



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

AUGUST and SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 8th October 2025 7:00 p.m.

- 1 Attendees: Angelika McKenzie, Jill McWilliams, Joyce Morris, Janet Sharp, Eulyne Pagaling, Gordon Mackay, Brian McAulay, Joe McVey, Len Morris and Scott Thomson.
- 2 Apologies for absence: Mike Bowyer.

Angelika welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the agenda.

- 3 Minutes: The minutes from the Joint June 2025 and July 2025 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 6th August 2025 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 Folk night with the Fiere Deems and Silver City Singers: Due to the individual commitments of the Silver City Singers, it was decided to close this item meantime, with the proviso that sometime in the future we may have a Folk Night with both the Fearie Deames and the Silver City Singers performing an extended set each. **Item Closed.**
- 3.2 Buchanhaven Harbour Day Saturday 9th August: Thanks go to Janet, Lisa and Bill who went along to perform at the harbour Day, the 30 minute set was enjoyed by both audience and performers alike.
- 3.3 Cruden Bay Harbour Day Saturday 23rd August: A very successful event with the Folk Club, along with other performers, providing entertainment for 5 hours on the day. A huge thank you goes out to all the performers who gave up their time to make this a brilliant day and a special thanks to Gordon our Sound Engineer and all those involved in the logistics for the day.

We received great feedback from Paula Webber (Harbour Committee) but they would have preferred the performance Gazebo to be closer to the bar if possible, where people could have a drink and listen to the entertainment. Brian advised that the siting of the Gazebo was determined by the available power supply. Gordon added that there is another supply point closer to where the bar was situated that can be used in the future.

3.4 Actions post Covid outbreak at Folk Night in July 2025: Angelika informed the Committee that she had contacted Lucy from the Killie regarding the opening of a window in the Dining Room during a Folk Club night. Lucy advised that due to the age and condition of the windows it would not be possible to open them at this time but that the doors in and out of the Dining Room could be kept open during the Folk Night. Gordon advised that at the last Folk Night the door to the Foyer had to be closed due to incoming noise and would have to be assessed at the time. It was agreed that any performer wishing to sanitise the P.A. equipment prior to use would be welcome to do so. Gordon has put out a message on Whats-App to try and negate the risk in future see below:-

COVID Notification

As many of you know, we experienced a bit of a Covid "super-spreader" incident at the Folk Club back in July — more than 20 people who attended that night came down with Covid within just a few days.

We've since looked at ways to reduce the risk of future incidents. This includes improving ventilation during club nights, which means keeping the doors open. However, as we move into the colder winter months, that won't be a very practical option.

For performers, we have disposable microphone covers available if you'd like to use one, and you're also welcome to wipe down any shared equipment between uses. That said, these measures are unlikely to make a big difference if Covid is already circulating among us.

The most effective way to protect everyone remains simple: if you think you might have Covid, please give club night a miss that week. This small step makes a huge difference in keeping everyone safe.

We're incredibly proud of the club we've built together over the past 13 years. We truly value your friendship, involvement, and ongoing support — and with your continued understanding, we're confident the club will keep thriving.

Thank you all for being such an important part of our community and success.

New Business:

4.1 Singing Workshop Saturday 11th October 11am - 4pm Cruden Bay Hall: The doors for the (free to all) Singing Workshop will be open at 10:30am, there are at present 30 attendees for the event. Janet is in charge of the teas and coffees and the Fearie Deames are bringing home bakes. Joyce raised a point regarding the heating not being on at her yoga class in the hall last week, Gordon has contacted Rosemary on this point and also that the hall payment of £150 which would come off our prepaid £500 hall credit leaving a remainder of £350. Rosemary will make sure the heating is on and that the payment arrangement is fine.

It was agreed to hold a raffle at the Singing Workshop in place of a donation box, Eulyn will provide prizes and tickets for the raffle.

