



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Location : Kilmarnock Arms Hotel Date & Time : Wednesday 12th December 2012 8:00 p.m.

Attendees: Angelika Eberhard, Tansy Grahame, Tanya Mehrer, Kenny McKenzie, Angus McCurrach , Brian McAulay, Gordon McKay, Ewan McKay, Jim Ferguson, Scott Thomson

Angelika, as Chairperson, welcomed all to the meeting and began the agenda

1. **Apologies for absence** Hilda Cooper-Thomson, Liz Oates, Dave Cherry
2. **Minutes** The minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted by all
3. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

Prompt start: The difficulty of starting sharp at nine was discussed especially where the corner table is being used for meals. It was agreed that a reserved notice requesting that the table be vacated for 08:45 as would be required for the C.B Folk Club could be placed on the table **Action...Gordon**

Raffle: The following points were agreed unanimously

That a limit of 10 prizes should be put in place thus reducing the time spent on the raffle with the understanding that at least two of the prizes would be top drawer. It is hoped that the donation of a bottle of spirits from the Kilmarnock Arms would be a regular part of the raffle

To inform the Bar of when the raffle is about to be drawn to allow customers to come into the lounge for the draw.

If a ticket is not claimed it should be taped to the prize and put behind the bar for collection by the winner, if still unclaimed at the next Folk Night the prize would go back into the raffle prize stock.

As this stock has increased over the last two months the original decision to take 50% of the raffle takings into the prize fund should be rescinded and the decision on the requirement for prizes be left to Tansy to evaluate. **All Above Actions** : Tansy

Session: The following points were agreed unanimously

That a table may be available for the session to assist singers especially where a lot of instruments are accompanying the song. **Action...Gordon**

The corner table be replaced on completion of the Open Mike Session, this would remove any focal point and open up the session across the lounge area, the table could then be used for the raffle prizes prior to normal use. **Action...All**

Gordon informed the committee that Martin has offered to install a P.A. system into the lounge with multi speakers placed at various points to give full coverage. This would be a permanent fixture and allow us to simply plug our microphones into the system and play, further plans and discussions to be held **Action...Gordon**

4. New Business

4.1 Review of November Folk Night The following points were agreed unanimously

The Folk Night was a resounding success with a great variety of players and singers taking part.

There was a problem hearing the singers, music at the far end of the lounge near the bar, but hopefully this will be addressed soon by the installation of the new P.A. system.

The raffle did seem to take quite a time to get through but as previously discussed actions are in hand to reduce this.

The club did run over the finish time of midnight (In the Constitution) and every effort should be made to keep to the agreed times , This is covered further in 4.4

4.2 Treasurer's Report Tansy reported that although the Club has only been going for a couple of months our finances were good, as we have a fair stock of raffle prizes and £152.53 in hand. This is a great start to the aims of the club to finance and promote music and song within the club e.g. concerts, workshops.

4.3 Format and Process of Committee Meetings The following points were agreed unanimously

That an Agenda be available and points for the agenda be sent to Angelika who would be responsible for producing the agenda and forwarding it to the committee members prior to the meeting **Action...Angelika**

After discussion between the Joint Chairpersons it has been agreed that Angelika take the roll of Chairperson from January to June 2013 and Hilda the roll of Vice Chairperson at that time then reverse rolls for July to December 2013 Whereby Hilda will take the roll of Chairperson and Angelika Vice Chairperson this gives a single point of contract at any one time.

4.4 Finish Time of Midnight and Scott's CBFC Song The following points were agreed unanimously

The Club should finish at midnight regardless of whether or not there are guests staying in the hotel and that although we cannot force people to stop playing at that time every effort should be made to encourage this and that it be shown that the Folk Club has no involvement in any music session continuing after the official closing time.

To assist in the above the song " Cruden Water" written by Scott should be adopted by the Club and sung as the last piece of music of the night. Scott will provide chords and lyrics for the song to be handed out to everyone and that all will join in the song at the end of the evening **Action...Scott**

4.5 CBFC Concert 2013 The following points were agreed unanimously

To investigate the possibility of a concert on the Green (grass area in the hotel grounds with the a marquee or a stage on the gravel area at the hotel. Or in the Cruden Bay Village Hall with the Hotel supplying the bar. Both of these will be further discussed at the January meeting

4.6 Promotion of CBFC The following points were agreed unanimously

Gordon and Ewan were congratulated on the stunning promotion Videos for the club on U-Tube which have also had great feedback from Martin and Lucy.

It was put forward by Ewan that further advertising could be provide with a card similar to a menu card which could be placed on the tables in the dining room and

lounge, also business cards could be designed and produced for handing out at the club , also the hotel including the club in their own adverts.

A label could be produced to attach to a wine or a spirit bottle again specifically designed for the club, these could then be used as raffle prizes.

To discuss with Martin and Lucy the possibility of providing a prize (Meal for two) perhaps to send to Waves Radio as part of a CBFC phone in Competition. Question to be decided. **Above Actions** Gordon and Ewan

The recording of the song " Cruden Water" to be put on the web site . This would be recorded in stages adding the various vocals and instruments to provide a first class recording **Action** Jim, Angus, Kenny, Gordon and All

5.0 AOCB The following points were agreed unanimously

The Club to present a card and Christmas Gift to Martin and Lucy for their support in setting up the Folk Club, rehearsal room etc. . the proposed cost would be around the £20-£30 mark Jim is to discuss a choice of gift with Liz.

Action..Tansy, Liz Jim.

The card is to be designed by Gordon and Ewan **Action** Gordon and Ewan

6.0 Date of Next Meeting and Close

Angelika closed the meeting thanking everyone for attending and a date of Wednesday 16th January 2013 was set provisionally for the next Committee Meeting (diaries to be checked)

Scott Thomson (Secretary CBFC)