



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 17th December 2025 7:00 p.m.

1 Attendees: Angelika McKenzie, Joyce Morris, Janet Sharp, Mike Bowyer, Gordon Mackay, Brian McAulay, Len Morris and Scott Thomson.

2 Apologies for absence: Jill McWilliams, Eulyn Pagaling and Joe McVey.

Angelika welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the agenda.

3 Minutes: The minutes from the Joint August 2025 and September 2025 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 were read and accepted by all.

#### Matters arising from previous minutes

3.1 Folk Club Theme Night: Brian will ask for preferences via the Folk Club Whats -App page then assess the results and inform the Committee of the results via the Committee Whats- App for a final decision...**Action Brian.**

#### 4.0 New Business:

4.1 Review of the October Folk Night on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025: A Halloween Treat for all from the Witches (Fearie Deames) **Spooky Songs** to Gordon giving Dracula a good airing. Well done to all for a spectacular evening, one to remember (In Your...



...Dreams Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha !!

**4.2 Review of the November Folk Night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025:** A special night with the new times of a 7:30pm Start and a 10:30pm Finish. The new times really worked well with quite a lot of the audience still with us at the end of the evening. The performances were as usual up to a high standard, a great night all round.

**4.3 Review of the Fearie Deames carol singing at the Lighting up of the Harbour Creel Christmas Tree:** A great turn out at the Creel Christmas Tree Lighting up ceremony where the Fearie Deames performed from the back of a lorry with a tarpaulin keeping them sheltered from the wind. All this along with Hot Chocolate and a Fine Piece at the Café what more could you want.

**4.4 Folk Club Christmas Charity Donation for 2025:** Various options were discussed on how to locate Local Charities and then select the ones to support. Joe raised the point that the downside of this would be disappointing the ones not selected. Gordon made a case for supporting the new online project "Cruden Bay Life" which not only promotes the village, but also the Folk Club itself. They are still looking to raise around £1600 to complete the project. Gordon abstained from voting as he is personally involved in the project and after further discussion via the Committee Whats-App page it was fully agreed to support the "Cruden Bay Life" project as the Folk Clubs Annual Donation for 2025. The amount would be between £250-£300. A decision on the actual amount has still to be taken.

#### **5.0 Treasurer's Report: ( N.R.) No Receipt**

Eulyn reported on the Finances to date.

Last total August and September 2025 **£3690.37**

#### **Singing Workshop Income**

Raffle Takings £ 89.08

Total Income **£ 89.08**

#### **Singing Workshop Expenditure**

Raffle Prizes £ 41.95

Morag Simpson Fee for Workshop ( N.R.) £150.00

Refreshments Singing Workshop ( N.R.) £ 6.50

Total Expenditure **£198.45**

New Total (£3690.37 + 89.08 - 198.45) = **£3581.00**

### October Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings	£209.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>£209.00</u></b>

### October Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 40.66
Cruden Bay Calendar donation ( N.R.)	£ 30.00
Software for Website	£ 36.74
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£107.40</u></b>

**New Total** (£3581 + 209 - 107.40) = **£3682.60**

### November Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings	£ 149.84
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>£149.84</u></b>

### November Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 40.16
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£ 40.16</u></b>

**New Total** (£3682.60 + 149.84 - 40.16) = **£3792.28**

**6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity:** Gordon reported that the new additional software for the website is up and running and working well. He has already put in a lot of time and effort in setting up the new "Cruden Bay Life" website which is a great advertisement for the Folk Club.

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

**7.1 Bayview Care Home Concert:** Janet informed the Committee that the Fearie Deames are entertaining the residents at the Care Home in Cruden Bay on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with a few Burns songs and welcomed any other performers that might like to join them. The times are still to be announced. Gordon agreed to set up a Whats-App page for the event.

## **8.0 Future Events:**

- 8.1 Apex Christmas Carol Concert in Cruden Bay Hall Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December: 6pm - 7pm** Scott and Russell will represent the Folk Club at the one hour service, they will be singing 3 Christmas Carols in the 15 minute spot. All welcome.
- 8.2 Parents and Kids Christmas Concert and Santa Visit in the Killie Dining Room 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025 4pm-6pm.** Morag, Russell and Scott will perform the Christmas Songs, all performers welcome to join in on the day. Scott has prepared the song books to be handed out to the audience for the sing along.
- 8.3 New Year's Day Session in the Reception Area of the Killie 2pm - 5pm** All performers welcome to celebrate the New Year.
- 8.4 December Folk Night Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2025 7:30pm-10:30pm**The Folk Night has been changed to the Saturday to avoid Boxing Day, but this has been well advertised by Gordon. It is hoped to get a reasonable turn-out on the night but at this time of year people have other engagements. The schedule for the evening will need to be decided on the night.
- 8.5 Bayview Care Home Concert Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025 time TBC** The Fearie Deames will be entertaining the residents at the home and would like other performers to join them if they can come along. Whats-App page to be set up.
- 8.6 January Folk Night Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7:30pm - 10:30pm** A Burns theme night, It would be beneficial if Gordon could set up a song list page as he did last year to avoid repetition of Robert Burns songs.
- 9.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 7:00pm**

Angelika then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)

