

Constitution of the Cruden Bay Folk Club

1 Title

The club shall be known as “**The Cruden Bay Folk Club**” (herein after known as “the club”).

2 Values

We believe that local music is a direct line into the culture of our communities or region. By being exposed to locally brewed sounds, as well as music from other countries/traditions, local people can find out about their musical heritage and also learn about different musical traditions.

3 Objectives

The objectives of the club shall be:

- 1) To provide a platform for and to primarily promote the Folk idiom, but also other musical traditions, in Buchan and the surrounding area.
- 2) Through music, to break down boundaries between people and traditions, to transcend geographical, political, economic, spiritual and ideological distances and to be inspired by local and other musical traditions.
- 3) To invite people (musicians/singers and “non musicians”) of all backgrounds into our circle and to connect people through music.
- 4) To share music and to create a link with others and their music, where there was none before.
- 5) To encourage musical creativity in all who come along to the monthly sessions at the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel and to learn about music from each other.

4 Policy

In order to achieve the Objectives (*para. 3 above*) the club shall:-

- a) organise and arrange meetings, concerts and other presentations primarily in the Folk idiom, and to encourage involvement of other musical traditions.
- b) co-operate with other folk clubs and local groups to promote the music and folklore of the area.
- c) during monthly sessions at the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel, warmly welcome all who come along and encourage involvement, participation, connection and interaction.
- d) do all other acts as are incidental to the attainment of the Objectives.

5 Membership and Subscription

Membership shall be open to any person. The committee shall have the power to refuse entry to any individual not seen to pursue the Objectives as stated in 3.

No subscription shall be levied by the club for membership but this will be reviewed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and subsequent subscription rates would be similarly reviewed and set by the AGM.

6 Committee

- a) The committee shall be responsible for the Administration, Management and Control of the affairs of the club.

- b) The committee shall consist of not more than ten and not less than 4 current members of the club: The quorum for the committee shall be 75% of the minimum number of members required for the committee (*currently 4*).
- c) The committee shall retire each year after reporting to the AGM and shall be eligible for re-election to the new committee which will be elected by those present at the AGM.
- d) The committee shall have the power to co-opt members as required for specific reasons e.g. festivals, artwork, fund-raising, etc..

7 **Office Bearers**

The office bearers shall be responsible for such duties as the committee may decide from time to time.

The following office bearers shall be elected annually by the committee:-

- a) The Chairperson
- b) The Secretary
- c) The Treasurer
- d) Publicity Officer

8 **Meeting of the Club**

- a) The club shall hold an AGM no later than the end of December each year at such a time and place as the committee determine.
- b) A special meeting of the club shall be called by the secretary on:-
 - i) the written request of six members
 - ii) the written request of all the office bearers
 - iii) the written request of a majority of the committee
- c) Six members of the club shall form a quorum.
- d) Normal Club Nights shall be held on the last Friday of each month at the Kilmarnock Arms Hotel in Cruden Bay

9 **Annual General Meeting**

- a) The business at the AGM shall include:-
 - i) The reading and formal adoption of the minute of the previous AGM.
 - ii) The consideration of a report prepared by the Chairperson on the work done by the club.
 - iii) The consideration of a report prepared by the Treasurer on the audited accounts of the club.
 - iv) The appointment of an auditor.
 - v) The election of the committee.
- b) The agenda and the accounts shall be available to members 14 days prior to the arranged date of the AGM. Notification of the AGM must include a contact point where the agenda and accounts can be gained and the date from which they will be available.
- c) Any member may have a motion placed on the agenda by submitting it to the secretary, in writing, not less than 21 days prior to the arranged date of the AGM.
- d) The chairperson may, at their discretion, accept written motions up to 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the AGM.

10 **Finance**

- a) The funds of the club shall be applied solely towards the furtherance of the Objectives of the club as stated in paragraph 3 of this constitution.
- b) The treasurer shall keep books showing all the income and expenditure of the club.
- c) There shall be prepared and presented to AGM of the club, audited accounts of the club.
- d) No officer or member of the club shall receive any remuneration or other financial benefit from the club or its activities, other than reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by that member on behalf of the club.

11 **Alterations to the Constitution**

No alteration shall be made to the constitution except by a resolution approved at an AGM or special meeting of the club, by a majority of at least two thirds of those members present and voting at such a meeting, providing always that due notice of the proposed resolution shall have been given to all members.

12 **Dissolution**

- a) The club may at any time be dissolved by a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of those members present and voting at an AGM or special meeting of the club, providing always that due notice of the proposed resolution shall have been given to all members.
- b) All remaining assets of the club at the date of the dissolution shall be held by at least two trustees for a set period of time which shall be specified by the committee, for any reactivated club of same or similar objectives, or donated to a body having an object the same or similar to that of the club.

History Formally adopted – First meeting of the Club 05/10/2012