



Draft Minute
G4G Membership AGM
Date Tuesday 12th September 2017
At 7.00pm

Location

Victoria Hall
Torry
Aberdeen

Present

Jim Buchan (Chairman/Secretary)
Tom Morrow (Treasurer)
Rob Rowe (Director)
Alan Gorvett (Member of BOT)
Brian Boyd (Member of BOT)
Brian Cran (Volunteer)
Elspeth Morrow (Member)
Helen Rowe (Member)

Apologies

Mary Buchan
Racheal Summers
Ann Brown
Mr & Mrs Rowe

1 Welcome – Open with Payer

Jim Buchan opened the meeting with a short prayer giving thanks for the ongoing work of G4G and asking for continued wisdom and spiritual enlightenment in the business of the meeting.

2 Approve Minutes from last years AGM – All

The minute for the 2016 minute was unanimously approved

Proposed: Alan Gorvett
Seconded: Brian Cran

3 Chairman's remarks/Secretary's report – Jim

Jim reflected on his comments as recorded in 2016 AGM minute and his intention to stand down from the dual role of Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. This has not happened as yet but he restated that it is important that it was in the general interest of the project that this does rotate and that this is something that does need to be addressed soon. Jim made it clear that he is still committed to the work of G4G and has no intention to



completely cease involvement in the project but must make way for another person to hold the office in the future.

Having looked at the listener statistics for the last 12 months Jim recorded that these are encouraging and show how many people have been listening; there have been over 24,000 listener sessions over the period. Listeners are located all over the world with the most of them being based in the USA and UK. Rob is likely to elaborate on this in his director's report later on. It is encouraging to know that people are hearing the messages that the Station's programs convey.

In the last year, we have experienced some technical issues including a period when the station was unable to broadcast live. Rob was able to broadcast some recorded content using a 3G dongle whilst BT and Openreach strived to get the station's broadband service reconnected. There were some difficulties getting access to our landlord's office because of the conduct of some BT engineers. This was eventually achieved but Rob had to deal with various engineers from BT/Openreach, some seemed to be more friendly than others. It was necessary to escalate this situation within BT but happily the eventual outcome is that we now have a direct broadband connection which is no longer routed through any neighbouring premises. This is a positive outcome which we appreciate. Thanks to Rob for working diligently with BT and get the situation resolved.

Jim expressed his thanks to all the volunteers who work to support the work of G4G. In particular he wanted to single out Rob who is the main driving force for this project.

The Membership has not grown in the last 12 months. This is matter for some concern. We need to have day to day volunteers, organisations that support the work and of course the membership. Jim stated that we need to get the membership more involved in actively supporting the stations work. This might be done by having more social activity – not necessarily face to face but including online social network. Might this be a priority/theme for the next 12 months?

There are some invisible volunteers who provide ongoing support. Jim mentioned Richard Gray a qualified accountant who volunteers each year to audit our accounts. Tom does an excellent job of organising these so that makes is relatively straight forward for Richard to do his work. We do appreciate this support.

Jim restated his wish that the roles of Chairman and Secretary are rotated – this is something that does need to be acted on soon.

4 Introduction of new BOT member – Jim

Jim introduced Brian Boyd to the members present and welcomed Brian to his role as a member of the Board of Trustees. This appointment was made after careful consideration by members of the Board of Trustees but this needs to be affirmed by the membership. There was unanimous affirmation of Brian's appointment by all present. Jim then thanked



Brian for his willingness to be involved and formally welcomed him to the role of being a member of the Board of Trustees.

5 Treasurers report – Tom

Tom shared a paper copy of the audited accounts. He stated that we are to be good stewards of the money given to the project and to ensure that it is used to further the objectives of Gospel4Grampian. It is God's work that we are engaged in through this project.

Following is a summary of the accounts which will also be shared with OSCR as a condition of maintaining our status as a registered charity.

Receipts & Payments Account April 2016 - March 2017

	2016	2017
Income	£	£
Member Donations	2280	2310
Other Donations	3130	1562
Quiz Night Kemnay	-	350
Gift Aid Received	-	1729
Sale of Cards	-	150
Total Income	5410	6100
Expenditure		
Telephone & Broadband	538	774
Computer Upgrades	-	-
Broadcasting licence	552	552
Computer Maintenance	692	692
Office Insurance	289	266
Web Hosting	-	171
Rent	1800	1800
Heat & Light	936	967
Plumber	429	-
Alarm	126	-
Total Expenditure	5362	5223
Surplus(Loss) for Period	48	878



6 Directors report – Rob

Remit:

To Proclaim and Demonstrate the Gospel through both Radio broadcasts, podcasts, and more recently our Youtube channel. We are also developing links with believers from different denominations. In everything we aim to engage, equip and enable communities to “live life to the full” with Christ Jesus at the centre.

