



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel    Date & Time: Wednesday 17th February 2016 7:30 p.m.

1. Attendees: Tanja Mehrer, Yvonne Bowyer, Angus McCurrach, Brian McAulay, Dave Dixon, Gordon Mackay, Mike Bowyer, Russell Taylor and Scott Thomson.

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

2. Apologies for absence: Tansy Grahame, Jill McWilliams.

2. Minutes: The minutes from the January meeting were read and accepted by all.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

**3.1: Drumming Workshop:** As the availability of spare drums for the workshops is now no longer a feasible option, a proposal for the Folk Club to purchase 7 x Large Djembe Drums and 3 x Small Djembe at a cost of £630 was put forward by Angus and Tanja. They would be used by participants in the workshops. The proposal was accepted by all, including the postal votes from Jill and Tansy who were also in favour of the purchase.

It is hoped to store the drums upstairs in the Village Hall.

Angus and Tanja to proceed in the procurement of the drums and to contact Rosemary with regard to storing them in the Village Hall....**Action Angus, Tanja.**

Dates for 2016 drumming workshops have been arranged by Angus and Tanja, who have also produced a calendar of events for 2016.

**3.2: Beginners Guitar Workshop:** Brian to liaise with Dave Cherry for possible dates in 2016, and to cost the fees for a Professional Tutor for the day, ongoing...**Action Brian.**

**3.3: New Wireless Sound System:** 2 x Condenser Microphones have been purchased.

It was agreed by that the Folk Club also purchase the following equipment:-

- 2 x Radio Microphones and Transmitter packages £145 per set.
- 2 x Microphone Stands.
- 2 x Music Stands.
- 2 x Microphone / D.I. leads.

Brian is to look into purchasing them locally to help support local business, maybe in Peterhead at Yules music shop...**Action Brian.**

Brian and Gordon are going to try out other speakers that are available to see if they would suit the dining Room layout better for sound re-production. ...**Action Brian / Gordon.**

Tanja and Yvonne have volunteered to be trained by Gordon in the operation of the sound system to add extra sound operators when required. Training dates to be arranged...**Action Gordon / Tanja / Yvonne.**

#### **4. New Business:**

**4.1 Events Report:** As previously stated, Angus and Tanja have produced an event calendar for 2016 showing Workshop dates and Committee Meeting dates. Gordon will put this on to the Web Page, and it will be updated regularly when other event dates are known.

Tanja has requested that we all have a think about any ideas or contacts for any future events, the following are some ideas that were discussed.

- A Ukulele Workshop tutored by Angus and Tanja.
- A Country and Western Concert tied in with hopefully the annual visit from Skip Gorman ( Gordon to contact Skip for visit date )...**Action Gordon.**
- Scottish Week Concert.( to be discussed at March Meeting ).

- Singing Workshop with Janice.
- Drumming and African Singing Workshop with Bruno A.K.A. Bruce.
- North Sea Gas Concert.
- Shetland Fiddlers.

**4.2 Songbook:** Brian has collated a whole bunch of songs ( Lyrics and Chords) and has E-Mailed them out to everyone. He also has folders for the songbooks.

Dave has volunteered to carry out a selection of the songs most likely to be of use in the session, and to make up the folders ready for distribution prior to the session start. They would be collected at the end of the night and kept upstairs until the next Folk Night....**Action Dave.**

**4.3 Village Hall Rehearsals:** Although there is not a specific plan in place for rehearsals at the hall, it was agreed by all to pay for 12 x 2 hour bookings, these would be then credited to the Folk Club and used when required. ( a Concert coming up or rehearsals for the Folk Club C.D. ) This will also help to support the Hall.

**4.4 Folk Club C.D. :** Brian has made contact with the studio at New Deer and will finalise costings for Studio Time / Sound Engineer etc. The Choir is to discuss the choice, rehearsal and recording of the first track ( of hopefully a few ) of the C.D, (as studio time is precious it must be ready to go). The committee is to decide who and what will also go on the CD, to be further discussed at the next meeting...**Action the Choir.**

**4.5 Review of the November Folk night:** Down in numbers from the usual turn-out but a most enjoyable evening once more the session worked well. It was discussed at the meeting the singing to pre-recorded backing tracks ( a kind of "Karaoke" if you like or do not like!) Yvonne has offered to have a quiet word with Alex who we all would like to keep on performing but with backing from the other club members, as took place in the session.

#### 4.6 Treasurer's Report: Tansy reported on November Finances

Previous Total: £3008.61

##### Income

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| January Folk Club Raffle | £138.00        |
| Total                    | <u>£138.00</u> |

##### Expenses

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Raffle Prizes                    | £ 24.50        |
| Gift for Sue Grovsner ( Auditor) | £ 15.00        |
| Total                            | <u>£ 39.50</u> |

**New Total**                      £3008.61 + £138 -£39.50 = £3107.11

5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Gordon has requested that we send any Footage or Sound Bites of the Folk Club evenings to him which he will put on the Folk Club Facebook Page.

6.0 A.O.C.B.: None

7.0 Date of next Meeting:

Brian then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 07:30** in the Killie

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)