



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

DECEMBER 2023 and JANUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Location: **ZOOM**

Date & Time: Wednesday 17th January 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

Yvonne as Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the agenda.

- 3 Minutes: The minutes from the November Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 22th November 2023 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 Concert at Riggs Sheltered Housing in Longside:

Yvonne to check with the Riggs as to the night that they would like us to come along and entertain them. It looks like a date in February would be good for all...**Action Yvonne.**

3.2 French visit August 2024:

Liz has informed us that the hall is booked and the ceilidh band is booked (Peter and Barbara-Ann and their crew) for Saturday 17th August. The tickets for the event are sold out, Yvonne to check this with Liz and find out what the Folk Clubs involvement in the evening will be if any...**Action Yvonne.**

3.3 Workshops for 2024: **Ongoing**

Yvonne will contact her choir master to try and find someone to facilitate a Singing Workshop for the Folk Club. Any other providers of Music Workshops should be noted and discussed at the next Meeting of the Folk Club....**Action All.**

3.4 Review of the November Folk Night on Friday 24th November 2023:

A quieter Folk night, (time of year, lead up to Christmas) but still a good few performers and audience to produce another great night and a good session to finish.

3.5 Review of the Children's Christmas Concert in the Killie 24th December 2023:

A great afternoon, well attended with parents and children having a fun time and joining in with all the Christmas Songs (the most popular being Felix Navidad which raised the roof, (a big thank you to Tansy for singing the verse in Spanish) also big thanks to Joe, Eulyn and Russell for all their help in making it a special day and of course to **Santa** who took time off a busy schedule to pay a visit.

3.6 Review of the December Folk Night on Friday 29th December 2023:

A really great turn-out on a weather-wise very cold-wet night, and just after Christmas and Boxing Day celebrations. Due to the limited number of performers it was decided to do a second round of performances of one song by our talented players. This was followed by a grand session to finish off the evening.

3.7 Review of the New Year's Day afternoon session in the Killie 1st January 2024:

Another great turn out of players and audience to celebrate the arrival of 2024 in style and also managed to get most people seated in the hotel foyer. A big thank you to all who managed to come along. A thought for next year could be a free raffle (one strip per person) with a few donated bottles of plonk as prizes.

3.8 Robert Burns Themed Folk Night Friday 26th January 2024:

A big thank you to Gordon for setting up and running the Whats-App page for all the performers to record their choices, thus removing the chance of duplication. Hopefully we can provide a fitting tribute on the night to our national bard. We also should state, as with all the themed Folk Nights, that the performers don't have to adhere to the theme and can perform their own choice, but it would be good if they could.

4.0 Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported on the Finances to date.

Last total at November meeting £2723.46

November Income

Raffle Takings £ 133.00
Total Income £133.00

November Expenses

Raffle Prizes £ 39.88
Total Expenditure £ 39.88

New Total (£2723.46 + 133.00 - 39.88) = £2816.58

December Income

Raffle Takings £ 129.05
Total Income £129.05

December Expenses

Raffle Prizes £ 37.97
Web Hosting Costs £146.00
Donation to Jodi Morris £200.00
Total Expenditure £383.97

New Total (£2816.58 + 129.05 -383.97) = £2561.66

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Sir Reel Clark Booking:

Gordon reminded the Committee that Sir Reel Clark had been booked to perform a set at the March Folk Night which we have planned as an Irish Theme night, it was agreed to retain the theme along with the Sir Reel Clarks band it should be a cracker, have added this on the list of forthcoming events.

5.2 Folk Club AGM Wednesday 21st February 7:00pm in the Killie

Yvonne reminded all the Committee of the AGM in February which would be followed by the February Committee Meeting. Brian has produced the Treasurer's report for 2022-2023, and is arranging for the books to be audited by Dawn prior to the AGM. The other two reports required are the Chairpersons and the Publicity Officer's Publicity / Marketing Report.

Yvonne has intimated that she would prefer a break from the Chairperson's duties and would prefer to stand down at this time, anyone wishing to take on the role please E-Mail me and I will nominate them on the night as required. Any Office Bearers not wishing to stand for re-election should please let the Committee know in advance of the AGM.

6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Recordings, Web-Site, Whats-App, Future Events.

7.0 Future Events

7.1 Burns Theme Folk Night: Friday 26th January 2024.

7.2 Irish Theme Folk Night along with Sir Reel Clark: Friday 29th March 2024.

7.3 Women in Music Theme Folk Night: Friday 31st May 2024.

7.4 French visit Concert and Ceilidh: Saturday 17th August 2024

8.0 A.O.C.B.

In regard to the Wireless Microphones and Direct Inputs system glitches perhaps due to lack of punch in the battery power, it was suggested by Gordon and agreed by all to persevere with the wireless systems along with having back-up cables within reach in the event of a failure.

9.0 Date of next Committee Meeting following the AGM

Wednesday 21st February 2024 7pm in the Killie

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)