

Minutes of Meeting held at Vittoria on the Walk, Edinburgh on 8 February 2016 of Committee established to promote projects to celebrate the first Millennium of Picinisco in 2017

Present

Cesidio Di Ciacca
Tony Crolla
Paul Pia
Adriano Demarco
Tina Stewart
Ronnie Convery

Apologies

Philip Contini
Davide Perella

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting** The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2016 were approved.
2. **Foundation** Given the advice of John Di Mambro, Chartered Accountants and the experience of PP and CDC, the meeting agreed that the establishment of a formal legal charity in Scotland was appropriate. In particular:-
 1. a formal legal entity is required to open a Bank account,
 2. the legal form of a SCIO (a Scottish Charity) provides personal legal protection to the Trustees for defaults and debts of the Foundation
 3. a scottish charity gives UK tax payers tax rebates on their donations
 4. a scottish charity is publicly regulated and should therefore give confidence to prospective donors internationally
 5. if the constitution is properly worded, a scottish charity can benefit and carry out works in other countries.

AD dissented.
3. **AIMS** After discussion, the Aims of the Foundation contained in the draft Constitution circulated earlier and read out to the Meeting were approved. Essentially these were to seek to deliver at least 2 physical commemorative projects in Picinisco and 1 in Scotland, to assist in organising at least 1 event in Italy and 1 in Scotland and to fund raise for these purposes.
4. **Constitution** The Meeting also confirmed the remaining terms of the Constitution and especially that (a) Membership should be free and open to everyone who registered (thus enabling every interested person to vote at any general meeting of the Foundation) and (b) no payments should be made to Trustees for their services and except in exceptional circumstances no expenses should be paid to them either.
3. **Trustees** PP, TC, TS and CDC confirmed their willingness to be appointed trustees. AD declined to be appointed. After discussion, it was agreed that the role of RC as "webmaster" was onerous and it was appropriate that once funds were raised he be paid for this. Consequently, it was preferable that he should not be a trustee to maintain the commitment that no rewards would be received by the trustees for their services. CDC confirmed he would circulate forms for signing.
4. **Office Bearers** CDC was appointed Chairman, PP was appointed Company Secretary and TS was appointed Treasurer.

5. **Logo** RC tabled draft logos which had been prepared. After discussion, he was requested to simplify these into a roundel with the well known image of the castle in Picinisco (used by the Comune), with the words "Picinisco Val di Comino Millennium 1017 -2017". CDC confirmed he would take the final approved logo to Picinisco on his next visit (w/c 22 February) to give the mirror organisation in Picinisco the opportunity to adopt this and indeed the website (see below).
6. **Website** RC advised the meeting that he had received advice that a website (with around 7 sections) in 2 languages would effectively require 2 websites to be created. He had received a quote for a total of £1,000 from the web designer who does the design for the Archdiocese of Glasgow and others. This was accepted. CDC undertook to underwrite the cost of this, in the event that insufficient donations were received by the Foundation. It is hoped that the mirror organisation in Picinisco will provide information about their activities to RC to update this website to ensure a united front and the most complete information to the international public.
7. **Projects / Donations** CDC provided a (very) brief update on his initiatives and this of others. TC undertook to investigate holding a Dinner Dance to raise funds and to encourage the younger members of the Community to do likewise.
9. **Determine how to liaise with any Committee established in Picinisco / the Comune / The Church** It was agreed this was a sensitive and very important topic. All should be aware of the importance of creating harmony amongst ourselves and especially in Picinisco and Val di Comino.
10. **Promotion / Links with Other Countries** CDC tabled an initial list of important contacts in other countries who have an interest in Picinisco and Val di Comino. The committee was asked to identify contacts in other countries who could assist with promotion, acting as a sounding board and especially helping to promote fund raising.
11. **Date of Next Meeting** It was agreed the next meeting be arranged in Glasgow and the date to be advised
12. **Meeting Closed**