



Draft Minute

G4G Membership AGM

Date Tuesday 11th September 2018

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), Mr & Mrs Rowe (Senior), Brian Cran (Volunteer), Mary Buchan (Member), Helen Rowe (Member)

Apologies

Racheal Summers, Ann Brown, Elspeth Morrow

1 Welcome – Open with Prayer

Brian Boyd opened the meeting with a short prayer giving thanks for the ongoing work of G4G and God's faithfulness in supporting it. He prayed for continued wisdom of all involved and God's spiritual enlightenment as we conduct the business of the meeting.

2 Approve Minutes from last years AGM – All

The minute for the 2017 minute was unanimously approved. Jim introduced this item stating that the minute from last years AGM had been considered by the BOT members and that they considered it to be an accurate record of what took place. Jim asked for a proposer and seconder for the 2017 AGM minute

Proposed: Tom Morrow

Seconded: Rob Rowe

The minute was unanimously adopted by those present.

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

Jim reflected on the technical challenges of the last few years when we had some difficulties with BT and our broadband connectivity. This was of course resolved



satisfactorily. In the last 12 months however, we have had to consider the possibility of moving to new premises. Happy to report that this has been made possible after an offer from Victoria Hall to use some of their rooms on Crombie Road. We have been able to end our tenancy at Balnagask Road and complete the move to Victoria Hall. This was a painless process and of course we are grateful to those who came along to assist with the move. Jim reflected that it was God's provision for G4G and it was His plan to have us relocate. We are very grateful for his provision.

Jim then made some comments about the Trustees annual report which is sent to OSCR – a condition of our status as a Registered Charity. He mentioned that we have had to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) this has resulted in the production/adoption and publication of various policies and procedures concerning data processing and security. All resulting documentation has been published on the G4G website. We have implemented an O365 tenancy where we now hold all data.

The move to Victoria Hall was made possible when the previous users ended their usage. We have no formal lease in place, the agreement for G4G to use the building is based on an act of Christian fellowship. We believe that this IS the best way to proceed.

We are making good use of Podbean to facilitate access to selected programs on a 24/7 basis and this is becoming a significant aspect of our operation. We have also changed our streaming service provider which is actually of higher audio quality and less costly than our previous service. We had considered that the previous service offered good value for money. We are very grateful for these developments and the increase in capacity that is now available to G4G.

As part of this move we have also changed the system for recording listener statistics which is again an essential part of the technical operation.

Financially we are able to meet our obligations and are very grateful for Gods provision in this regard.

The annual report will be passed on to OSCR after it has been approved by the BOT members.

4 Treasurers report – Tom

Jim mentioned that Richard Gray has again completed a review of the accounts at no cost to G4G.

Tom shared a paper copy of the audited accounts (see below). We have one less member due a member passing on. We had a one off donation to repair the studio computer – we were very grateful for this. Gift Aid has been claimed which resulted in a significant income which will actually show in next years



accounts due to the timing of the claim. Some of our expenses have reduced which is a welcome development.

Office insurance seems to increase every year but this is something that we really have to pay. We feel that is a necessary expense in case of any significant damage to our assets. We have no rent payable going forward which is a welcome development. We will no longer be liable for as they are incorporated into Victoria Hall.

There has been no quiz night the year but Ann Brown is planning an event in the near future. Alan Gorvett's card sales also produced a very welcome income stream.

Tom stated that he was happy with the accounts and that G4G is able meet its financial obligations.

There was some discussion about other possible fund raising events including producing a G4G Calendar which Rob and Helen have agreed to do. It was generally agreed that to further develop the station work we do need to increase income.

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 2017 - March 2018

	2017	2018
Income	£	£
Member Donations	2310	2220
Other Donations	1562	2632
Quiz Night Kemnay	350	-
Gift Aid Received	1729	-
Sale of Cards	150	-
Total Income	6100	4852
Expenditure		
Telephone & Broadband	774	599
Computer Upgrades	-	919
Broadcasting licence	552	-
Computer Maintenance	692	692
Office Insurance	266	510
Web Hosting	171	-
Rent	1800	1800
Heat & Light	967	1134
Plumber	-	-
Alarm	-	135
Total Expenditure	5223	5789
Surplus(Loss) for Period	878	-937

Notes:

The income shown reflects the amounts paid into the charity's bank account for this financial year.

The expenditure is for items directly paid for by the charity, or refunded to trustees who have paid items on behalf of the charity.



5 Directors report – Rob

(Following is Robs transcript of this report given on the evening)

We start with this scripture from Psalm 121: I look up to the mountains—**does my help come from there? My help comes from** the Lord, who made heaven and earth! He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber.

