



CRUDEN BAY FOLK CLUB

JUNE and JULY 2026 MEETING MINUTES

Location: ZOOM

Date & Time: Wednesday 26th August 2026 7:00 p.m.

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

Janet welcomed everyone to the meeting and began the agenda.

- 3 Minutes: The minutes from the Joint April and May 2026 Committee Meeting held on ZOOM on Wednesday 24th June 2026 were read and accepted by all.

Matters arising from previous minutes

- 3.1 **Joe** to check the Workshop Flyers from Portsoy Boat Festival for contacts of Facilitators who could maybe run a workshop for the Folk Club:- **Update:-** Awaiting response from Joe. Action Joe.
- 3.2 **Janet** to check with Irene Watt at the November Singing Workshop at Portsoy for a future Folk Club Singing Workshop in 2027:- **Update** Janet will arrange this in November. **Closed (for the moment).**
- 3.4 **Eulyn and Brian** to investigate the purchase of a Card Reader to be used when selling raffle tickets at the Folk Club:- **Update** Brian has purchased a Card Reader £25 but will require Eulyn as the Bank Signatory to link it into the Folk Club Bank Account. Brian also proposed the purchase of another Card Reader to be used in the Dining Room while the first was in use in the Bar and Lounge Areas... Action Eulyn and Brian.
- 3.5 **Brian** is to look into the possibility of a Summer Outdoor Event at the Killie Garden and the requirements, logistics of staging the event:- **Update** As we are approaching the end of summer it was decided to leave this venture until summer 2027. **Closed (for the moment).**

3.6 **Eulyn and Brian** to investigate the opening of a Savings Account for the Folk Club

Update:- Brian reported that they are still trying to find a Savings Account which would give a reasonable return on our investment, the search goes on. **Closed (for the moment)**

4.0: New Business:

4.1 Review of the June Folk Night Friday 26th June 2026: All the performers were at their usual high standard on a very special Folk Night with SNEZ (Australian singer and songwriter) as guest artist for the evening. She gave us a much enjoyed mix of her own compositions along with songs from Macedonia, the country that her family were originally from before coming to Australia. Each song was interspersed with tales of her life while growing up in Australia. A brilliant evening. A huge thanks also goes to Janet for providing accommodation for SNEZ, her friend Kelly and her daughter Ellie.

4.2 Review of the Cruden Bay Harbour Fun Day 27th June 2026: A well attended fun day, enjoyed by both performers and audience. The Folk Club provided music for the whole day including a Flash-Mob song "The Wellerman".

Special thanks go to :-

- 1) **Gordon**, for all the work he put in prior to and on the day making sure the P.A. system worked well and dealing with a few sound problems with much appreciated assistance from **Steven Sangster** of APEX church.
- 2) The band "**Fortunate Son**", who played a couple of great sets in the absence of Dave Bremner (Lead Singer) who, due to unforeseen circumstances, could not make it on the day.
- 3) **Janet**, for all her time and effort into organising the Flash Mob during rehearsals and on the day.
- 4) The **Harbour Committee** for organising a brilliant day.
- 5) All the **performers from the Cruden Bay Folk Club** for their time and efforts.

4.3 Review of the July Folk Night Friday 31st July 2026: A quieter night being holiday time but still an enjoyable evening, some of the highlights being Morag playing a few jigs and reels on the accordion, the haunting "Song to the Siren" from Karen accompanied by Kris, also Janet accompanied by Dave with "Teach your Children".

4.4 Update on Guitar Workshop Saturday 5th September 11:00am to 4:00pm: The workshop will be of two classes one for Beginners and the other for Intermediate. The latest results from the poll for attendees run by Gordon are:-
 Beginners = 15 Interested Intermediate = 9 Interested
 It was agreed by all that a fee of £100 per class tutor would be paid by the Folk Club. Scott has produced small handouts for each class with chord sheets and transition sheet for capo. He will also organise tea, coffee and biscuits for the interval.

5.0 Treasurer's Report:

<u>Last total May 2026</u>	<u>£3835.32</u>
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June Income

Raffle Takings	£208.00
Total Income	<u>£208.00</u>

June Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 52.70
Gordon Equipment Expenses	£196.84
Total Expenses	<u>£249.54</u>

New Total (£3835.32 + £208.00 - £249.54) =	<u>£3793.78</u>
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July Income

Raffle Takings	£166.00
Total Income	<u>£166.00</u>

July Expenses

Raffle Prizes	£ 16.03
Total Expenses	<u>£ 16.03</u>

New Total (£3793.78 + £166.00 - £16.03) =	<u>£3943.75</u>
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6.0 CBFC Promotion and Publicity: Gordon has produced a poster for the Guitar Workshop and continues to promote the Folk Club and collate and put online the Folk Club performances.

7.0 A.O.C.B.:

7.1 Janet informed the Committee that she had been contacted by SNEZ who informed her that she would be back in the area along with another player in June 2027 and would love to play here again. But would not match in with a Folk Night. After discussion of venues it was agreed that the best option would be a concert in the village hall, as we have organised successful concerts in the hall in the past.

Janet to contact SNEZ and let her know that it would be great to have both in concert at Cruden Bay.....**Action Janet.**

7.2 Janet informed the Committee that the choir may require a little support financially with the fees for the hall when booked for practising. Gordon has worked out that of the £500 paid in advance to the hall for future venue bookings we have used 22 hours at £20 per hour = £440 giving a remainder of £60.

All agreed that the choir should use up the £60 to assist with hall payments and once depleted they would be supported by the Folk Club as required. Janet to contact Rosemary and give her this information...**Action Janet.**

7.3 Janet also informed the Committee that the Fearie Deames have welcomed a new member to the choir.

7.4 The Folk Club Committee are also always looking for new members, with this in mind Janet, in her role as Chairperson, is going to contact Morag and find out if she would be willing to become a Committee Member...**Action Janet.**

8.0 Future Events:

- **Guitar Workshop** :- Port Errol Hall Saturday 5th September 2026 11:am-4:00pm

9.0 Date of next ZOOM Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21st October 2026 7:00pm

Janet then closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Scott Thomson (CBFC Secretary)