



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel Date & Time: Saturday 21st December 2013 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Angelika Eberhard, Liz Oats, Tansy Grahame, Tanya Mehrer, Angus McCurrach, Brian McAulay, Dave Cherry, Gordon McKay, Kenny McKenzie, Scott Thomson

Brian as Chairperson, welcomed all to the meeting and began the Agenda

1. **Apologies for absence** Dave Dixon, Jim Ferguson

2. **Minutes** The minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted by all

3. **Matters arising from previous minutes**

3.1 Press Release: It was agreed by all that the press release should be held until the planned summer concert with Skip Gorman where the up and coming concert could be advertised at the same time as a short article about the Folk Club itself. Gordon and Dave Dixon to put together a final piece for the paper at that time.

3.2 Locating the Club night to the Dining Room: This has been put on hold for the present time and will be revisited if necessary after the next few Folk Nights where we can gauge the turn out and available room in the Lounge.

4, New Business

4.1 Committee Meetings and Practise Session Venue: A Trial has been proposed by Gordon and accepted by all that the next committee meeting be held in the Masonic Hall in the village followed by a practise Session of material for the following Club Night. A small fee would be payable to the Lodge for heating and Lighting costs but the use of the hall would be free to the Club. The next proposed date is the 17th January at 7:00 o clock. **Action...All**

4.2 Review of November Folk Night: A very Cosmopolitan and successful night with songs from around the world along with a good turn out on a winters night, It was great to hear a bit of Jazz music from Michael on Keyboard, Kenny on Bass and Angus on Drum also a highlight of the night was Luke with his original material. This all furthers the aim of the Club to develop various types of music for all to enjoy.

4.3 Request for Burns Night: A request had been received for the Club to support a Burns Supper being held by the Cruden Bay Football Club on Saturday first February 2014, unfortunately due to the shortness of notice most of the players are already engaged in other activities at the time and therefore regrettably cannot be in attendance. Brian to contact the Football Club let them know and also advise that for Folk Club support the earlier the request can be made the better chance of availability of players. **Action...Brian**

4.4 Christmas Gift: It was agreed by all that a Christmas present be given to Martin and Lucy as a thank you for their support throughout the year, Tansy suggested some chase balls and treats for their two dogs, this was also agreed. **Action...Tansy**

4.5 Charity Support: The Club has been given great feedback from **Cair Scotland** , one of the charities that we are supporting this year with a £200 donation made last week. We have also learned that where children could not get to a Christmas party, the charity would go out to the houses with presents for them, well done to Liz for all her efforts with this. It is planned to have a picture taken for the press with Liz presenting a cheque to the charity.

The other charity is **Peterhead Aged and infirm** who support the elderly in the community, including Cruden Bay and surrounding areas. They provide a minibus service to provide transport where required and breaks for carers, caravan holidays and much more. All the raffle takings on the December Folk night will be donated to the charity. The Committee have all agreed to bring along a prize for the raffle with the donation of a Microwave from the Secretary as one of the Main Prizes . It is hoped for a good turn out on the night and a good return on the raffle for the charity.

4.6 December Folk Night: The theme is Christmas of course with Gordon already booking his two songs "A spaceman came travelling" by Chris Deburgh and "Please daddy don't get drunk this Christmas" by John Denver. They don't have to be Christmas songs of course as this year I will be performing a two of my old favourites " Vincent" by Don Maclean and "Best of my Love" by the Eagles.

Raffle tickets will be sold in the bar by Brian and Dave Cherry and the raffle drawn by our very own raffle master drawer Gordon.

5.0 Treasurer's Report: Tansy reported that the funds were growing steadily and looking great for the Clubs planned events in the summer (see OACB)

Previous Total: £1358.32

Income: £113.41 from November Raffle

Expenditure: £ 200 Donation to CAIR

Total at present: £ 1271.73

6.0 A.O.C.B.: There were a few good suggestions for projects throughout the Spring and Summer of 2014 to be discussed fully at a later once more information and costs can be investigated they are listed below

a) **A Folk Club Song Book** containing the words and chords to the popular songs which are repeated at many of the Folk Club Nights.

b) **A Folk Club CD** with the various artists who perform at the Club, this can be "Live" or "Studio" recorded and would tie in with the Song Book above

c) Slow Jam Sessions it is hope that Lorna McLaren still holds these sessions which encourage players to play by ear and play a different instrument to their usual toys. Like the title says Lorna will play the tune very slowly so that the players can get to grips with it , it is really great fun and could be held in the village Hall.

d) Workshops: It would be really good to organise various workshops throughout the summer again which could be held in the Village Hall, these could include Singing, Guitar, Drumming, Fiddle, Blues, Jazz and more.

7.0 Date of next Meeting and Close: Brian thanked everyone for attending and wished them all, including the Folk Club Itself, a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2014

Next Meeting : Masonic Hall Friday 17th January at 7:00 o clock.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)