



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Location: Kilmarnock Arms Hotel    Date & Time: Wednesday 19th November 2014 7:30 p.m.

1. Attendees: Tanya Mayer, Jill McWilliams, Yvonne Bower, Angus McCurrach, Brian McAulay, Gordon McKay, Dave Dixon, Russell Taylor, Scott Thomson

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Yvonne in her role as Vice Chairperson and began the agenda.

2. Apologies for absence: Tansy Grahame, Liz Oates, Mary Cakes, Mike Bower,

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

### 3. Matters arising from previous minutes

**3.1 Songbook:** **Ongoing:** Still to be finalised with new input from the new members with two of their choice songs for the booklet **Action...Yvonne, Mary, Mike,**

**3.2 Singing Workshop:** The second of the Singing Workshops was another great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all the attendees.

It is hoped to continue with the Singing Workshops early in 2015. Tansy to organise availability with Janice....**Action Tansy**

**3.3 Drumming Workshop:** Another brilliant workshop with Angus and Tansy both giving a command performance on the drums and in tutoring the attendees on the day.

Another Drumming Workshop is to be planned for early 2015 but Angus has also proposed that a Drumming Circle be set up on a Monthly Basis in the Village Hall to further improve our drumming skills on a regular basis. This was agreed by all, Angus to organise feedback forms giving a preference of date and time. ....Action Angus

Tanya suggested that it would be great to bring together the two workshops ( Singing and Drumming ) perhaps with an African Theme.

**3.4 Slow Jam Session :** This has now been postponed until 2015 when it is hoped that a Slow Jam Session can be organised.

**3.5 Peterhead Pensioners concert:** Scott will keep tabs on this and organise the concert and rehearsals at the Village Hall in Late January , Early February for the concert in March ( Watch this Space!! ).....Action Scott

**3.5: Club Sound Equipment:** The decision on Sound Equipment has been carried over to March 2015, prior to the Folk Club venue reverting back to the lounge, it is hoped that a new sound system could be in place for that, Gordon is in discussion with Martin on the way forward with this. It was agreed that the Sound System we have at present is ample for the Dining Room venue.

## 4, New Business

**4.1 Review of the October ( 1<sup>st</sup> Nov ) Folk night:** This was the first Club night in the Dining Room, and although a slightly later start due to meals being served in room, ( Hopefully this will be addressed in future by politely requesting to anyone in the Dining Room that we start the club at the normal time of nine- o clock.)

The night itself had many benefits of being in the dining room

- More space and seating.
- Better and Clearer sound quality.

- The meeting of some of the diners who are going to return for the Club night.

It is planned, as we now have the space available in the Dining Room ,to have Michaels Jazz Band perform at the November Folk Night for  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour depending on time. The normal Club night will continue from nine until the raffle when the band can set up and then the fun begin, these guys are brilliant and will knock your socks off.

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

Previous Total: £1998.55

#### October Figures

##### Income:

Income August Raffle £ 125.00

Singing Workshop Attendees £ 65.00

Total Income £ 190.00

##### Expenditure:

Singing Workshop Fee for Janice £150.00

Singing Workshop Hire of Hall £ 20.00

Raffle Prizes £ 24.99

Raffle Tickets £ 11.97

Total Expenditure £ 206.96

**Final Total for Club Funds** £1998.55 + £190 - £206.96 = **£1981.59**

This does not include the Income and Expenses from the Drumming Workshop which will be included next month.

**4.4 November Folk night theme:** As last month this will be an "Anything Goes " night a chance to perform something different!! , it is planned to bring back a few theme nights in the near future.

**5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity:** Nothing to report at this time.

**6.0 A.O.C.B :**

**6.1** It is hoped that Robyn Stapleton ( winner of Young Folk Musician of the year ) and her accompanying musicians can perform a  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour to  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour set in the lounge at a Folk Night in March 2015, the same format as Michael is doing with the Jazz Band this month. It is also planned to hold a Singing Workshop probably on the following Saturday hosted by Robyn. It is hoped that the Club members will support this by attendance to the event. Mary to organise Dates and Times.....**Action Mary.**

**6.2** It was proposed by Scott to book the Village Hall on a regular basis for rehearsals for all performers, this would include most of the committee and the choir, a small fee would be charged for each attendee ( To be decided ) the benefits would be

- Better sound quality for rehearsals.
- Different groups could rehearse at the same time utilising the rooms at the rear of the hall.
- A regular date and venue for rehearsal ( See point 3.5 ).
- The Folk Club use and support of our Village Hall.

All agreed and the hall has been booked for **Thursday night 27<sup>th</sup> November 7:00 to 9:00** as a try it and see, it is hoped that all turn up for a final rehearsal prior to the Folk Club the following night.

**6.3** It was proposed by Gordon and agreed by all that a Youth Development Fund is set up where Workshops could be arranged and funded and an Instrument Library setup which would loan out various Instruments to the Students. It has always been one of the aims of the Folk Club to encourage the learning and playing of any Musical

Instrument across the Age Spectrum. If all the committee members can please have a ponder on this and bring their ideas to the December Meeting...Action All

6.4 It is proposed to host a Beginners Guitar workshop in the Village Hall in early 2015 this would be open to all who would like to learn a few Basic Chords, Strumming Styles, and " How to look after your Guitar" ( It is hoped to enlist the assistance of Dave Cherry with this ). Ideas please.....Action All

6.5 The Folk Club Committee Christmas meal is now booked up for **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**, in the Killie Dining Room, menus will shortly be circulated for choice of meal , and again we will have a Secret Santa where you Buy it., Wrap it, and put it in the box on the night



then we all pick a Pressie.

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

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 07:30 in the Killie**

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)