



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019 MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel

Date & Time: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 7:30 p.m.

1. Attendees: Yvonne Bower, Beryl Maclean, Mike Bower, Brian McAulay and Scott Thomson.
2. Apologies for absence: Jill McWilliams, Tansy Grahame, Dave Dixon, Gordon Mackay and Michael Hendry.

Yvonne as Chairperson welcomed all to the A.G.M. and before starting the Agenda thanked all the committee members and Office Bearers for all their efforts and support during 2019.

3. 2018 AGM Minutes: The minutes for the 2018 A.G.M. were read and accepting the minutes proposed by Yvonne and seconded by Mike and agreed by all.

#### 4. Chairpersons Report:

It has been another successful year for the Club. Although we haven't staged many big events this year, we have been busy.

The Iona Fyfe workshops and concert on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 went very well. Iona held a singing workshop on the Saturday morning and her guitar accompanist held a guitar workshop in the afternoon. Approximately 50 people attended the concert, which

show-cased the talents of this young singer. Also contributing to the successful and enjoyable evening, were the Russel Taylor Band.

The Club has also been invited to perform at ladies' Rural meetings, Care homes and Sheltered housing evening meetings. The most recent event was at Slains School to contribute to the children's learning about Doric, traditional music, poetry and storytelling. It is important to the Club to maintain and develop links in and with the local community.

Monthly Club nights have been successful, enjoyable and consistent in the amount of folk attending. Although a few nights have started with a few musicians and singers, no evening has been lacking in music and has allowed for a few more 'sessions' towards the end of the evenings. Participants have come from all over the Shire and we now have new regular performers attending.

We have now purchased a new PA system including microphones, mixer and speakers. Also, several committee members attended a session to learn how to set the system. These purchases have helped to produce a much better sound and simplicity of setting-up and putting equipment away.

Much has been happening in the lives of Committee members, which has sadly resulted in lower numbers of folk being able to attend, although supporting the club as much as they are able. Beryl, who has joined the Club is also now a Committee member and has proved to be a very good at liaison and organising. It would be useful if we could encourage new Committee members to come forward.

Due to the successful Club nights, the raffles have proved to be profitable. This has allowed the Club to purchase the new PA system, subsidise workshops and allow a charitable donation of £200 to the Salvation Army, Peterhead. This was further boosted by a Karaoke event held by Brian McAulay in the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel, which raised £180

It is hoped that the Folk Club will continue to be successful and be part of the local community for many years to come.

Yvonne Bowyer

Chair, Cruden Bay Folk Club

## **5. Treasurers Report:**

### **Annual Treasurer's Report Oct 1st 2018 to Sept 30th 2019**

Our funds stand £31.47 greater than this time last year.

Last year's total £2,570.02

**This year's total £2,601.49**

#### **Yearly Income**

Raffle £1,596.36

Ticket sales £240

Travel mugs sold to committee members £20

**Total Income £1856.36**

#### **Yearly Expenses**

Musicians and sound engineer fees £700

Raffle prizes and books £364.89

Hall hire £268

Music equipment £168.75

Charitable donations and gifts £132

Website fees £121.75

Refreshments £54.50

Refund for 2 club t-shirts £15

**Total Expenses £1824.89**

Mike Bower

Joint Treasurer

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

### Publicity / Marketing Report 2019/20

Publicity and Marketing activities were shared between David Dixon and Gordon Mackay. As in previous years information was shared via email, facebook and our own website, with David producing a wide variety of posters across the year to advertise and promote club events and activities.

The club website remains the static online presence providing a wide range of information on the club's activities and features prominently on the home page, the regular club night calendar.

The site has been recently updated to include a live feed from the club's facebook page to help inform those who may not have a facebook account on the latest updates posted there.

In terms of the cost of operating the online publicity / marketing activities, facebook continues to be free of charge.

The website however continues to have 3 costs associated with the ongoing operation.

1. The club website domain name @ £25 for 2 years (next renewal Feb 2021)
2. Website Security Certificate @ £71.99 (due now)
3. Website Hosting @ £50.00 per year (due now)

Gordon will continue to manage and update website over the next 12 months.

Gordon Mackay

Joint Publicity Officer

## **7. Appointment of Auditor:** Dawn Allen has been appointed as Auditor for the Cruden Bay Folk Club.

## 8. Elections:

Election Results as follows:

Chairperson - **Yvonne** proposed by Scott, seconded by Brian and accepted by all.

Vice Chairperson - **Brian** proposed by Yvonne, seconded by Beryl and accepted by all.

Secretary - **Scott** proposed by Beryl, seconded by Mike and accepted by all.

Joint Treasurer - **Tansy** proposed by Yvonne, seconded by Scott and accepted by all.

Joint Treasurer - **Mike** proposed by Scott, seconded by Brian and accepted by all.

Joint Publicity Officer - **Gordon** proposed by Yvonne, seconded by Mike and accepted by all.

Joint Publicity Officer - **Dave** proposed by Brian, seconded by Scott and accepted by all.

Note: It was agreed by all to elect another joint publicity officer to assist during Dave's convalescence and as Michael had intimated at the last monthly meeting a willingness to assist where required it was agreed that Michael would be the man for the task.

Joint Publicity Officer - **Michael** proposed by Scott, seconded by Brian and accepted by all.

Committee Members: **Beryl and Jill** have both offered to remain as committee members for another year.

New Members: There are no new members at this time.

9. **AOCB:** None.

10. **Yvonne** as re-elected Chairperson thanked everyone for attending the A.G.M. then closed the Meeting.

Date for the 2020 A.G.M. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Scott Thomson (Secretary)