As the theme of the workshop is Sea Shanties and Songs of the Sea it is hoped to incorporate these into the Lighting up of the Christmas Creel Tree (see Future Events).

4.2 Review of the August Folk Night on Friday 29th August 2025: A great turn out on the evening to welcome our guest act, The Wolverstones, who performed a much enjoyed 45 minute set. All the performers were at their usual high standard which made it a night to remember.

4.3 Review of the September Folk Night on Friday 26th September 2025: The night had a later start with the Dining Room in use after Vic's funeral. Brian commented that the time remaining worked out just right for the number of performers on the evening.

5.0 Treasurer's Report:

Eulyn reported on the Finances to date.

Last total June and July 2025 **£3731.47**

August Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings £175.00

Total Income **£175.00**

August Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes £ 37.74

Wolverstones £200.00

Video Editing Software £107.00

Total Expenditure **£344.74**

New Total (£3731.47 +175 - 344.74) = **£3561.73**

September Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings	£167.00
Total Income	<u>£167.00</u>

September Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 38.36
Total Expenditure	<u>£ 38.36</u>

New Total (£3561.73 +167-38.36) = £ 3690.37

6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Gordon continues to do sterling work in keeping all the Folk Club information avenues up to date, we must have one of the best club websites in the land. Gordon advised the Committee that he will re-schedule the Spotlight Session for Jazz, Conor, and Kenny's performance set at the Folk Club.

7.0 A.O.C.B.:

7.1 Cruden Bay Calendar: After Committee agreement on Whats App, Gordon has arranged for the Folk Club to sponsor a month on the calendar and asked Liz if the Folk Club could be mentioned on the last Friday of each month, this she has done. The cost is £30, Gordon will pay Liz and Eulyn will transfer the money to Gordon. **Note:** The December Folk Night in 2026 lands on Christmas night this has been changed on the new calendar to **Friday 18th December** the previous week.

7.2 December Folk night 2025: As the Folk Night lands on the 26th December - Boxing night, it was agreed to change it to the following night **Saturday 27th** Gordon to E-Mail this information to all on the list....**Action Gordon.**

7.3 Next Theme Night: It was agreed to have another Theme night sometime in the next few months, Brian has volunteered to request suggestions from the Folk Club through Whats App as to their preferences....**Action Brian.**

7.4 Folk Club position regarding Performers: Angelika informed the Committee that a rumour was circulating that the Folk Club did not want outside performers to attend the club only their own core performers were welcome. It was agreed by all that the Folk Club is open to **all** performers with the proviso that any payments, Fees or Expenses would have prior agreement from the Folk Club Committee.

8.0 Future Events:

8.1 Celtic Worship Concert Apex Church Peterhead Friday 5th December 7pm: Anyone in the Folk Club has an invite ,if they wish, to come along and hear a brilliant band. I have copied the E-Mail that I received from Steven Sangster to all of the Committee.

8.2 Apex Christmas Carol Concert in Cruden Bay Hall Sunday 21st December :
Steven Sangster is arranging a carol concert in the hall on Sunday 21st December (time to be confirmed) and would like not only the church band and church choir to be taking part but asked if perhaps the Folk Club could also perform at the concert. Scott to check with Steven, as to what he would require from us.....**Action Scott.**

8.3 Harbour Committee Christmas Celebrations and Lighting Up of the Christmas Tree made from Creels : Paula Webber has been in touch with Gordon requesting the Folk Club to take part in their Christmas activities, they are looking for Sea Shanties around the tree which would tie in with the Sea Shanties and Songs of the Sea Themes at the Singing Workshop held on the 11th October 2025. The other Celebrations have yet to be finalised...Looks like a Busy December.

8.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting

Wednesday 17th December 2025 7:00pm

Angelika then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)

P.S. Just a thought, but with all these events happening in December perhaps Wednesday 3rd December would be a better date for the next meeting ? Opinions please

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1) The answer for too many guitars in the stand at the Folk Club



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