



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022 MINUTES

Location: ZOOM Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday 15th March 2023 7:30 p.m.

1. Attendees: Yvonne Bower, Tansy Grahame, Corine Kooij, Eulyn Pagaling, Jill McWilliams, Janet Sharp, Mike Bower, Gordon Mackay, Joe McVey and Scott Thomson.
2. Apologies for absence: Michael Hendry and Brian McAulay.

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 the year 2022.

3. 2021 AGM Minutes: The minutes for the 2021 A.G.M. were read and acceptance of the minutes proposed by Yvonne and seconded by Janet and agreed by all.

4. Chairpersons Report:

What a difference a year makes! Last year I was reporting that we were having bi-monthly Zoom Folk Nights due to Covid but now we are back to our monthly Folk Nights in the Kilmarnock Arms!

We continued with our bi-monthly Zoom Folk Nights until June 2022, when we had our first of three monthly post Covid live sessions in Cruden Bay Village Hall. They were held in the Hall as there was more room to spread out and hopefully help participants feel more 'comfortable'. The sessions were very well attended and performances were recorded and posted on the web site to show our Zoom followers, locally and internationally! It is hoped to have some Trans-Atlantic joint performances arranged during the coming year.

Then in September we returned to live monthly Club Nights in the Kilmarnock Arms. Due to changes in the Hotel functioning, we now start at 8.30pm and finish at 11.30pm. Attendances have been down on pre-Covid days but have been well attended, very enjoyable and have included a number of new performers. The New Year's Day live afternoon session also returned and again was enjoyed by all.

In October 2022, the Folk Club celebrated their 10th Anniversary and on 29th April '23 will be the 100th live Folk Night. Hopefully we will have another excellent turnout!

Committee Meetings have continued in the main, using Zoom, although we have had a couple of live meetings. Zoom meetings have their advantages when the weather is inclement!

The Folk Club continue to try to support local causes and charities. This year our annual charity donation was split between Shirley's Space, main base in the Crimond Hub and CLAN.

Many thanks to all those who have supported the club in various ways over the past year and we hopefully Folk Club Night numbers will continue to grow over the coming year.

Yvonne Bowyer, Chairperson, Cruden Bay Folk Club

5. Treasurers Report for the year 1st October 2021 to 31st December 2022

The Cruden Bay Folk Club

Account year ended: 31st December 2022

Responsibilities and basis of Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended: 31st December 2022

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, other than that disclosed below in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with the appropriate acts or

the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Matters for Attention:

1. There is no receipt or confirmation paperwork for the Software subscription of £146.

Please note that this should be included in the 2023 accounts as on bank statement for 4th January 2023 and not as an item for 2022

2. The corresponding Cheque numbers for Cheques 56 and 57 were not on the spreadsheet I have added these onto the audited pages for cross reference.

Name: Dawn Allen

Address: Larch House, Rora, AB42 4UX

Signed



Date 23/09/2023

Regards **Brian McAulay** Treasurer Cruden Bay Folk Club

6. Publicity Officer's Publicity / Marketing Report 2022/23

Since our last AGM the club has seen us shift back to our regular format of monthly meetings in the Killie, but we did start the year with our final Virtual Club Nights in March and May followed by 3 sessions in the Village Hall before returning to the Killie in September.

From a Publicity and Marketing perspective we were able to inform our distribution list of these developments and keep people up to date with all ongoing activities through the club website.

The website has also been able to promote the Fiere Deems and hopefully provided useful detail to those interested in learning more about our 'sister' organisation (do you like what I did there?).

I have managed to post some new material to the website to add to the wonderful archive we created during the Virtual Club Nights, I'd like to do more of this but it has been difficult to maintain focus on sound desk duties and remembering to record some of the performances, but I have been able to use clips recorded by others and post them to the website, most recently Sook's footage of our 'Wullie Brewed a Peck o' Maut' interpretation from our Burns themed night in January. Going forward I would encourage all committee members and audience members in general to try to catch some footage, which could then be passed on to me to see if I can do anything with it. If you haven't already seen the clips posted most recently, you'll find them on the home page of the website and also feature our Christmas Concert Party and The Fiere Deems featuring Big Bad Brian McAulay, it would be great to have access to more of this sort of footage filmed during our coming Club Nights.

A more recent benefit of our website was the role it played on bring our club to the attention of Sir-Reel Clarks who as you all know are due to perform and extended slot for us at our club night at the end of the month.

I have been in regular communication with Aaron's mother to do what I can to make sure that we're properly prepared for them and that Aaron can feel relaxed in our presence and enjoy his visit to CBFK. I have already checked with Aaron's mother if she'd be happy to record their spot for use on our site etc. and I'm delighted to report their approval for us to do so. I am planning on setting up a couple of smartphone cameras, but would welcome any additional footage you may capture as it may prove useful in the creation of the footage I hope to create following this event.

We are agreed that the Zoom licence will not be renewed at the end of the current contract, I'm sure we are all in agreement that this was a lifeline for the club during the pandemic, but as we no longer use the platform for club nights, and it's use is now restricted to committee meetings, it does not make sense to continue with the expense of a Zoom subscription and we can still meet virtually using the free version which although limiting meetings to 40 minutes, this will be more than adequate for committee meetings, longer meetings may require a second login, but the savings will be well worth this adjustment to the service

Gordon Mackay Publicity Officer Cruden Bay Folk Club

7. Elections:

Election Results as follows:

Chairperson- **Yvonne** proposed by **Janet** seconded by **Tansy** and accepted by all.

Vice Chairperson-**Mike** proposed by **Gordon** seconded by **Jill** and accepted by all.

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

Treasurer - **Brian** proposed by **Tansy** seconded by **Janet** and accepted by all.

Joint Treasurer - **Tansy** has agreed to provide Emergency Cover, if and when required, for the Treasurer's duties, but not in the form of an official post. Everyone thanked Tansy for this valuable assistance.

Publicity + I.T. Officer - **Gordon** proposed by **Yvonne** seconded by **Janet** and accepted by all.

Committee Members: Michael Hendry has requested to stand down this year as a committee member, due to other commitments at this time, but would like to re-join the committee at a later stage.

Corine, Janet, Jill, and Tansy have all agreed to remain as committee members for another year and a great big welcome to our new Committee Members Eulyne and Joe.

Auditor : Dawn has agreed to carry on Auditing of the Folk Club books for year 2023.

9. AOCB: None.

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

Date for the 2023 A.G.M. (To be arranged at a future date)

Scott Thomson (Secretary)