



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

FEBRUARY and MARCH 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 19th March 2025 7:00 p.m.

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

- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Eulyn Pagaling, Joe McVey, (Joyce Morris and Len Morris - Due to Technical Issues).

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

- 3 **Minutes:** The minutes from the Joint December 2024 and January 2025 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 15th January 2025 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 **Guitar Workshop:** Awaiting further information regarding the availability of the Guitar Tutor to facilitate the workshop. Mike to check with Yvonne as to any progress...**Action Mike.**

- 3.2 **Folk Club's Annual Charity Donation:** Awaiting further information and contact details from Joe regarding the 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, to make the trip worthwhile for the singers, they would prefer a longer spot on the night. All agreed that a 40 minute spot could be planned into the night's running order. Brian to convey this to the singers and find out what dates they can give us for the performance...**Action Brian.**

4.0 New Business:

4.1 Review of the January Folk Night on Friday 31st January: Another great night of music to celebrate the bard along with the mixture of musical genres that the Folk Club pride ourselves on, and of course the magnificent rendering of the classic "Tam-O-Shanter by our very own Gordon Mackay.



4.2 Review of the February Folk Night (Bob Dylan Theme Night) on Friday 28th February: What a night, the Folk Club was "Hoatching" as they say, a very popular theme and a great result from Gordon's advertising of the event. The performers were excellent and were encouraged by a great audience joining in with the songs. The theme nights certainly are successful, next theme is.....Watch this Space.



4.3 New Mixing Desk and Cabling: The new desk and cabling worked very well on the Folk Night in February and the extra technology on the new system allowed quicker change-overs and a better quality of sound. Gordon has given training on the desk operation to a few of the Folk Club as he will miss the next couple of Folk Nights.

4.4 Unplugged Sessions :- The impromptu Folk Club sessions in the Killie Foyer are working well, Gordon has set up a Whats-App page for the sessions.

4.5 Annual General Meeting for year 2024 :- The Folk Club Finance Books have now been fully audited by Dawn. All agreed on a date and venue which would be the 16th April in the Cruden Bay Village Hall, there would be a short Committee meeting first to discuss

the May Concert details at 7pm then the A.G.M. starting at 7:30 pm. Gordon to check with Rosemary and book the hall.....Action Gordon. Update; Unfortunately the hall is booked for that evening further discussions for a date are ongoing.

Gordon to send out invites for the A.G.M. to the list of Folk Club subscribers and on the club's Website and Facebook Page.....Action Gordon.

- 4.6 The Benefit Concert for Cruden Bay Hall Funds 16th May 2025 :-** Gordon advised the Committee that the ticket sales require a boost , all agreed to promote the ticket sales where possible :-
- 1) Concert tickets to be on sale at the Folk Night. Janet has given Eulyn spare tickets For the 28th March.
 - 2) It was agreed to raffle a pair of tickets at the Folk Night.
 - 3) Janet has offered to contact Rosemary in regard to Rosemary E-Mailing the members of the Community Association to assist in the boost for ticket sales....Action Janet.

Folk Club Performers as support acts for the Concert :- Copied from last minutes

There will be two main headline acts "Sir Reel Clarks" and "Robyn Smith" along with a selection of performers from the Folk Club.

The concert will start at 7:30pm and finish at 10:00pm (this will allow time to dismantle the P.A. system and have a general tidy up of the hall).

Planned Running Order would be	7:30 - 7:50	Folk Club Performers	20Mins
	7:50 - 8:30	First Guest Performers	40Mins
	8:30 - 9:00	Break and Raffle	30Mins
	9:00 - 9:20	Folk Club Performers	20Mins
	9:20 - 10:00	Second Guest Performers	40Mins

The following options were discussed:-

- 1) 3 acts first half and 3 acts second half with a couple of songs each.
- 2) 4 or 5 acts maximum with up to 3 songs per act.
- 3) Further discussion required to limit change-over time between acts.
- 4) Performers discussed were Scott and Russell, Fearie Deames, Connor, Jazz and Kenny. Janet. Gordon, Brian and Kenny (Davy not available). Lisa (not available).

Gordon to contact performers for their availability. ..Action Gordon.

6.0 **CBFC Promotion and Publicity:** A huge well done again to Gordon for his work not only on the Bob Dylan Theme night but on the Village Hall Benefit Concert and the usual recordings of the Folk Nights, and the Postcards. A powerhouse!

7.0 **A.O.C.B:**

7.1 **Killie Garden Concert:** Brian has offered to take the lead on this and the concert is planned for the month of June. It is still in discussion as to whether it would be on an evening of a normal Folk Night or a Saturday afternoon when it would be a bit warmer and people could bring their kids along....**Action Brian.**

7.2 **Village Voices Local Choirs:** A huge well done to the Fearie Deames who took part in the Village Voices celebration of choirs last month at N.E.S. College in Fraserburgh. The Fearie Deames were at their best as usual and did us proud as a club, we are very lucky to have such a group of talented singers as part of the Folk Club.

7.3 **Folk Club Committee Posts :** Mike as Vice Chairperson and Brian as Treasurer have both informed the committee that they won't be standing for re-election at the A.G.M. in April. Janet has offered to take over the post of Vice Chairperson and it is hoped that Eulyn might take over as Treasurer.

Jane Pettigrew has also resigned as Committee Member, as she feels that due to family commitments she is unable to contribute to the Committee as she would like. The Committee all thanked Jane for her input during her time as a member.

8.0 **Future Events**

7.1 **Friday Night 28th March 2025:** Folk Night No Theme.

7.2 **T.B.C. April 2025:** Folk Club A.G.M. for year 2024.

7.3 **Friday Night 25th April 2025:** Folk Night No Theme.

7.4 **Friday Night 16th May 2025:** Village Hall Benefit Concert.

8.0 **Date of next Committee Meeting and Annual General Meeting**

To be Confirmed April 2025 7:00pm

Angelika then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)