



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015 MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel    Date & Time: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 7:30 p.m.

1. **Attendees:** Tansy Grahame, Tanja Mehrer, Yvonne Bower , Angus McCurrach, Brian McAulay, Dave Dixon, Mike Bower, Russell Taylor , Scott Thomson.

Brian as Chairperson, welcomed all to the A.G.M. and began the Agenda.

2. **Apologies for absence:** Jill McWilliam, Liz Oats, Mary Palmer, Gordon McKay.

3. **2014 Minutes:** The minutes for the 2014 A.G.M. were read and accepted by all.

4. **Chairpersons Report:**

As we reach the end of our third year, I am very pleased with our wee club.

The patient is in rude health and thriving!

Highlights of the year for me at least ,in no particular order, have been:-

- Singing and Drumming workshops, courtesy of Janice Clark, and our Angus and Tanja.
- Visit and concert from our great friend Skip Gorman.
- Fantastic party - and workshop - in the village hall, starring the very talented Robyn Stapleton.
- Halloween Ceilidh with energetic and very lively " Life of Riley."
- External concerts , including Senior Citizens and Scottish Week in Peterhead, a wild and wonderful night in the Hatton Hall to name but a few.
- Debut performances from the Jazz Crew, Rodriguez and constant surprises throughout the year.

How many times have we heard " so much talent in a wee village like Cruden Bay!" ?

For the future I firmly believe we can continue to both surprise and be surprised at the wide variety and depth of ability appearing at our monthly soirees.

We have a healthy bank balance and we're planning to invest in some equipment, underwrite the cost of some visiting talent, and I think we should also be planning to spend some money on doing some studio recording, at the very least to turn the essence of this quite remarkable wee club into something tangible, and not just a memory.

None of this would be possible without a great deal of time and effort, both from the committee and the wider membership-very often unnoticed and unthanked.

So particular thanks to all the committee members for all the tireless effort, to all performers, and to all the audiences - makes it all worthwhile.

I will be happy to continue as chair, but equally happy to make way for anyone else to have a go.

*Brian McAulay.....Club Chairperson 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.*

## 5. Treasurers Report :

### Cruden Bay Folk Club Annual Treasurer's Report Period 1/10/14 to 1/10/15

<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Income</u>
Gifts	£40	-
Charity	£150	-
Misc. Publicity	£93.46	-
Hall Hire	£335	-
Performers fees		
	(Robyn) £450	-
	(Skip) £217.25	-
Ticket Sales (Robyn)	-	£752
Workshops (not including hall hire)		
	(Janice) £150	£65
	(Robyn) £100	£85
	(Angus) -	£185
14 Raffles (club nights, Robyn & Skip)	£306.95	£1,915.94

Subtotal

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£1,842.66

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£3,002.94

Previous total on 30/09/14    £1998.55    -£1,842.66    +£3,002.94 = £3158.83

New total on 30/09/15    =    **£3158.83**

These accounts are subject to auditing by Sue Grosvenor and will be available for viewing at the December meeting of the Folk Club.

*Tansy Grahame*..... Club Treasurer.

## **6. Publicity Officer's Report :**

I am pleased to submit the Publicity Officers report for 2015.

During the past 12 months we have continued to make good use of our Club website and facebook page. We have also communicated regularly using the Folk Club distribution List which has increased to 85 subscribers and we have also continued to circulate updates via our facebook page which has also had increased visitors over the last year.

Last Autumn we moved the club through to the Dining Room of the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel which proved to be a great success, the Dining Room provides a more intimate atmosphere as those present are generally there because they want to be at the Folk Club rather than people who have just come out for a few drinks and found themselves caught up in the middle of one of our amazing club nights. Having said that the move back through to the Lounge Bar in April was an easy transition and the popularity of the club continued to draw strong audiences every month. As publicity officer I have communicated strongly the attributes of both venues and encouraging visitors and regulars to support the club whatever room we are in as the heart and soul of our club is more associated with those attending than the room we occupy.

The move away from the shared domain [www.Crudenbay.org.uk](http://www.Crudenbay.org.uk) proved to be an easy transition. We had shared this domain with the Cruden Bay Community Association, but there were rumbles about them wanting to do something more purposeful with the domain, and it made sense for us to break away and obtain our own domain name. We have since launched our own website [www.crudenbayfolkclub.co.uk](http://www.crudenbayfolkclub.co.uk) which has now had the chance to imbed itself into the interweb thingy making our site easily found and its content exclusively accessible to those interested in what we are doing.

We have successfully promoted a number of significant events this year, starting off with the Robyn Stapleton concert in April, an evening with Skip Gorman and our Scottish Week appearance in July we captured the imagination of many with our original twist on Halloween with our Ceilidhoween Bash, and in November the charity concert also held in the village hall in aid of Save the Children.

All in all a good year at the (publicity) office, people know who we are, where we are, what we are getting up to, and how to get in touch with us, and at the end of the day, that's what it's all about.

Remember to keep forwarding your important updates to me so I can post them in the relevant place to keep our publicity info as up to date as possible.

*Gordon Mackay...Club Publicity Officer.*

**7. Appointment of Auditor:** It was agreed by all that our present auditor Sue Grosvenor MICB. CB. PM. Dip of SGG Business Services would be requested to audit the accounts next year.

**8. Elections:** Liz Oates and Mary Palmer will not be standing for re-election to the committee this year due to other commitments, with Liz involved with the Peterhead Rotary Club, and Mary returning to Port Patrick, both will be very much missed for both their company and the efforts put in to making the Folk Club a success.

As we say at the Cruden Bay Folk Club " Haste Ye Back--The Door is Always Open"

Election Results as follows:

**Chairperson-** **Brian** proposed by Yvonne seconded by Tansy, accepted by all

**Vice Chairperson-** **Yvonne** proposed by Brian seconded by Angus, accepted by all

**Secretary** - **Scott** proposed by Mike seconded by Russell, accepted by all

**Treasurer** - **Tansy** proposed by Brian seconded by Yvonne, accepted by all

**Publicity Officer** - **Gordon** proposed by Mike seconded by Angus, accepted by all

**Committee Members:** **Tanya, Jill, Angus, Russell, Dave, Mike,** have all offered to remain as committee members for another year.

**9. AOCB:** It was agreed by all to set up a small Sub-Committee as "Events Co-ordinators, whose role would be to organise various events throughout the year 2016 and detail the assistance required by all of the committee to host these events, hall set up, hall tidy, ticket sales , etc.

Tanja and Angus were asked if they would like to take on this role for the forthcoming year and both agreed to the post. It will be up to all members to support this to make it a success.

It also has been agreed to look to other regulars to the Folk Club to boost the numbers of committee members for 2016.

With regard to performers and Performances, young Ailsa Dixon's contributions to the Folk Club over the year should be recognised and applauded, a certain star for the future, and we all look forward to further performances in 2016.

**9. Date of next Meeting:** Brian thanked all who attended and the AGM and for all their efforts in the past year, and closed the A.G.M.

A date will be agreed later for the 2016 A.G.M.

Scott Thomson ( Secretary )