

CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB JANUARY 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel Date & Time: Thursday 14th January 2019 7:30 p.m.

- 1. <u>Attendees</u>: Yvonne Bowyer, Brian McAulay, Dave Dixon, Mike Bowyer, Michael Hendry, and Scott Thomson.
- 2. <u>Apologies for absence</u>: Jill McWilliams, Fiona Heddle, Tansy Grahame Angus McCurrach, and Gordon Mackay,

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

3. <u>Minutes</u>: The minutes from the December 2018 meeting were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

- 3.1: <u>Folk Club Donations</u>: Angus and Yvonne to arrange photograph opportunity with Theatre MODO. ...Action Yvonne, Angus. (Awaiting Opportunity for Photo Shoot).
- 3.2: <u>Peterhead Special Needs Tuesday Club at the Buchanhaven Hearts</u>
 <u>Club 1830-2030</u>, Dave awaiting reply from Patrick the contact for the club.

 Ongoing.

- 3.3: <u>Future Performers</u>: No replies from the Salthouse Band or their Management (Item now closed).
- 3.4 Review of the December Folk Night: Although quiet to start off, the evening was another successful Folk Night as can be seen from the raffle takings (well done to Brian -Master Ticket Salesman and to all who assisted in running the raffle) A special thanks to the Fonsecas and their contribution to the evening's entertainment. Well done to all the performers and thanks to the audience for attending.
- 3.7 <u>New Years Day Session:</u> A good few audience and players this year and a most enjoyable afternoon with regulars and new faces taking part in the session, Great to hear Ailsa on the Clarsach Harp and then Sue on the Saxophone, brilliant fun and a great way to start the New Year.
- 3.8: <u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Mike as Joint Treasurer reported on the December Finances

Previous Total £2568.65

December

Income

 Raffle
 £150.00

 Total
 £150.00

Expenses

AGM Expenses £ 14.97

Xmas Presents, Ruby, Wren and Tam £ 38.00

Total £ 52.97

Total £2568.65 + £150.00 - £52.97 = £2665.68.

4. New Business

- 4.1: <u>January Folk Night</u> Burns time again with many a sang being sung to celebrate the Bard. It is also intended to carry out a trial run at having a small break after the raffle draw and putting away all the P.A. equipment (All hands to the Pumps) after which we will have the normal session, this is to ensure that the putting away of the equipment is not left to the few who remain at the end of the Folk Night.
- **4.2:** <u>Valentines Concert in support of Cruden Bay Hall Funds</u>: Due to the availability of Performers it was agreed by all to change the concert date until the Spring to allow additional time to organise the event. Brian is the Nominated Co-ordinator for this event along with Michael as the Deputy Nominated Co-ordinator.
- **4.3:** <u>Portsoy Singing Festival</u>: Information received from Janice Revel in regard to the festival singing workshops:- It's on Facebook.

Residential 8th/9th with evening/day sessions and the 10th is a day session £170 (£140 for concessions) including breakfast, lunch and dinner Non-residents

£35 per day or £60 for weekend includes tea/coffee

This will be a fun weekend. Good company, great singing and 2 amazing tutors.

Contact Irene Watt for more details and tickets irenewatt.harpist@gmail.com or phone 07952 922247.

4.4: <u>Iona Fyfe (North East Folk) possible Concert Booking</u>: Dave advised the committee on the success of Iona as can be seen below and on U-Tube.

Dave suggested organising a concert with Iona and her band and perhaps include a workshop in the afternoon.

Aberdeenshire folksinger Iona Fyfe has become one of Scotland's finest young ballad singers, rooted deeply in the singing traditions of the North East of Scotland. At twenty-one years old, Iona has established a strong voicing of place in her repertoire and was titled Scots Singer of the Year at the MG ALBA Scots Trad Music Awards 2018. A finalist in the BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of the Year, Iona has been described as "one of the best that Scotland has to offer." (Global-Music.de) and was the winner of the Molloy Award at The Trip to Birmingham Irish Trad Fest 2017. At a mere age of 21, with a number of high profile appearances under her belt, Iona has recently performed in the World Premiere of Disney Pixar's, Brave in Concert featuring the Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

Iona's voice has been described "a testament to the strength, endurance and adaptability of the tradition." (<u>FolkWords</u>). The North East singer was nominated for "One to Watch" and "Best Live Performance" at the Sunday Herald Scottish Culture Awards. In 2018, Iona performed at Interceltique Festival De Lorient were where she was described as "a Scottish folksinger, magical and charismatic" (<u>Rolling Stone</u>, <u>France</u>)

Iona's debut album Away From My Window was held to critical acclaim and received nationwide airplay on programmes such as BBC Radio 2 The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe, BBC Radio Scotland's Travelling Folk, Take The Floor and BBC Radio Nan Gaidheal. An exploration of her unique style and songwriting voice, Away From My Window features archive material of singers such as Stanley Robertson and Lizzie Higgins whilst drawing on the work of more recent songmakers such as Michael Marra and Aidan Moffat (Arab Strap). Produced by Jani Lang, of Dallahan, Away From My Window features a stellar folk line-up of musicians such as Luc McNally (Dosca), Tim Edey (Tim Edey Trio), Charlie Grey (Charlie Grey and Joseph Peach), Simon Gall (Salsa Celtica), David Foley (RURA), Graham Rorie (Gnoss), Charlie Stewart, and Ross Miller.

"Away From My Window" was premiered at a sold out Celtic Connections performance featuring a larger musical ensemble and live on-stage sampling of source singers. In 2018, Iona looks forward to a busy touring schedule in the UK, Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Holland and Canada including festivals such as Ely Folk Festival, Folk am Neckar, Fife Sing and Festival Interceltique de Lorient.

"Poignant and well delivered. Singing well within herself, Iona's voice, at times reminiscent of Cara Dillon, is well suited to the ballads recorded on this album." - Scottish Field

To be fully discussed at the next Folk Club Meeting.

5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: None

6.0 Future Events:

- Peterhead Special Needs Tuesday Club: at the Buchanhaven Hearts Club 1830-2030 Dave awaiting reply from the Tuesday Club. Ongoing
- RIGGS Sheltered Housing Longside: <u>Date is Thursday</u> 28th March 7pm.
- The Rural AGM 2nd April 2019: in Cruden Bay Village Hall 1 Hour Concert. Yvonne to contact the Rural for more information.

7.0 A.O.C.B.: None

8.0 Date of next Meeting:

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th February 2019 07:30 in the Killie Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)