

EAST KILBRIDE PIPE BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 1930hrs

ATTENDEES

- Ian Milne, Chairperson (IM)
- Richard Kerr, Secretary (RK)
- Fraser Dallas, Band President (FD)
- Craig Herbert, Pipe Major (CH)
- Bill Fraser, Leading Drummer (BF)
- Barrie Herbert, Quartermaster (BH)
- Neil Cameron, Treasurer (NC)
- Lyn Jones, Minute Taker (LJ)

Apologies

- Robert McDonald, Pipe Sergeant (RM)

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting held on Tuesday 17h September in person at 1930hrs.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from the last Committee Meeting were agreed by attendees

ACTIONS FROM MEETING HELD ON 23RD JULY

Action 01-0804 (Open) - 5 people are not registered with the RSPBA and are not on the roster. These need to be added from 1 September by the Chairperson.

Update 1709 Meeting - Action still open. Membership list needs to be brought to each meeting so we can understand where we are at.

Action 03-0804 (Open) – Not yet completed. FD will work with NC on what is required.

Update 1709 Meeting - Still open but FD has provided NC with what is needed and will continue to work with him going forward.

Action 05-0804 (Open) – Order only been placed. No delivery estimate at present as Andante are on holiday. Status update required by next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Still no update. RK to chase and provide update for next meeting.

Action 06-0804 (Closed) – Not yet completed. To be presented at the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Action now closed as BH provided an inventory of surplus items.

Action 07-0804 (Open) – Not yet completed. RM will work with BH to produce a complete listing of what the band own including surplus items. To be completed by next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Action now closed as per AI above.

Action 09-0804 (Open) – Availability matrix not yet available on the website but agreement reached that this needs to go on the redeveloped site. To be completed by the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting- Action now closed.

Action 10-0804 (Open) – RM to help update engagements on the website. To be completed by next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Action now closed.

Action 12-0804 (Open) – Learning Strategy is being drafted. CH to liaise with BF and RM in the coming weeks and provide an update at the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Action now closed. CH shared the Strategy which will go on the website and put it to the Learning Covenant.

Action 01-1709 (Open) – Learning Strategy to be put on the website. CH to liaise with Marie MacLeod.

Action 13-0804 (Open) – One grant was submitted to Arnold Clark. Update on further grants to be provided at next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - LK sent FD some information on grants. Some of them require a business plan, we need to come back to this as there is work to be done when submitting grants and the Committee also need to decide what they want to bid for.

Action 14-0804 (Open) – Not yet completed. RK will produce a questionnaire for the whole band to complete. The results will be discussed at the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Still open and hoping to be ready for the AGM to hand out to everyone in hard copy.

Action 01-2307: NC to provide a list of outstanding subscriptions for the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting - Still open. Members are to be given a 3 month grace period for non-payments of subscriptions. If no payment after that, band kit needs to be handed back and the person needs to be removed from the band roster and any access to groups either on the website or otherwise needs to be revoked. This is the responsibility of the Chairperson and Secretary to chase. Update on non-payer(s) consequences will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action 02-2307: Breakdown of income to be produced to include earnings from band functions, earnings from subscriptions etc. This also includes showing the income and outgoings of the accounts. FD to work with NC to produce what is required and send to NC before the next Committee meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting – Still open but work in progress

Action 03-2307: CH to follow up and provide an update at a later date. This relates to the chanter practice at local schools.

Update 1709 Meeting – Still open. Work in progress.

Action 04-2307: Complete inventory of uniform and kit needs to be presented at the next Committee meeting. RM has offered to assist BH with this.

Update 1709 Meeting – Although an inventory of surplus stock has been produced there needs to be an inventory captured of what every band member holds. This can be passed to the next Quartermaster who will be appointed at the AGM in September.

Action 05-2307: Tenor drum that was sold needs to be removed from the inventory.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed

Action 06-2307: Mini band charges to be discussed by all at the next Committee meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting – Still open and CH is looking to put up the price next year and is working on this via the agent.

Action 07-2307: Fundraising Committee to be set up with Marie MacLeod to be involved. CH to liaise with Marie and provide update. CH to ensure that Facebook is updated with the same information.

Update 1709 Meeting – Still open. The band needs a Fundraising Leader. Expressions of interests to be part of the Fundraising Committee from Iona Goldie and the parent of a learner. This will be raised at the AGM.

