



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

FEBRUARY and MARCH 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel

Date & Time: Wednesday 14th March 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

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

- 3 Minutes: The minutes from the Joint December 2023 and January 2024 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 17th January 2024 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 Concert at Riggs Sheltered Housing in Longside:

Yvonne has proposed some dates for all to consider for the concert at Riggs Sheltered Housing Complex in Longside, they are :- **Tuesday 16th April, Wednesday 17th April, Tuesday 21st May or Wednesday 22ND May.** If we all could get back to Yvonne with our availability then she can firm up a date **Action All.**

3.2 French visit August 2024:

Due to Financial Restraints, our French partners in the Twining up of the French Village of **Chatillon Sur Indre** with **Cruden Bay, Longhaven and Hatton** have decided to postpone the visit in August for the meantime, whereby the céilidh has now be cancelled
Item Closed.

3.3 Workshops for 2024:

The search goes on for facilitators for the proposed workshops, the latest ideas were discussed at length:-

- 1) The Fearie Deemes had a great afternoon of singing in the St Combs Community Hall during the St Combs Choir Festival on Saturday 9th March which resulted in many plaudits for their singing and arrangements (**well done to them all**).
Yvonne will contact the choir master for the St Combs Village Voices to try and find someone to facilitate a Singing Workshop for the Folk Club...**Action Yvonne**.
- 2) Tansy informed the Committee that the brilliant singer songwriter Karine Polwart also hosts singing workshops along with concerts and that Tansy had an E-Mail contact. Tansy agreed to contact Karine and find out details of cost, availability and if a Workshop followed by an evening concert would be a possibility, what a feather in the Folk Club's cap that would be !! ...**Action Tansy**.
- 3) It was agreed by all that the last guitar workshop in the village hall held on Saturday 17th November 2018 was a great success and should be repeated. Brian to discuss this with Davy Cherry who made a great facilitator to see if he would be willing to host another workshop 5 years later, with our assistance, in the summer of 2024...**Action Brian**.

Note: I have copied from the minutes of the November 2018 minutes the lessons that were learned when organising the Guitar Workshop.

It was agreed that two things have been learnt from organising this workshop.

1. It would have been a good idea to have on the facebook page, and on the advertising emails and posters, a request for people to post interest in attending so that we have a rough idea of how many people to expect for workshops. Currently we have no idea at all.
2. We should stick to the format which has worked in the past with all events having a nominated organiser and deputy or joint organisers. Scott falling ill at this time has highlighted this need.

3.4 Review of the January (Burns Theme) Folk Night on Friday 26th January 2024:

Thanks again goes to Gordon for all his work on providing and keeping up to date the WhatsApp page for performer's selections of Burn's songs to minimise the chance of repetition on the night. It evening was well attended with a host of various Burns songs and poems, the classic being once more Gordon's rendition of Tam 'o Shanter.

3.5 Review of the February Folk Night on Friday 23rd February 2024:

A really great turn-out on what was a very cold night. A good many performers also, but managed to give them all time for their performances and still had time for a short session at the end of the night. A new record was set for the raffle takings with proceeds of £262 a huge well done to all those involved with the raffle especially Brian, Eulyn and Joe - well done indeed. Also a special thanks goes to Gordon, as Sound Engineer, with a few equipment problems on the night well handled.

3.6 March Folk Night (Irish Theme Night-Along with Sir Reel Clarks Band) on Friday 29th March 2024:

It is proposed to have all our regular performers carry out their two song sets as normal(thanks again to Gordon for setting up the WhatsApp page for the Irish Song List) then we will have our monthly raffle followed by a 30-45 minute set from Sir Reel Clarks band and possibly a short session at the end of the evening if time allows

Should be a cracker.

4.0 Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported on the Finances to date.

Last total at November + December meeting £2561.66

January Income

Raffle Takings	£171.00
Total Income	£171.00

January Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 37.97
Total Expenditure	£ 37.97

New Total (£2561.66 + 171.00 - 37.97) = **£2694.69**

February Income

Raffle Takings	£262.00
Total Income	£262.00

February Expenses

Raffle Prizes and Raffle Books	£ 69.87
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 69.87</u>
New Total (£2694.69 + 262.00 -69.87) =	<u>£2886.82</u>

5.0 New Business:

5.1 It was proposed by Tansy and agreed by all that due to inflation and the general rise in costs, the annual charitable donation from the Folk Club should be raised to £300 and be paid to a single deserving cause allowing it to be more beneficial to them. This would be, as always, dependant on the Folk Club's finances at the time.

5.2 It was proposed by Yvonne that the monthly Folk Club meetings should change to every two months, with a proviso that if there was a need for a meeting at a shorter interval due to activity within the Folk Club that this could be arranged as necessary. It was agreed by all to trial the Bi-Monthly Meetings on ZOOM. Yvonne also suggested using WhatsApp as a media for the transfer of information among the Folk Club Committee.

Update: Gordon has now set up a WhatsApp page for the Folk Club Committee

5.3 Scott proposed looking into the purchase of the following equipment for the Folk Club

- 1) Tonor Wireless Microphone system £199
- 2) XLR Cables for the above system to our deck £20
- 3) Getaria Guitar Wireless system £58 set
- 4) Hercules Mike Stand (same style as what we have to give us 3) £65
- 5) Tiger music stand (again to give us 3 for the sessions and the choir) £33

After a later discussion with Gordon as to the merits and reliability of new wireless systems and to prevent the failures repeating on us, a better way forward for total reliability would be to stick with the cables that we already have, but adapt them to much shorter versions and fix them to the floor and Mike Stands using Tape/Trunking to minimise the tripping hazard.

The purchase of the Mike Stand and Music Stand should still go ahead (to be arranged).

5.4 Gordon been in contact with his son Allan in regard to a new star prize for the Folk Club raffle, Allan has agreed to provide a selection of baseball cap, beanie hat, Tee-shirt, and Hoody all with the CBFC logo (shown below) at a much discounted rate and in the small quantities that we would require. Gordon is to arrange something for the March Folk Night...**Action Gordon.**



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

7.0 Future Events

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

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

8.0 A.O.C.B.

8.1 Scott suggested for a future Folk Night that the Fearie Deems perform say a 20 minute set along with the Silver City Singers, the barber shop choir that Brian sings with, again a 20 minute set.

Yvonne to check with the Fearie Deems and Brian to check with the Silver City Singers.....**Action Yvonne and Brian.**

9.0 Date of next Committee Meeting following the AGM

Wednesday 15th May 2024 7:00pm ZOOM

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)