2017 - 2018 has certainly seen some changes for Gospel4Grampian.

A few highlights and events

We celebrated 12 years on Air at the start of June. This was celebrated quietly when two of our most faithful intercessors Colin and Madeleine Windsor from JC Ministries which is based in Twickenham visited Gospel4Grampian. While here they took in a service here at Victoria Gospel Hall, Colin and Madeleine came to see the studio and to pray with us and for us. Over the years, they have been very faithful in intercession and their constant interest in the radio station and Vision. It is at this point that I should mention and acknowledge all our intercessors both here in the UK, S Africa, Africa and India. Without them, undoubtedly we would not be here. Their prayers have supported us. Through their prayers we have been given wisdom, help and finance when it was most needed. I want to acknowledge Our Trustees who have been ACE. in particular, I want to thank both Jim and Tom who have given of themselves generously.

I also need to acknowledge those who have supported us both financially and in kind.

Acknowledgement should also be made of our partner broadcasters who have given us their programs and have been ready to pray where there is a need. These include Stuart Chalmers and friends Stuart Watson and Crawford Inglis who broadcast Highest Praise on Oban FM. They load the program on to our system each week for us to broadcast as well. We also take Gospel Blues Train from Lins Honeyman. Gospel Blues Train gets aired on Revival FM and other stations.

Mention will be made of our volunteers later in this report.

We've been able to do more than in previous years in spite of having little help on the ground.

Gospel4Grampian has recorded full 2 full services at Hebron Evangelical Church in Summer Street here in Aberdeen, - NE Praise Night Service and also the Sundown Service celebrating the conclusion of Christian Youth Camps.



We were at Blacketyside Farm at Leven in Fife to record a Praise Evening.

On Friday, we recorded a message from Fergus Buchan of Faith Like Potatoes renown at The Fishermen's Mission in Faserburgh. All these were broadcast and podcast within a week of recording.

This weekend, Gospel4Grampian podcasts enjoyed a recommendation from our podcast provider Podbean. As of the day before the AGM - Gospel4Grampian had podcast 551 episodes. With 8739 downloads. In the last 3 months, our podcasts have been heard in 17 countries including; UK, United States, France, Germany, Netherlands, Greece, Kenya, S Africa, Czech Republic, India, Japan. The Top Ten most downloaded episodes included an Interview with Fergus Buchan, Fergus Buchan's visit to Fraserburgh, Sundown Service, Community Element - Urban Bee Project- The Urban Bee Project Community Element has also broadcast on SHMU FM recently. Another top podcast has included - Hope Has Wings - The Story of MAF - Mission Aviation Fellowship.

We have moved accommodation in the past 6 months. The studio and office are here at Victoria Gospel Hall still being developed.

We have upgraded our stream to 128 Kbps stereo. You can find us at <https://g4g.org.uk/wp/listen>

You will already have heard from Jim concerning our broadcast stats which also have had to change over to another provider. We are slowly getting some data and more people to migrate onto listening to our new stream. I've done what I can to get the word out about the new stream and will still continue to do so. We would encourage you to do your bit too and tell people about us. Please get involved and get your friends involved too spreading the word.

We've been dealing with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which Jim has already explained.

Recently we received a welcome bonus when we came into £400 of display boards which were not needed and not claimed by any other party. Rob claimed them for the station.

A Personal Note before going on with the report

Personally, Rob has found going through the challenges we have had recently less fraught than in the past. He has learnt to trust and is still learning to Trust God more fully. This is especially important at times when help is unreliable and he has received discouragement from some other Christians as well. Coping has been possible because of so



because of the wonderful prayer and encouragement we have had. To a certain extent the lack of help stems from the really busy pace that many people, Rob Included lead their lives. This begs such questions as, Are we too busy to take time to spend time with God to receive all He has for us?, Are we too busy to communicate the Gospel properly? How do we communicate the Gospel in a meaningful way which grabs people's attention and is relevant to busy and sometimes even broken lives?

Coming to The Vision

In order to measure progress, we need to return to our Vision which is based on John Ch10 Vs10 where Jesus tells us that His purpose is that no matter what the enemy throws at us through life, Christ's purpose is that we should Live Life to The Full. Our heart is to extend Christ's Love through our broadcasts, lives and what we do.

Our Vision is to both proclaim and demonstrate The Gospel effectively so that people can see, hear and experience The Gospel as relevant in their lives, in their communities - As a radio station, we should Engage, Equip, Enable communities to Live life to the full with Christ Jesus at the centre.

Putting the Vision into Practice

How do we do this? - We broadcast The Gospel clearly, broadcast God's Word letting it speak for itself. Broadcast testimony and teaching where we can, make our output encouraging with music to uplift and inspire.

