



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel Date & Time: Wednesday 11th February 2015 7:30 p.m.

1. Attendees Mary Palmer, Tansy Grahame, Tanya Mayer, Yvonne Bowyer, Angus McCurrach, Dave Dixon, Gordon McKay, Mike Bowyer, Russell Taylor, Scott Thomson.

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

2. Apologies for absence: Jill McWilliams, Liz Oates, Brian McAulay.

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

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 Songbook: All material to be in place by end of January when work can begin on the songbook. **Action Completed and Closed**

3.2 Singing Workshop: The Harmony Singing Workshop is arranged for **Sunday 1st March** in the Village Hall 2pm - 4pm. **Cost: £5.** Thanks go to Tansy for organising this.

3.3 Drumming Workshop: A great success with many new faces coming along to the Workshop, a huge thanks go to Tanya and Angus for their time and effort put into making it a success. The hunt is now on for any spare drums that may be lying about unused for use in further workshops.

Mary will check at her work for any Musical Instruments that may be loaned to the Folk Club...**Action Mary.**

It is proposed that the next Drumming Workshop be held on Sunday 19th April, Angus to check availability of the hall...**Action Angus.**

3.4: Beginners Guitar Workshop: Planned for June, Scott to organise and check availability of Hall...**Action Scott.**

3.5 Slow Jam Session : Tansy will contact Lorna McLaren for possible Slow Jam Session in May...**Action Tansy**

3.6 Peterhead Pensioners concert: This will be in the form of a Sing-Around with the Performers in a Semi-Circle. Scott will M.C. the evening.

Details: Wednesday 25th March in the Pensioner's Hall in Windmill Street in Peterhead Playing 7:00 - 8:00 then Tea & Cakes then Playing 8:30 - 09:00.

Performers confirmed: The Choir / Gordon & Ewan / Brian / Russell / Scott / Angus final arrangements will be rehearsed at the practise nights in the Village Hall...**Action All Performers**

3.7: Club Sound Equipment: As we only have another maybe two Club nights in the Dining Room, this may need to be addressed as a priority where space would again be a premium.

3.8: Folk Club rehearsals in the Village Hall: The next hall booking is Thursday 26th 7pm to 9pm, as it is the night before the actual Folk Club night everyone should make the effort to be there. Mary offered the use of the bothy that is at the back of her house and has Lighting and Heating for rehearsals. It was agreed to consider this and a thanks goes to Mary for the offer, but as the Folk Club had agreed to support the Village Hall where we could, it was decided to retain the use of the Hall for the time being.

3.9: Youth Development Scheme: After discussion the following points were agreed by all.

- **Aim of the Scheme** : To sponsor young learners of a musical instrument, where due to various circumstances they may not have an instrument of their own. The Folk Club would provide the required instrument on a loan basis, and also support the learning process.
- **Insurance** : It would be preferred that the instrument could be included in the Home Insurance of the learner, if that were not possible the Folk Club would look into having it's own Insurance Cover.
- **Progression** : It is planned to begin locally with Port Errol Primary School and invite sposership requests from the school which would then be considered by the Folk Club Committee.

Angus raised the point of keeping it as simple as we can to encourage partisipation from the school. Yvonne to draft a letter and spensership form for the next committee meeting...Action Yvonne.

4, New Business

4.1 Review of the January Folk night: A brilliant turn out on what was a wild winter night, with a great variety in Performers. There were a couple of points raised which need to be addressed.

- The time between performances has to be much Quicker/Slicker especially where instruments and sound equipment are being set up. It is hoped to plan better on the night to solve this...Action All.
- There was a bit of unwanted chatter during performances coming from the alcove part of the Dining Room. Scott as M.C. to monitor this in the future and request order for the performers if required...Action Scott

4.2 Robyn Stapleton Concert: The Village Hall is booked for Saturday 25th April. After discussion the following points were also agreed by all.

- A payment of £400 be made to Robyn to cover both the Concert and the Singing Workshop. (Depending on the ticket sales this may be increased.)
- Tickets for the concert would be priced at £8

- The format will be to bring along your own food and refreshments.
- Robyn to send advertising pictures and stuff to Mary who will forward it to Gordon for advertising the event...**Action Mary & Gordon**

4.3 Treasurer's Report: Tansy reported on February Finances as follows

Previous Total: **£2,081.12**

January Figures

Income:

Income January Raffle £ 181.00

Drumming Workshop £ 90.00

Total Income: £271.00

Expenditure:

Hire of Hall (2 x Practise + Drumming W/S) £ 60.00

Raffle Prizes £ 5.50

Total Expenditure: £ 65.50

Final Total for Club Funds = £2,286.62

There are also 4 prizes in the raffle stock.

4.4 February Folk night: Valentines Theme



Pick a word!

4.5 The proposal to have some wine bottles with a Cruden Bay Folk Club label for presentation to special performers(such as the Port Errol Jazz Band who played for an hour for free) is ongoing and enquiries being made.

5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Gordon has put a couple of videos on to the web of the Folk Club and Workshops to promote interest. A thank you to Gordon for this. The Robyn Stapleton Concert to be advertised soon...Action Gordon

6.0 A.O.C.B : None

7.0 Date of next Meeting and Close: Yvonne thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 18th March 07:30 in the Killie

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)

P.S Well done Yvonne on your first foray as Vice Chairperson (All)