



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

APRIL and MAY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 15th May 2024 7:00 p.m.

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

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

- 3 Minutes: The minutes from the Joint February and March 2024 Committee Meeting held in the Kilmarnock arms on Wednesday 13th March 2024 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 Concert at Riggs Sheltered Housing in Longside:

With the summer almost upon us and everyone busy working, normal summer activities and holidaying etc. Yvonne suggested postponing the concert until September, this was agreed by all as the best way forward, Yvonne to contact Riggs for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening in September....**Action Yvonne**

- 3.2 Workshops for 2024: Janet has been in contact with Morag, who is the Ythan Singers choir leader, and she has agreed to facilitate a singing workshop for the Folk Club. The dates proposed for the workshop are Saturday 13th July, Saturday 20th July, Saturday 17th August, Saturday 21st August or Saturday 31st August, possibly 11:00am - 4:00pm. The plan would be for the Folk Club to provide the sandwiches, cakes and scones etc. for Lunch on the day. Janet to find out what Morag's Fees and the cost of the hall would be....**Action Janet.**

Gordon informed the Committee that there will be a few fund raisers taking place in the village in July (Luke Rennie would be the main contact for this) and it might be beneficial to hold the Singing Workshop alongside these events, Gordon to contact Luke for more details...**Action Gordon.**

The proposed Guitar Workshop is ongoing at the present time and would be best planned for August, Gordon, Brian, and Scott to liaise with Dave Cherry to make all the required arrangements...**Action Gordon, Brian, and Scott.**

Yvonne is going to contact Tansy, when she returns from Spain, in regard to the possibility and involved costs for a Karine Polwart workshop and concert...**Action Yvonne.**

3.3 Folk night with the Fiere Deems and Silver City Singers: The Fiere Deems are all keen to perform along with the Silver City Singers but as we are looking at perhaps 2 x 30-45 Minute slots Brian has informed the committee that quite a few of the City singers do not have their own transport and perhaps would not be so keen on travelling to Cruden Bay for a short time slot. Brian to discuss this with the singers and try and arrange a smaller group to come along if possible...**Action Brian.**

3.4 Review of the March Folk Night on Friday 29th March 2024:

What an Evening of music and fun, with the Irish Theme night for our regular performers and a 30 minute set from Sir Reel Clarks. A great turn-out and performers well rehearsed for the Irish songs. Sir Reel Clarks were once again excellent, Aaron and his dad Andy producing their best for everyone to enjoy (Haste Ye Back lads).

3.5 Review of the April Folk Night on Friday 26th April 2024:

Yet another great night with a good number in the audience and a good many performers we seem to be getting more popular than ever, bring it on, there is always room for one more player or guest.

4.0 Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported on the Finances to date.

Last total January and February £2884.80

March Income

Raffle Takings	£215.00
Total Income	£215.00

March Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 40.60
Total Expenditure	£ 40.60

New Total ($£2884.80 + 215.00 - 40.60$) = **£3059.20**

April Income

Raffle Takings	£166.00
Total Income	£166.00

April Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 43.00
Floor Cable Protection Strip	£ 86.44
Total Expenditure	£129.44

New Total ($£3059.20 + 166.00 - 129.44$) = **£3095.76**

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Folk Club Equipment:

1) The cable tidy system, suggested and installed by Gordon, seems to be working a treat in reducing the tripping hazard and allowing us to return to the cable systems. This is more reliable in the long term unless you spend a small fortune on a state of the art wireless system which we now don't require.

2) Scott proposed that the club purchase another Tiger Music Stand MUS7-BK @£323.99 and another Hercules Mike Stand MS533B @£59.99, this was agreed by all as a good addition to our equipment Scott to purchase these...**Action Scott.**

5.2 Folk Club Beanie Hats For Star Raffle Prize:



A great success and an excellent Star Prize (Our Best Yet). Gordon informed the Committee that perhaps Alan could produce a Baseball style cap with the Folk Club Logo for the summer months. This was agreed by all as a good idea. Gordon to progress this with Alan ...Action Gordon.

5.3 New Registration Process for Planned Events: The plan is to set up a registration process where we can market future events such as the Singing Workshop and encourage attendees to register for the event in advance, they won't need to pay until the day of the event, but by registering first they can secure their place on the workshop, and give the organisers early indications of the numbers attending. We can set limits on the numbers attending if necessary.

A registration page promoting the event would be set up on the Folk Club website and a link to this page can be sent via our WhatsApp Group, Email distribution list, and on any other social media we choose to promote it in. All registrations are compiled onto a list which Gordon can share with the committee and workshop leader in advance of the event.

Gordon has already set up a draft page and registration form for the Singing Workshop, and is just waiting on confirmation of the preferred date so he can complete the details and begin marketing the event.

6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: A huge thanks go to Gordon for all his work on the overhaul of the Folk Club Video Archive on the Web Page and his U-Tube page. This included separating out all the various videos recorded during lockdown and making it a lot easier to browse and find a specific video. There are now 550 performances in the Archive and counting.

7.0 Future Events

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

This is looking to be one of the best Folk Nights yet with already 15 performers booked in on the Whats -App. List. It will be a fitting showpiece to all women whose song writing and singing have brought pleasure to millions of people all over the world.Lets make it a great one.

8.0 A.O.C.B.

8.1 Theme nights were discussed by the Committee, with a full agreement that it would be better to have a few months break from theme nights and discuss at the July meeting what would be a good theme for the September Folk Night.

8.2 The Folk Club has been approached by the Cruden Bay Community Association through Liz Oates enquiring if we could provide some music and song in the Kilmarnock Arms Dining Room on Saturday evening 3rd August 2024. There will be a delegation of Norwegians here to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the first pilot to fly across the North Sea by Trygge Gran.

On 30 July 1914 Gran became the first pilot to cross the North Sea. Taking off in his Blériot XI-2 monoplane, named Ca Flotte (it was equipped with air cushions in case of ditching) from Cruden Bay, Scotland, Gran landed 4 hours 10 minutes later at Jæren, near Stavanger, Norway, after a flight of 320 miles (510 km).

The Committee was unanimous in agreeing to provide entertainment for the evening.

Suggested songs 1) Come Fly With Me 2) Over The Sea to ~~Skye~~ Norway

3) Leaving on a Monoplane suggestions in Whats-App please.

9.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17th July 2024 7:00pm

Note: an earlier meeting can be arranged if required to organise the Singing Workshop.

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)