Action 08-2307: Engagements that have been completed for the year and planned need to be displayed on the website. RM to liaise with Marie MacLeod with regards to updating the website.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed

Action 09-2307: FD to share roles and responsibilities of the Committee which will be adopted for the next meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting – Still open. FD discussed the roles and responsibilities and will circulate the document to everyone.

Action 10-2307: Agenda for the next meeting will run as follows:

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed

Action 11-2307: CH to confirm and communicate this once agreed via usual communication channels.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed. No further communications from the Provost surrounding this.

Action 12-2307: Discussion around the updating of the website with CH suggesting a sub-committee is formed to discuss this. The website needs to start small and be easy to navigate and needs to include an enquiry form or an email to get in touch with the Band. The website and Facebook need to contain the same information. RM to provide an update on the website transition for the next Committee meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed.

Action 13-2307: CH asked for funding to get a bag for the half set of pipes which would cost £110. It will be used by the young beginner and would then be used for the next beginner as it is owned by the Band. CH to obtain funding for the bag from NC.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed.

Action 14-2307: RK to obtain costs for a new bass drum and present at the next Committee meeting.

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed.

Action 15-2307: CH and BF to complete a band roster and present at the next meeting as per below

Playing Pipers	Learning Pipers	Playing Drummers		Learning Drummers	
14	6	Bass	1	Bass	0
		Tenor	1	Tenor	3
		Side	3	Side	5

Update 1709 Meeting – Closed. Format will be used at subsequent meetings to report on membership.

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS

Cash in bank is £5725 and accounts appear to be in better shape than thought.

Action 02-1709 Currently not all tutors are being paid so decision was made to pay the piping tutor £20 per night. This will be noted at the AGM.

Action 03-1709 RK to pay his fees instead of paying directly for the storage. RK will then liaise with NC to be given funding for storage. This is to ensure that these payments are going through the accounts correctly.

PIPE MAJOR & LEADING DRUMMER REPORT

PM Report

Recruitment drive – 2 new pipers that can play but have lost 1 piper. Doubled in size for people coming to lessons, almost at saturation point for learners. Using three tutors at the moment and may be an opportunity for someone in the band to take this on.

Action 04-1709 CH to raise the opportunity to tutor at the AGM.

CH is working to try and encourage some other members to join the band. Also working on proposals for Wednesday night to be a band practice night and not a tuition night. CH will invite people to the Wednesday night practice and although all will be welcome to attend you may not be invited to play. This is still at a proposal and it will be implemented after Remembrance Day parade.

Action 05-1709 CH to provide an update on this proposal at the next meeting.

LD Report

Playing members they have 3 snares, 1 tenor and 1 bass.

Learners program consists of 5 snares and 3 tenors. The program is showing a positive outcome with 2 snares and 1 tenor nearly ready to step up to the main band.

Looking at getting Iona Goldie to help out with tuition and Aoife MacLeod has been promoted to leading tenor.

INVENTORY REVIEW

Action 06-1709 BH to provide LJ with a list of spare drums so that they can look to sell them via social media.

Discussion around band supplied kit and it was agreed that hose will be the responsibility of band members to purchase their own hose from the band via NC. They are not considered a reusable item.

Action 07-1709 BH to dispose of the hose that he has in stock and no longer needs to account for them.

Action 08-1709 Discussion around the cost of kit that is held by band members. FD to circulate a checklist of kit and bring to the AGM so that band members are aware of what they are holding.

Action 09-1709 Discussion around kit that is being held in storage as the costs associated with this are £91 per quarter. The band need to understand what can be sold and what needs to be kept. FD to work with BH, BF and CH.

FUNDRAISING/ENGAGEMENTS

Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 30th November – Busking is still to be confirmed as the Fundraising Champion has left Morrisons.

Action: 10-1709 RK to confirm and communicate before next meeting.

Tuesday 31st December – Crossbaskets is confirmed.

Action 11-1709 CH to liaise with Marie MacLeod re updating the website for the Crossbaskets engagement.

Action 12-1709 Discussion around the Constitution. It needs updating to remove the mid-section led role. The Safeguarding Officer role is an advisory role and should not be part of the Committee. CH to update.

AOCB

Nothing further from Jackton Distillery. Would like to play again and get onboard with them and look for sponsorship. Would want to have a Corporate Mini Band CH and BF are working on a set for this. Would be looking for £5k sponsorship for 5 years. This can be revisited at a later date.

AGM 25th September at 1930hrs in lieu of band practice at the Royal British Legion, East Kilbride.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19th November at 1930hrs, 41 Napier Crescent, Strathaven, ML10 6XU