We are a community radio station so we are a sign posting service telling listeners about the help that is available, be it from Aberdeen City Council, other local authorities and organisations.

We deal with organisations including:

SCARF (helping out with home and business energy advice),

CFINE - Community Food Initiatives NE Scotland who run a Food Bank, a training kitchen and also operate Cash in your pocket- Cash in your Pocket is a scheme which helps people who are struggling to make the most of their money.

Other needs we have covered have included dealing with cancer. Organisations like CLAN Cancer Care in Aberdeen do a great job. Brian has done a great job of highlighting many of these organisations in Brian's Good News.

This is just a small amount of the information we give out. This information is both broadcast and podcast. Our Podcasts allow listeners to click on links to websites associated with the podcast content to get more information.

We broadcast this information because this is a need in NE Scotland.



We don't just deal with secular organisations. The heart is to encourage and mobilise the Church. The Church is defined as believers who have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour whatever their denomination. Rob is now peripatetic visiting and encouraging believers from all denominations to work together in Unity and Love. This ethic can be summed up by the three words – "Unity Of Response". The heart is that as believers come together, putting differences aside and respecting each others calling and ministry in Love. This will spill over into a more vital, vibrant, fluid way of working. This will mean that needs in local communities can be effectively met. This will demonstrate Christ's Love more clearly.

This includes churches outside of Aberdeen throughout N Scotland. It is most unlikely Rob will complete this work fully on his own. A start has been made and Rob will continue going. More folk are needed to help Rob in this way. One of the next new Churches to visit will be a Community Church in Inverurie.

It needs to be emphasised that this work is a part of the over all vision which is to Proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel and so to Engage, Equip, Enable Communities to Live Life To the Full with Christ Jesus at the Centre.

Volunteers

Brian is one of our most faithful volunteers - Brian's Good news is broadcast as part of our Community Elements Show. Brian comes in on a Thursday with 4 good news stories collated from local news papers. What I really like is that by default or design, Brian follows stories through even when updates may be weeks or months apart. When these stories are podcast, we look up and post links to websites so that people can click on these to get extra information when they read the description of the podcast.

This does not always happen when Rob has other things to do. Its a good standard to aspire to and it would be great to have help in this area.

We celebrate with Rachel Summers who is now engaged and will be married next summer. It was great to catch up with her recently. Rachel still manages to record and send Word for Today when she can.

Austyn Robb joined our ranks earlier this summer. He works with his dad on an accountancy firm nearer Banchory. A very busy summer has meant that Austyn has been unable to devote his time to the radio station. He has been in contact to highlight a few events.

Our volunteer Sandra Smith still takes an active interest in the radio station and is one of our intercessors.



Programmes at Gospel4Grampian

Programmes and music output is continuing to evolve as we learn more about what people like to listen to.

Our Music - Earlier in the year, after being given 3 large boxes of cds in 2017, we began a program called Best of Gospel. This broadcasts twice a day and more times at the weekend. People from several churches have indicated this music is their preferred music and wanted to tune in. Watch out for more of this.

Other future developments include - Testimonies and other community based programmes. These include 'Hours in The Broch' - In the next few weeks, Rob will be taking another trip to Fraserburgh to record Christian and local history program about fishing folk, Maggie's Hoosie. It will feature local music and testimony The program is to be broadcast soon after recording to keep interest. Why do this? On the most recent trip to Fraserburgh -Rob became aware of the Faith and love shown in Close knit communities like Fraserburgh and Cairnbulg. Many people will be able to relate to this. It is anticipated that this will bring in new listeners.

The Future

In order to move forward, we need many more people on board both as intercessors and people on the ground who can run with the vision. We need people to perform excellently to bring The Gospel in a relevant way to many more people. We need an FM licence to reach very many more people in N Scotland. Many people have asked What is your frequency? When told we don't have one, they often claim they don't understand the internet and computers. The fact is that the internet radio has the potential to reach very many and we must do all we can with what we have. Its an on going process. I believe that we need extra impetus to highlight this great resource.

6 AOCB

Jim had one item regarding the role of Chairman to the BOT.

He has been doing this for some time and is also the Secretary. He proposed that we adopt a method where the Chairman role be shared between the BOT members. A new Chairman would be appointed at each BOT meeting and that person would hold the role until the next BOT Meeting.

After some discussion about the legal requirements of the Chariman role it was unanimously agreed to proceed with this arrangement.



7 Refreshments

The members present enjoyed some refreshments – thank to those who helped prepare this and also to Mary Buchan for providing a “fine piece” for this part of the evening.