



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2023 MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Cruden Bay

Date & Time: Wednesday 13th March 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

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 hard work and support during the year 2023.

3. 2022 AGM Minutes: The minutes for the 2022 A.G.M. were read and acceptance of the minutes proposed by Mike and seconded by Yvonne and agreed by all.

4. Chairperson's Report for the year 2023

What a successful year the Folk Club has had!

The Club and its supporters have moved on from Covid times and have produced wonderful music and songs. The Committee have continued to have monthly meetings, which have in the main, been done through Zoom. This makes it easier for participants, especially for those living out of the village. I mention this, so that anyone who may feel it easier to be part of the Committee through Zoom, are welcome to join us!

Folk Club nights are fully back in the dining room of Kilmarnock Arms and have gone from strength to strength over the past year. Attendance of participants and audience has been wonderful and we have welcomed new folk who are now attending regularly each month.

The introduction of more 'theme' nights including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and Burns have led to standing room only in the dining room! In March we are having an Irish theme for St Patrick's Day and also will be welcoming, for the second time this year, Sir Reel Clark. The first time Sir Reel Clark performed, they proved very popular and their musical talent was wonderful. In May, the theme will be Women in Music.

In the past Folk Club members have played in local Care and Supported Living centres. Covid unfortunately prevented these sessions but it is hoped to restart sessions in the future. If anyone would like to join us and/or have a request for a session, please contact the Committee. For a second year, Folk Club members played at the Kilmarnock Arms Christmas Children's concert, which again was enjoyed by all attending.

Every year the Club make charitable donations. This year a young Cruden Bay girl, Jodi Morris received £200, to help her in raising funds to travel to Borneo as part of a young team to carry out charity work in the region.

Over the past year, the Committee have tried to improve the situation for performers and safety of the audience, by purchasing radio mics and amplification for instruments. Certainly there are fewer wires across the floor!

Many thanks to all those who have supported the Folk Club in various ways over the past year and hopefully you will continue to do so in the future.

Yvonne Bowyer, Chairperson, Cruden Bay Folk Club

5. Treasurers Report for the year 2023

Over the Year 2023, we started off with an adjusted balance of £2,084, which then increased to £2,562 over the year, after receipts of £1,775 raffle proceeds (including a generous donation of £20)

We spent £497 on raffle prizes, £200 on donation, and £401 on expenses, including £146 on IT, and £255 on equipment, mainly wireless leads (with mixed results)

A very healthy financial position in my view, and I've no reason to believe this will change.

In conclusion, having now served two years plus as treasurer, following over fifty years

Working in finance, I'd be very happy to hand over the treasurer role if anyone would be willing to take it on.

I'd happily continue collecting the raffle money.

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

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts for:
The Cruden Bay Folk Club

Account year ended: 31st December 2023

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 2023

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 an Aldi receipt dated 28/09/2023 for £9.94 which does not appear on the accounts

Name: Dawn Allen

Address: Larch House, Rora, AB42 4UX

Signed



Date

05/02/2024

6. Publicity Officer's Publicity / Marketing Report 2023

Following the disruption caused by lockdown, we had now a full year of regular club nights back in the Killie. I have been able to market these nights via the folk club website, and the New WhatsApp group which was set up 12 months ago. This new means of communication was initially set up to allow regular performers to coordinate song choices, particularly on 'Theme Nights' when the risk of performers working on the same choices has been eliminated completely by virtue of the WhatsApp group. We have since broadened out the group to include anyone interested in the Folk Club, so this has been a great way of keeping all of those in the group informed.

The website has continued to provide a valuable resource to visitors, a major development these past 12 months has been to expand the archive of recorded performances by recording many of the live performances during our regular club nights and then adding them to the website over the following day or so. This is a time consuming process, but it has proven to be a popular resource where those who may not have been able to attend, can catch up on all of the good work from all our regular performers and guest performers.

We drew a large appreciative audience to the March club when the spotlight shone on 'Sir Reel Clarks', the combination of the Website, WhatsApp and the club's distribution list, we can quickly reach a large number of people who are interested in what we do, and in attending our events e.g. Sir Reel Clarks. We are looking forward to welcoming them back for another spotlight session on 29th March 2024, and I am hopeful we will attract a big crowd again.

Going forward I'd intend follow much the same process and continue with the regular updates on both the website and the WhatsApp group as and when required.

Gordon Mackay Publicity Officer Cruden Bay Folk Club

7. Elections:

Election Results as follows:

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

Vice Chairperson-**Mike** proposed by **Yvonne** seconded by **Scott** and accepted by all.

Secretary -**Scott** proposed by **Tansy** seconded by **Yvonne** and accepted by all.

Treasurer - **Brian** proposed by **Joe** seconded by **Mike** and accepted by all.

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

Committee Members: **Tansy** has requested a break from Committee duties at this time due to other commitments.

Eulyn, Jane, Janet, Jill, and Joe have all agreed to remain as committee members for another year.

Auditor: Dawn has agreed to carry on Auditing of the Folk Club books for year 2024.

9. AOCB:

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

Date for the 2024 A.G.M. (To be arranged at a future date)

Scott Thomson (Secretary)