

# Minutes of Meeting held at Holiday Inn, Glasgow on 20 January 2016 of Committee established to promote projects to celebrate the first Millennium of Picinisco in 2017

## Present

Cesidio Di Ciacca  
Adriano Demarco  
Davide Perella  
Tina Crolla  
Ronnie Convery

## Apologies

Philip Contini  
Tony Crolla  
Paul Pia

1. **Purpose** The purpose of the group established to promote projects to celebrate the first Millennium of Picinisco in Val di Comino in 2017 was confirmed. In particular the following were emphasised as being important:-
  - The fact that Picinisco was a part of Val di Comino and that this Millennial celebration should be conducted so far as possible to benefit the whole valley
  - While the group was based principally in Scotland, it must reach out and seek to contact every nation to which Piciniscan have emigrated.
  - It must be and be seen to be completely transparent and financially managed with NO personal benefit being achieved by anyone.
  - Communication with the Comune of Picinisco, the Pro Loco, other local organisations and of course the Church was very important to create harmony.
  - While the Scottish organisation would have legal responsibility for the projects to be supported every effort would be made to take the opinion of interested individuals where possible but final decisions would remain with this group.
  - This group should be an enabling group and seek to assist others to achieve their own aspirations for the Celebrations during 2017
2. **Legal Entity** AD and CDC both reported discussions which they had each held with Marco Scapatticci, the Sindaco of Picinisco. It was agreed after discussion that a legal entity in Scotland would be much simpler and cheaper to establish as well as being subject to world respected public checks and controls. It was expected that a mirror organisation be established in Picinisco to assist co-ordination between Italy and this group.
3. **Legal Structure** It was agreed that CDC should meet John Di Mambro, Chartered Accountants to discuss the preferred legal structure, constitution and costs and report back to the next meeting. It was accepted that if we follow a normal constitution, the Trustees or Directors should seek reelection by some group or other after a suitable period. This firm has strong connections with Cassino. A "charity" established in Scotland would be eligible to give tax relief to UK taxpayers who made donations.
4. **Logo** It was agreed that a logo was necessary. RC agreed to ask 2 graphic designers to prepare draft suggestions of a suitable logo which should incorporate references to Picinisco, Val di Comino, Italy and the Millennium. He was awarded a budget of £100 and asked to have these available for the next meeting. CDC will supply him with copies of logos currently in use in the area.
5. **Website** A website was considered essential for promotion. Agreed this be written in English and Italian (Starting with English version). As a part of this it was agreed that a regular

Newsletter was essential. It was also agreed that a Page to gather support from Well-wishers would be essential and a “barometer” indicating how much had been raised for any project. And if possible an interactive map showing the location of supporters. [Q. Is it worth suggesting that the public have the opportunity of indicating they “like” or “support” a particular project?

6. **Just Giving Page** CDC recommended a Just Giving Page be established for simplicity and financial transparency. He suggested those interested look at their site.
7. **Banks** It was agreed that payments from bank accounts should require 2 authorised persons. It was also agreed it would be useful to have an Italian (and perhaps 2) Italian bank accounts. CDC advised that to do so the Scottish legal entity would require to have a formal certified translation of the constitution and administrative documents, and then register with the Camera di Commercio in Frosinone. He also explained that Italian bank accounts were expensive to maintain.
8. **Projects / Donations** **As a matter of principle it was agreed that the role of this group should be to assist the fulfilment of projects during 2017 and beyond.** The following Projects / Gifts from Piciniscani abroad were proposed (each of which need discussion in due course)
  1. Stain Glass Window for S. Rocco
  2. Bronze Doors for S. Lorenzo
  3. Complete Sentiero towards the Basilica della Madonna di Canneto
  4. Republication of “A Wandering Minstral”
  5. Publication of Other Books
    - Cara Francesca (translation of Dear Francesca)
    - Libro di Ricette locale (80+ già raccolte) in italiano e inglese
    - Un Libro Vocabolario Piciniscano
    - Aqua Mater - Photographic Book by Luigi Gianetti
    - Picinisco Storico - A Photographic Record - Luigi Gianetti
    - Book by Virginia Arcari
    - Others in preparation
  6. Red Hot Chilli Pipers / Haggis Neeps, Tatties and whisky
  7. Gadgets, ecc. to raise funds
    - Illuminated Pottery Plaque with your family name and the Logo of the Comune of Picinisco {with the date your family name first appears in the Records of S. Lorenzo?}
    - Illuminated Pottery Plaque with your Business Name to be displayed outside your Premises with the title “Amico DOC di Picinisco”Both of these are offered with the approval of the Comune of Picinisco
  7. Photographic Competition
  8. New Exhibition of Arandora Star / Italians in Scotland from Public Record Office
  9. Art Exhibition Being prepared by George Winter
  10. A film showing “A Year in the Life of Picinisco”
  11. Suggestions by Tony Crolla
    - Some sort of statue, fountain, plaque in a prominent location
    - Fundraising ideas like a dinner dance
    - A wine or typical dish sold in connected catering places with a small donation to the fund
    - Sporting event home -away football match
  12. Suggestions by Philip Contini
    - The sell-out show, Italia 'n' Caledonia, about the early 20th c Italian immigrant story into Scotland including the Arandora Star story and bringing the immigrant story up to date. The show is performed in English but a percentage could be translated into Italian if there was a benefit in doing

that. The show can be a straight 80/90 minutes performance or better still a performance of two 45 minutes halves to allow the bar to sell wine and gather some income! There would be a cast of 3 plus our stage manager. Scenery and props would need to be shipped.

- The Music genres that could be provided by my maximum cast of preferably 6 but possibly 5 musicians: Swing Jazz, Neapolitan Songs, Classic Italian ie Tosti, Scottish Ballads, Scottish Country Dancing with a caller, Piper, Italian/ American Song book. The array of instruments for a full cast would be: Accordion, Pipes, Double Bass, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Mandolin, Flute, Piano player.
- In 1929 when Alfonso Crolla was made Cavaliere della Repubblica in Scotland the local band master in Picinisco composed a march in his honour. We have the original manuscript of Alfonso's March. It has been transposed for our own band instruments but our arranger could write the parts for your local brass band. It is a great tune. Made in Picinisco!

**9. Promotion of Ideas to the Comune** It was agreed that we should gather a list of matters we would like to promote to the Commune and to the Regional and Provincial authorities in Italy, such as:-

- RenewPiazza Ernesto Capocci
- Join I Borghi più Belli d'Italia
- Join Bandiere Arancioni TCI
- Compulsory Acquisition of Centrale Perrelli (not the soap works)
- Costruire un funicolare from Borgo Castellone to Picinisco

**9. Determine how to liase 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** It was agreed that a Facebook and other social media pages would ne useful and further than initial promotion would be delayed until the Foundation was established and the website online

**13 Links with Other Countries** Each was asked to identify links in other countries who could assist with promotion, acting as a sounding board and especially helping to promote fund raising, in

- England / Wales / Ireland
- Canada
- USA
- Venezuela
- France / Belgium
- Others

**10. Date of Next Meeting** It was agreed the next meeting be arranged in Edinburgh at 3pm on Monday 8 February 2016. Venue and final arrangements to be confirmed.

**11. Meeting Closed**