



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 13th November 2024 7:00 p.m.

**1** Attendees: Yvonne Bowyer, Jill McWilliams, Janet Sharp, Mike Bowyer, Gordon Mackay, Brian McAulay and Scott Thomson.

**2** Apologies for absence: Eulyn Pagaling, Jane Pettigrew and Joe McVey.

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

**3** Minutes: The minutes from the Joint August and September 2024 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were read and accepted by all.

#### Matters arising from previous minutes

**3.1:** Drumming Workshop 5<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Review The drumming workshop was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Although at the end of the day we had a loss of £129, it was good for the club to hold the workshop and to support the hall. A huge thanks goes to Janet, Gordon and the supporters who helped out on the day for all their hard work in making it a great day.

Janet raised the question as to the Folk Club retaining the drums that we have, as they just sit around in attics collecting dust and are not used very often. Lisa Leith who facilitated the workshop and runs a small West African drumming group in Huntly has offered to purchase the drums to be used when providing workshops to schools, after discussion it was agreed by all, that as the drums would be used to bring musical opportunities to the schools they should be given to Lisa free of charge with the agreement that the Folk Club could borrow them for any future drumming workshops that we may hold. Janet to contact Lisa and arrange the hand over.....**Action Janet.**

**3.2 Guitar Workshop:** Yvonne informed the Committee of a young man "John" from Ellon, who is a superb guitarist and has tutored many students and provided guitar workshops in the past. The Committee all agreed that John would be ideal to facilitate a guitar workshop for the Folk Club. Yvonne will contact John to find out more details of cost, time, and what dates he would be available.....Action Yvonne.

**3.3 Folk night with the Fiere Deems and Silver City Singers:** Brian informed the Committee that the Silver City Singers are now at a very busy time of year coming up to the festivities, and suggested postponing until early 2025, this was agreed by all.

**3.4 Review of concert at the Riggs Sheltered Housing Longside 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Thanks to all those who attended and performed on the night, the concert was well appreciated by all the residents who look forward to our annual concert party. A donation of £40 was also given to the Folk Club Funds, well done to you all.

**3.5 Review of the September Folk Night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September:**

A quiet night audience wise, but another great night of music by the Folk Club's regular performers. We had the introduction of the Bowyer Brothers (Mike and Joe) along with the Lisa Buchan band and our house-band The DGBK Band ( Davy, Gordon, Brian and Kenny) Doric songs provided by Ken Thomson and a set from Luke Rennie.

**3.6 Review of the October Folk Night on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:**

A very busy night as Ken Thomson brought along some of his friends to perform for us Joe Robertson and Ron Clark both (Harmonica and Bothy Ballads), Dave Bremner a singer songwriter accompanied by Kenny on Bass. We also had a surprise visit from Dave and Christine Wilkie and Miguel Truchas( (On Flute). A brilliant night with even a little time left for a small session at the end.

**3.7 Review of Kris's Concert in the Green Room on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

Feed back was very positive from the Folk Club members who made it along on the night, Kris and Kenny provided a great evening's entertainment while recording the performance for use at a later date perhaps an album in the making?

**3.8 Review of Concert for our French visitors for twinning with Chatillon sur Indre on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

A big thank you to all those who took part in entertaining our French guests at the Killie after the signing of the twinning agreement with Cruden Bay, Longhaven and Hatton. Liz Oates presented the Folk Club with a thankk you card and a raffle prize

from our Twinning Committee and informed us of a Bi-Yearly " Alliance Franco-Ecosse" weekend Festival which next takes place in Chatillon in June 2025.

Our friends from the French village of Chatillon would like a few of the performers from the Folk Club to join our Twinning Committee and go over to France for the Festival weekend where they would be hosted by their Twinning Committee who will supply rooms and food as required. Liz will be the contact for information regarding the trip. Shown below is a picture from the Festival.



#### 4.0 Treasurer's Report:

Brian reported on the Finances to date.

Last total May and June     £3285.35

##### July Income

Raffle Takings	£ 203.00
Total Income	<u>£203.00</u>

##### July Expenses

Raffle Prizes and Hats	£ 50.00
Beanie Hats and Caps	£ 39.67
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 89.67.</u>

**New Total** (£3285.35 + 203.00 - 89.67) =     £3398.68

### August Income

Raffle Takings	£194.00
Total Income	<u>£194.00</u>

### August Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 39.27
Postcards	£209.44
Total Expenditure	<u>£248.71</u>

**New Total** (€3398.68 + 194.00 - 248.71) = **£3343.97**

### September Income

Raffle Takings	£118.00
St James Concert Donation	£162.00
Riggs Concert Donation	£ 40.00
Post Cards Income	£ 80.00
Total Income	<u>£400.00</u>

### September Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 59.45
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 59.45</u>

**New Total** (€3343.97 + 400.00 - 59.45) = **£3684.52**

### October Income

Raffle Takings	£147.00
Drumming Workshop Ticket sales	£111.00
Total Income	<u>£258.00</u>

### October Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 21.94
Hall Fees for Drumming Workshop	£ 90.00
Lisa Tutor Fees for Drumming Workshop	£150.00
P.A. Equipment - Fall Back Speaker	£144.00

Total Expenditure **£405.94**  
New Total (£3684.52 + 258.00 -405.94) = **£3536.58**

**5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity:** A well done again to Gordon for organising the Whats-App page for booking performances for the November Folk Night 60's and 70's theme night.

