



## CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

### DECEMBER 2025 and JANUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 11th February 2026 7:00 p.m.

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

Angelika welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the agenda.

- Minutes:** The minutes from the Joint October 2025 and November 2025 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were read and accepted by all.

#### Matters arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 Review of APEX Church Christmas Service in Village Hall on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December:**  
There was a great turnout for the service with just under half coming from Cruden Bay, As the service only lasted an hour the Folk Club were asked if they could perform a 15 minute spot. Russell and Scott sang three songs which went down well with the audience. APEX are hoping to hold an Easter Service in the Village Hall and asked if the Folk Club could be involved again.
- 3.2 Review of the Kids Christmas Eve Concert and Santa Visit:** A really great afternoon with lots of parents and their children. Morag, Russell and Scott provided the Sing a Long of Christmas Songs and the children also sang some of the School Christmas songs, Mayhem and Magic, and a "well done" from Santa.
- 3.3 New Year's Day Session Cancellation:** It was agreed by all the correct decision was taken in regard to the cancellation of the event as there was a yellow weather warning for snow in place and with the weather getting worse as the day went on. Hopefully there will be better weather next year.

3.4 Review of the Bayview Care Home Concert Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026: A really great Burns concert organised by the Fearie Deames supported by Morag, Russell and Scott. It is really good to give something back into the Community and as music is our thing then that's what we do.

3.5 Review of the December Folk Night Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026: There was a good turnout of audience and players considering the time of year and change of date to the Saturday to avoid Boxing Night. As the numbers of performers were fewer than normal it was decided to have a second round of 2 song sets which worked well on the night. Brian has the videos of the evening on his I-Pad and will give to Gordon to download on to the Folk Club Website....**Action Brian, Gordon.**

3.6 Review of the January Folk Night Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026: Another great Burn's Theme night with Gordon giving Tam o Shanter a rest this year and in his place gave us a "Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie": in the poem "to a mouse". A huge well done to all the performers for keeping up the Tradition and Celebration of the Scottish Bard's brilliant work. It was good to see the return of Andy Clucas and Duncan Richardson on mandolin also two songs worthy of a special mention are Janet with "Come on up" and Karen with "And Dream of Sleep" along with the sound of waves in the background.

#### 4.0 New Business:

4.1 Update on Folk Clubs Annual Charity donation for 2025. "Cruden Bay Life" was accepted at the last meeting to receive the donation to assist in the setting up of the Website. It was agreed by all that a sum of £300 be sent to Gordon as the I.T. manager for the project which can then be used in the various aspects and requirements of the Cruden Bay Life website...**Action Euly.**

4.2 Update on the "Country Theme" Folk Night on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 and the "Irish Theme" Folk Night on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026. Gordon informed the Committee that the song choice list was filling up now with performers and that there may be a chance of the "Buchan Bellies" turning up to do some dancing to **Wicked Game** and **Man I feel like a woman** go Stephanie. The poster advertising the Country Night is already out there.

The Irish Theme night will be a great time to celebrate all songs Irish plenty of time for Researching, Selecting and Rehearsing.

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

Eulyn reported on the Finances to date.

Last total October and November 2025 **£3792.28**

### December Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings £ 73.00

**Total Income £ 73.00**

### December Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes £ 39.05

Web Hosting (Paid to Gordon) £146.08

**Total Expenditure £185.13**

**New Total (£3792.28 + 73.00 - 185.08) = £3680.15**

### January Folk Night Income

Raffle Takings £ 105.00

**Total Income £105.00**

### November Folk Night Expenses

Raffle Prizes £ 40.48

**Total Expenditure £ 40.48**

**New Total (£3680.15 + 105.00 - 40.48) = £3744.67**

6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Gordon reported that all was going well with the Website with 150,000 views on the Folk Club and Cruden Bay Life videos. He also informed the Committee that the poster for the Irish Theme night is ready to go out there and will be put on the web after the February Folk night.

7.0 A.O.C.B.: Gordon reported that he had received a request to play a set at the folk Club by an Australian singer and songwriter called Snez. She already has released two albums "Fisher on the Sea" and "Cardboard Wings" and is planning dates for her 2026 tour. Gordon advised her that as a small club we could only pay expenses in the region of £150-£200. She seemed to be ok with that. Snez would be playing a 40 minute set

As has been the standard in the past with guest performers, but with the earlier start time maybe this could be stretched out perhaps to an hour. Gordon to find out further information....**Action Gordon.**

7.1 **Community Events for 2026** Following on from the successful free entry singing workshop on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 there was a discussion as to what other events the Folk Club could set up as free entry events in the Community for this year. Among the suggestions were:-

- 1) Song Writing workshop hosted by club members or a guest songwriter to take charge of the event.
- 2) Concert on the grass at the Killie as we had at Covid where we could not meet indoors.
- 3) Drumming Workshop.
- 4) Another Singing Workshop.
- 5) Guitar Workshop.

The Committee were requested to find any information on any of the above and bring to the next meeting....**Action All.**

7.1 **AGM for 2025** It was agreed by all that the Annual General Meeting should be incorporated with the next two monthly meetings on ZOOM in March. What will be required before then is 1) The Folk Club books audited by Sue Grosvenor. 2) Chairperson's Report. 3) Treasures Report. 4) Publicity Officers Report. All reports E-Mailed to me please. Note : Angelika advised the Committee that she would like to step down as Chairperson, as she is finding it difficult to give the post the required time, but would be happy to stand for Vice-Chairperson.

## 8.0 **Future Events:**

- **February Folk Night (Country Theme)** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 7:30pm - 10:30pm.
- **March Folk Night (Irish Theme)** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2022 7:30pm - 10:30pm.
- **Folk Club AGM** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 on ZOOM 7:0pm

9.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7:00pm

Angelika then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)