Rob has been visiting different churches in the city and beyond to encourage more “working together” involving believers from all denominations. This demonstrates a commitment to “unity of response”. G4G is an ecumenical station, as the Director and Station Manager it's Rob's duty to set the example in this context.

The years successes and challenges?

This year has been challenging. A BT issue took us off air over 1 weekend and a vital computer which failed again forcing alternative measures to be taken. BT have since made good though after a number of communications with their senior management.

The BT fault kept our Broadband service off line for over 3 weeks. Broadcasts were suspended for 1 weekend, then Rob set up a mobile and wireless connecting router which brought all the computers back into operation and allowed a limited broadcast for the remainder of the period. The broadcast was limited in terms of having a set amount of data per month and not knowing how long we were going to be off. This meant we could not download or upload any large files. This measure and re negotiating the contract with Three meant that the data did not run out and we could stay on air.

By contrast we've also seen the outcomes of prayer over these issues which have resulted in the restoration of our phone and broadband, the complete overhaul of the affected computer and a continuation of the work. Apart from this we've had occasional technical glitches which have been managed largely remotely.

On the community side, Rob has developed closer links with Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) and recently interviewed development worker Sean McVeigh about the increasing work of CFINE. This includes – operating a food bank, Fare Share, Cash in Your Pocket and dealing particularly with food poverty aiming to assist people in communities to manage their budgets more efficiently and to improve their cooking skills at their training kitchen - Cook At The Nook. There may be openings to record and broadcast programmes directly from CFINE.

Rob has continued to develop links with St Columba's Church of Scotland where the radio station has a regular invite to broadcast from their regular Friday coffee morning at the end of each month. This takes the form of the request program Gospel Cafe which broadcasts on Friday's 9 - 11 am. During his visits, Rob has interviewed representatives from Cross Reach and the new Superintendent from the Fishermen's Mission.

Rob has continued to build links with local organisations including the Sea farers Centre and the Allotment Market Stall, Mission Aviation Fellowship and The Compass Christian Centre - an outdoor centre near Glenshee, in Perthshire. Rob and volunteer Brian went out to interview the Manager and record a promo. We had an offer to try out their Stanley Nairn Sky Trail but chickened out- something to do with swaying in the trees and it being wet! “A likely story”. A promo has also been recorded to promote Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Earlier this year, we were delighted when MAF gave us permission to broadcast the reading of Hope Has Wings which is the story of MAF written by one of its co-founders, Stuart King. The book is read



by Simon Williamson. The program goes out on Thursday evening at 7 pm and Sunday afternoon at 4 pm.

Earlier this year, Rob and Helen went to Westray where they recorded 2 concerts given by Michael Marcus and Northern Irish folk gospel band Live Issue. Live Issue were at pains to say that their main inspiration comes from the United States. The trip was very enjoyable.

Rob and Helen have also been to 3 CD launches of Philippa Hana, Sam Hibbard and Grace.

In response to a prompting as a result of Prayer - The Bible is broadcast 4 times each day in a new program called Hearing Is Believing #HearBelieve511 5 am, 11 am, 5 pm and 11 pm. In future, we are aiming to start each of these programs with Word for the Day or a devotional written by local ministers. This last year we have been using 'Times of Refreshing' written by Bishop Joe and Pastor Cynthia Ibojie of the Father's House in Aberdeen. This has been read by Rachel Summers.

Youtube

The BT Broadband fault kept us off air for over 3 weeks, during the weekend we were off, Rob was invited to Blacketyside Farm in Fife to broadcast - Power Hour - Applying God's Word in Prayer. As we could not use our regular broadcast, simply to keep a viable presence on the internet, Power Hour was broadcast on YouTube - ironically using our BT wifi account which allows us to use internet access from anywhere. The broadcast was well received.

The Youtube Channel also allows different content to be broadcast in parallel to the main internet stream. As Youtube records as it broadcasts, it is ideal as a quality backup to any recording we make on site.

Recently, we had an invite courtesy of Aberdeen Christian Fellowship to record Brian Irvine - Footballer extraordinary who had to pull out through ill health but now has recovered sufficiently to be a policeman. We recorded this on Youtube.