## **6.0 A.O.C.B**

### **6.1 Fiere Deemes Choir Hall Expenses:**

Yvonne raised a point to the Committee that as the choir numbers are low at the moment and the payments for the hire of the hall remain the same, if required would the Folk Club support the choir financially with a donation to the choir funds. It was agreed by all, to readily support the choir as it forms a main part of the Folk Club. Yvonne also suggested that a quiz night could be held by the choir to aid the funds and Gordon suggested a Theme Folk Night for the choir where the raffle takings would go to their funds. **These options to be further discussed.**

### **6.2 Replies from Theme Night Preference Survey:**

Yvonne has offered to list all the preferences from the Theme Night survey and present the list at the next Folk Club Committee meeting, when the next theme night can be planned...**Action Yvonne.**

### **6.3 Cruden Bay Christmas Tree light up ceremony:**

Liz Oates has enquired as to the Fiere Deemes and others from the Folk Club providing Christmas Carols prior to the switching on the Tree Lights on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Around 6:30pm, Mulled wine, Mince- Meat Pies and Tea and Coffee will be available at the now Cruden Bay Community Association owned (Congregational Church) building. Yvonne and Janet to check availability with the choir...**Action Yvonne and Janet.**

### **6.4 Raffle Prize Winners in Bar and Dining Room:**

Yvonne raised a point of complaint by some of the audience in the Dining room that many, if not most of the prizes drawn go to people in the bar, not at the Folk Night. It had been suggested that some of the prizes could be Dining Room only (specific colour of tickets). After discussion it was agreed that as

- 1) 75% of the raffle takings come from the bar.
- 2) The star prize malt whisky has been mainly won by someone in the lounge.
- 3) It would seem a little unfair to exclude the bar from all prizes.

**It was agreed by all that the draw would remain as it is.**

## 6.5 Folk Club's Annual Charity Donation:

Yvonne proposed an increase in the Club's annual charity donation considering the Club has a very good bank balance at this time. After discussion on finances and the plans for Workshops and Concerts in the summer of 2025, which would require a lot of funding, it was agreed by all to increase the annual charity donation from £200 to £300 to be split between two selected charities @ £150 each. Yvonne has agreed to oversee the selection process for the two charities...Action Yvonne.

Gordon suggested that instead of charity donations, a musical scholarship could be funded by the Folk Club which would provide music lessons for children in the local area, to be discussed further in the hope of setting it up for 2025...Action All.

## 6.6 2023 Annual General Meeting Date:

The AGM would be for the year 2024 ending December 31<sup>st</sup>. Yvonne to contact Dawn in regard to the auditing of the Folk Club accounts...Action Yvonne.

Brian is unavailable for the months of January and February, therefore the AGM is planned for March 2025, Brian to update the Committee in March and confirm an actual date for the meeting.

## 7.0 Future Events

7.1 **Friday Night 29<sup>th</sup> November:** 60's and 70's themed Folk Night and launch of Fonseca's new album 8:30 PM-11:30PM.

7.2 **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Carols at the Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:30pm

7.3 **Friday Night 27<sup>th</sup> December:** Folk Night 8:30 PM-11:30PM.

7.4 **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025:** New Year's Day Session at the Killie 2pm-5pm

7.6 **Wednesday Afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** Buchan Heritage Society Longside Parish Church Hall 2pm - 4pm.

Correction:-Janet pointed out the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 is in fact a Wednesday, not a Friday as was stated in the previous minutes, (Now Corrected) I received a copy of the original E-Mail from the Buchan Heritage Society from Gordon please see below

We at the Buchan Heritage Society are trying to put together our programme for 2024-2025 and would like to invite your group to come and entertain on the afternoon of February 19<sup>th</sup> 2025. If you are available we meet in Longside Parish Church Hall at 2.00pm. As you have been guests before it is still the same format, with a break for tea and the raffle in the middle. We aim to finish by 4.00pm. If however afternoons are not suitable for your group we can maybe move things around to suit all. Kind Regards  
Margaret Gordon Committee member

**8.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7:00pm**

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)