

skills which could be of assistance to the board.” It has been suggested that Trustees from outside Scotland or from Outwith Picinisco could widen the appeal of the Foundation. Michael Capocci and Deidre McKenna have indicated an interest in helping.

Michael Capocci. Mike’s grandparents had been born in Picinisco and he spent most of his summers there as a young man. He elaborated his career as a Chartered Surveyor focusing on uk wide commercial property development and fund management, based in London, where he lives

Mike elaborated on ideas for fund raising.

After a discussion, the Trustees decided they would welcome Mike as a trustee if he was willing to be seconded. Mike confirmed his willingness was welcomed as a Trustee.

Deirdre McKenna. Deirdre has extensive experience in relations to the Arts and in fundraising for projects in both Scotland and Filignano, where her family originate. She also has contacts in Australia and has proposed an exhibition to the Italian Institute of Culture relating to Migration from Picinisco and surrounds to Scotland. The Trustees agreed that Deirdre should be invited to become a Trustee and CDC was requested to contact her to seek confirmation she is willing to become a trustee.

4 Donations DP reported that the Bank account had lodgements of approx £7,800. After a debate, it was agreed that donations should be published regularly, unless donors had requested anonymity.

5 Support for Third Party Charities to encourage Sponsorship. MC suggested that donations could be substantially increased and in particular corporate sponsorship would be encouraged if it could be demonstrated that funds contributed to Picinisco 1000 could be seen to benefit other charities.

After discussion, the Trustees agreed that this decision may be in conflict with the purposes of the Foundation, which are:

“to promote projects and events to celebrate the first Millennium of Picinisco in Val di Comino in 2017 and to conduct these activities in such a way as to recognise that:-

Picinisco is 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 Foundation is based in Scotland, it must reach out and seek to contact every nation to which emigration from Val di Comino has occurred;

To promote art, music and the culture of Val di Comino and the former Terra di Lavoro/, of which Val di Comino forms part and to increase an understanding and awareness of the contribution made by the people of this area in Scotland, the UK and elsewhere in the world.

To be an enabling group and seek to assist others to achieve their own aspirations to celebrate and commemorate the Millennium providing these are in line with our objectives;

To promote Italian heritage, language & citizenship;

To actively communicate with the Comune of Picinisco, the Pro Loco, other local organisations in Val di Comino as well as the Church to promote harmony.”

Accordingly, it was decided that we should approach donors and supporters for a particular project - including the dance - on the basis that the proceeds would be used for a number of charities - which should be named, along with the percentages,

6 Dinner Dance TC introduced Paul Warren of Paramount Design, who organises the Scottish Italian Awards. Paul advised the Trustees that he would be pleased to provide support for the fund raising dinner dance planned for 2017 without charging any fee, although printing materials would be charged at cost. The Trustees confirmed their thanks.

It was accepted that for a variety of reasons it would be necessary to postpone the event until a Sunday in May 2017. Paul recommended that the dance be held in the Sheraton Edinburgh with an expectation of 300 tickets being sold at £100 each for a 4 course meal (without wine). TC advised that the Sheraton would charge £40 a head and expect a bottle of wine for each bottle consumed (in lieu of corkage). Paul indicated he would start to look for sponsors.

If sufficient interest were shown further dances could be held in Glasgow, Manchester and London.

Paul was requested to prepare a firm proposal and bring it back for a final approval at the next meeting.

7 Immigrant Statue Competition MC suggested that a competition be organised to design a Statue commemorating Emigration from Picinisco, which could be sponsored by families recording on a plinth the name of individuals, date of emigration, place of emigration and what he/she achieved.

8 Marketing Materials MC requested letterhead and a brochure be prepared and CDC undertook to arrange this with Paramount Design

9 Invoices Invoices from Anne McCrory (website design) for £1,000 and £4,079.80 (being 50% of total cost) from Maralyn O'Keefe - The Glass and Art Gallery have been received and DP was requested to arrange payment.

10 Date of next meeting **To be arranged**