Volunteers

One of our volunteers, Moses who comes from Nigeria has been through a difficult period due to visa issues and unemployment. He was able to record Monday Motivation - a motivational talk with music for us while he was in the UK. He tells me he has now secured a senior management position in Nigeria. His family remain in the UK. Moses may rejoin us when he can.

Rachel has now gained a steady job working for Aberdeenshire Council and is doing well. Rachel continues to help when she can.

Well done to Rachel and Moses.

Brian comes in regularly to record Brian's Good News - Yes there are good news stories in the press! Over 1 year on, Brian had amassed over 550 stories. He managed to distil this down to 10 stories which meant the most to him. Well Done Brian.

We recently welcomed Brian Boyd from Aberdeen Christian Fellowship to the Board of Trustees. Can I add my own Welcome Brian. Aberdeen Christian Fellowship is one of our Affiliate Churches.

Volunteer Drives

Rob has spoken to a good few folks about becoming a volunteer and had the opportunity to speak to a group from Torry St Fitticks, our Local Church. I think I "blew their minds" with the scale of the my vision. Volunteers are still needed. More than ever, they need the heart for the vision, and be prepared to commit to a certain task or for an amount of time and preferably skilled.

Particular needs are technical, presenting and community liaison.



Reports

In the last 12 months, we've had 4,366 unique listeners for 23,551 hours in 131 countries. Top listeners are from USA, UK, Germany. This figure goes up and down by the season. We have to report a significant drop in numbers of listeners.

When we first began, we broadcast a wide range of music for different countries. This was eagerly picked up by avid International listeners but did nothing to meet the needs local communities which is what this station is about. Over past years, Rob and the volunteers, when available, have sought to bring this to more Scottish listeners by featuring more local programming and much more by way of community information.

Another reason might be that one of the principle volunteers we had at the start of the year was able to encourage a lot of people to tune unto the station.

It has been difficult though not impossible to get through to churches that there is a radio station that needs support by way of real volunteers to assist. I would urge supporters in spite of this real blip to support this radio station. Prayers are really needed now for dedicated, committed, envisioned and skilled volunteers - even better for investors who can turn these into dedicated members of staff.

Here is a summary of our outputs in the last year and some numbers which quantifies our listener base.

Podcast

We have 404 podcasts at www.g4g.podbean.com. Over all 5695 downloads of which 917 have been over the last three months.

United States	282	30.75%
United Kingdom	267	29.12%
Netherlands	91	9.12%
Germany	93	10.14%
France	86	9.38%
Singapore	39	4.25%
Australia	23	2.51%
Japan	25	2.73%
Kenya	4	

Youtube

In The last 28 days, our output has been viewed/listened to over 669 minutes and all from the UK.

The Future

The heart and vision is to reach not only NE Scotland but communities around the world to every tribe tongue and nation so that all may hear and experience the Gospel and perhaps accept it also that every believer wake up to the need to work with others to achieve this.

Rob has a huge vision. He stated:

“All I can do is to walk the route God has set with one foot in front of the other. I'm not sure about time scales but I want to do my part. Who knows each of us has been born for a time such as this. What is our response to this?”

Real help is needed to uphold and improve our output. This will include, helping Rob manage all the programmes and producing new original and vibrant programmes based on the needs of communities.



Here are some specific needs:

1. Prayer - more prayer warriors to pray for the vision, listeners, volunteers, staff, every area of the work.
2. Technical: 2-3 volunteers to prayerfully work on programmes, outside broadcasts, music, computers, to make the stations content FM/DAB licence ready.
3. Presenters to prayerfully plan, produce, present programmes and make sure relevant material is podcast.
4. Support for administration and management.
5. Publicity, Liaison, outreach - developing links with Local Churches to provide joined up solutions for community.

In conclusion, Rob also said:

“We also need a definable goal such as an FM licence by the end 2017 even if this is just for 2-4 weeks over Christmas. Even this would grab the interest of churches and local communities”

“Many would say ‘too expensive. You can’t even walk yet’.....”

“Rather than ‘Taking the glass half empty approach’, we need a ‘can do’ attitude putting one foot in front of the other. This is the approach I have taken over the last 11 years, and will continue... no matter what.”

“These things are on my heart as something real that God wants to achieve. Are you willing to continue walking with me?”

7 AOCB

There was no other business

8 Refreshments

The members present enjoyed some refreshments – thank to Helen and Elspeth for serving this and also to Mary Buchan for providing a “fine piece” for this part of the evening.