



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### DECEMBER 2024 and JANUARY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 15th January 2025 7:00 p.m.

**1 Attendees:** Yvonne Bowyer, Eulyn Pagaling, Janet Sharp, Mike Bowyer, Gordon Mackay, Brian McAulay and Joe McVey.

**2 Apologies for absence:** Jill McWilliams, Jane Pettigrew and Scott Thomson.

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

**3 Minutes:** The minutes from the Joint October and November 2024 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were read and accepted by all.

#### Matters arising from previous minutes

**3.1 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. **Update :- Yvonne is awaiting confirmation of John's availability to facilitate a guitar workshop hopefully will know by the end of January.**

**3.2 Folk Club's Annual Charity Donation:** Joe has suggested donating to a group that teach children to play musical instruments, Brian and Gordon both agreed that perhaps the group could be persuaded to facilitate a workshop in the Village Hall, thereby supporting both the Hall and Community. Joe to supply details of the group to the Committee to progress this further....**Action Joe.**

**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. **Update :- Awaiting Brian to propose a date, possibly post March, when some of the Silver City Singers could visit the Folk Club for a couple of 20 minute sets probably one before the raffle and one after.**

**3.4 Review of the November Folk Night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** A brilliant night with a 60's and 70's music theme **AND** the launch of the new Fonseca's album "Sun, Sand and Salt" with the band playing a few tracks from the album. It was also great to see Dave Bremner back at the Folk Club.

Everyone gave their best to relive the 60's and 70's era through the music and also a treat for all to hear the FONSECAS play again at the club. All in all 30 songs were sung on the night.



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

Some performers to welcome back to the club were Ailsa singing "Baltic Street Montrose" and Gareth along with Kenny with "Cosmic Dance". Regular visitors Ian McAulay, wife Marian and their son Ewan who also played guitar and sang. Great to see them all. Christmas songs were also performed, "White Christmas" Lisa Dave and Kenny, "Santa Baby" The Fiere Deems, and the old time favourite "Fairy Tale of New York" brilliantly performed by new boy and girl band Joe, Eulyn, Brian and Gareth. A great night thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**3.6 Review of Killie New Year's Day Session :-** Though the audience number was down from previous years, we still had about a dozen performers on the afternoon which is about average for the session. The unplugged session was so enjoyed by all those present that suggestions were made that more unplugged sessions should be included in the Folk Club evening programme (see point 3.6)

**3.5 Review of Cruden Bay Christmas Tree Lighting up and Community Carol Singing :-** The event turned out to be a little disorganised with much, if not all of the arrangements being left up to Liz Oates. The Folk Club was represented by Yvonne, Karen (who had travelled from New Deer) Mike and Joe. A few carols were sung both in the Hall and on the way down to the Christmas Tree (which was already lit up!) then all went home.

Discussions included a three month notice period or not participating in the event in the future. Gordon proposed that in future, as it is a very busy time of year for everyone, that it would be better if Liz contacted possible carol singers on an individual basis, this was agreed by all.

**3.6 Unplugged Sessions :-** It has been commented by a few of our audience that the Folk Club is turning into an "Open Mike Night" where the session, at the end of all the individual performances, is sometimes shortened or does not happen at all due to the number of performances. Another point raised to the club is the late time of the session 11:pm where a lot of audience drift away home.

To address this issue, after much discussion, it was agreed that an unplugged Folk Night should be held every 3 to 4 Club Nights the first being scheduled for **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**.

**3.7 Folk Club Raffle :-** Due to further complaints as to the number of prizes going to the bar and the discussions recorded in the last minutes as to the Pros and Cons of selling raffle tickets in the bar it was agreed by all to make a small change in the way the tickets are sold.

**Unplugged Folk Night** The raffle tickets will be sold to those in the Dining Room only.

**Other Folk Nights** The raffle tickets will be sold within the Killie as normal.

#### **4.0 Treasurer's Report:**

Brian reported on the Finances to date.

Last total September and October 2024	£3536.58
October Adjustment	+ £11.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£3547.58</u></b>

### November Income

Raffle Takings	£188.00
Total Income	<u>£188.00</u>

### November Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 41.27
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 41.27.</u>

**New Total** (£3547.58 + 188.00 - 41.67) = **£3694.31**

### December Income

Raffle Takings	£162.00
Total Income	<u>£162.00</u>

### December Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 40.00
Annual Web Service Fees	£146.08
Total Expenditure	<u>£186.08</u>

**New Total** (£3694.31 + 162.00 -186.08) = **£3670.23**

**5.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity:** A well done again to Gordon for organising the Whats-App page to list performers for the Buchan Heritage Concert in Longside Church Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

### 6.0 A.O.C.B

**6.1 Annual General Meeting for 2024** : Planned for 19<sup>th</sup> March if the Folk Club books have been audited by Dawn but may have to re-arrange if more time required.

**Note:** Brian has stated that he wishes to stand down as treasurer at the A.G.M. but still remain a Committee member.

**6.2 Replies from Theme Night Preference Survey:** If anyone has a note of the list of theme preferences that were put on Whats-App by our members could they please forward them to Yvonne.

**6.3 Folk Club's Djembe Drums:** Janet has organised the loan of six of the drums to Lisa who runs the Huntly West African Drumming Group and facilitated the Drum Workshop for us on the 5<sup>th</sup> October last year. There are still five more drums still in residence with Folk Club if required for Club Use. Please see thank you note from Lisa below:-

Hi Janet - I just wanted to say thank you so much for delivery of 6 djembe drums, kindly given out on long term loan from Cruden Bay Folk Club. It will allow me to take the drumming to the Gordon Schools Huntly and give some pupils the opportunity to try something new. I have arranged a short taster session there in a few weeks time. It is my understanding that the drums remain the property of CBFC and that the agreement is for them to be returned should they be needed in the future. I shall keep you updated with progress. Best wishes,  
Lisa, Huntly West African Drumming Group.



## **7.0 Future Events**

**7.1 Friday Night 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025:** Folk Night with slight "Burns Songs Bias"

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

**7.3 Friday Night 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025:** Folk Night "Bob Dylan Theme" still to be announced.

**7.3 Friday Night 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025:** Folk Night " First Unplugged Session Night"

## **8.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 7:00pm (subject to confirmation)**

Yvonne then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)