ideas**

Feeing Market

Schools Quiz (Mill O Forest - 23<sup>rd</sup> March) – maybe not ideal for broadcast because of the written answer format, but may suit a voxpop interview OB.

Weekly schools news programme

Stuart Munn’s home concert (James Grant) – to be recorded by a community radio friend of his from the central belt, and hopefully to be on BBS national radio (Drivetime) and TV (reporting Scotland) news slots – with a mention for Mearns FM.

Folk Festival

Yellow on the Broom Festival

Feteresso Concert (Ian Gillan)

### **Next Meeting**

Change to Third Tuesday (from third Thursday) so next meeting is on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH. Details to follow.