

## EAST KILBRIDE PIPE BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 1930hrs

### ATTENDEES

- Iain 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)
- Robert McDonald, Pipe Sergeant (RM)
- Lyn Jones, Minute Taker (LJ)

### INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in person at 1930hrs.

### REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from the AGM were agreed by attendees

### ACTIONS FROM MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**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.

- Graeme Morton
- Thomas Cumberland
- Dave White
- Chloe Miller
- Denise Reid

**Action 02-0804 (Closed)** – Statement of account has been completed.

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

**Action 04-0804 (Closed)** - Sets have been posted on the band's website.

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

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

**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.

**Action 08-0804 (Closed)** – Matched funding will be used when busking at Morrisons.

**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.

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

**Action 11-0804 (Closed)** – Quotes for jackets and waistcoats obtained. Jacket is £196 and waistcoat is £69 (£265 for both). There would be a discount depending on the amount ordered. Decision reached to not pursue this at the moment but can look again in the future when funding allows. Quotes for per jacket was obtained.

**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.

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

**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.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (IM)**

Attendance has declined due to work and other commitments. Band is currently in the rebuilding stage. Personal disappointment with people that left but will need to rebuild which is the current focus. Many members are at different stages of their learning with many being at the early stages of their learning.

Still the question of how we encourage people to join the band. How do you attract more experienced players? Attendance at the practices is also sporadic and how do we encourage this to get better attendance?

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT (RK)**

Cupboard (under lock and key) to store equipment has been obtained at the Guide and Scout Hall. Will cost £5 per week. Currently being cleaned but after that equipment held by BH can be moved to the cupboard. The cupboard should be able to hold all of the clothing and approximately 12 drums and the bass drum.

Monday nights might become available at the Scout Hall costing £15 per hour. This is comparable to the cost of school. The Let Form for the school has been completed up until Christmas but can be cancelled with 4 weeks' notice.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT (NC)**

Current Funds - £6101.81

<b>Total in bank as at 23 Jul 24</b>	<b>£6101.81</b>
<b>Outbound Costs to Date</b>	
School Hall Lets Fee	£1210.50
Scout Hall Fee (end of summer term)	£200.00 *
Auditor Fee (paid 27/03/24)	£100.00
Tuition Fee (Lorna – Tenor Drum)	£330.00
Tuition Fee (Fergus – Bass Drum)	£399.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2239.50</b>
<b>Inbound Costs to Date</b>	
Income from Gigs and Band Events	<b>£2410.00</b>

\* Not included in the total to date

**Action 01-2307:** NC to provide a list of outstanding subscriptions for 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.

### **PIPE MAJOR'S REPORT (CH)**

Since the last meeting the band have played a couple of events including the East Kilbride Arts Centre and Cameron House. The new players have enjoyed getting out.

- 11 pipers on the roster.
- 2 new beginners for chanter practice.
- Another 3 enquiries for chanter practice.

The main focus of the band is to start competing in 2025.

Piping improvements need to be made as pipers advise they are practising but it isn't showing through when they are playing. CH has advised what is expected to practice an exercise and improvements need to be made so pipers are not playing on autopilot.

Discussion around tuition charges and are we charging enough, this is something the Committee can come back to. Consensus is that tuition is too low.

Chanter practice started at a school in East Kilbride and CH has said that they could look to offer assistance but the headteacher has just left so needs to wait for a new session.

**Action 03-2307:** CH to follow up and provide an update at a later date.

### **LEAD DRUMMER'S REPORT (BF)**

Current Position – at present the Drum Corps is a work in progress having to start from basics is not an easy task, with many members issues being out of my control (work, personal problems, erratic attendances etc), all of which make progress slow and difficult.

Playing members 3 sides, 2 tenors and 1 bass.

Playing ability – able to perform at most engagements and minor functions. Competition wise these numbers would be reduced to 2 sides, 2 tenors and 1 bass.

Learners program – consists of 4 sides, 2 tenors and 1 is showing a positive outcome.

In conclusion, as stated above the Drum Corps is able to perform at most engagements and minor functions, competition wise this is still a long way in the future. Attendance and individual standards would have to improve.

Thanks for all the members of the Corps who continue to support the Band and I hope to continue to do so as we plan for the future. Remember without your input and support there is no Band.

### **QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT (BH)**

Survey of uniforms has not been done. RM has offered assistance to complete this with BH.

**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.

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

#### **FUNDRAISING/ENGAGEMENTS**

- CH Has been approached by Sense Scotland as well as the Jackton Distillery (Thursday AM, 6<sup>th</sup> August but no further details)
- Remembrance Sunday on 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- Still to be confirmed - busking at Morrisons with matched funding on 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Crossbaskets Castle 31<sup>st</sup> December. Logistics are still being organised.

Discussions around costs for hiring a mini band. This needs further discussion.

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

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

**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 McLeod with regards to updating the website.

#### **AOCB**

Structure of the meeting needs to be re-formatted to make it short, sharp and to the point.

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

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

- Previous Meeting Minutes (Chairperson- IM)
- Actions from Last Meeting (Secretary - RK)
- Status of Accounts (Treasurer – NC)
- Pipe Major Report & Leading Drummer Report (CH and BF)
- Inventory Review (QM – BH)
- Fundraising/Engagements (PM – CH)
- AOCB (All)
- Date of Next Meeting (Secretary – RK)

Provost of Lanarkshire has enquired about playing at an event which would not be paid. Date is mid-October.

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

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.

**Action 12-2307:** RM to provide an update on the website transition for the next Committee meeting.

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.

**Action 13-2307:** CH to obtain funding for the bag from NC.

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

**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	
		Bass		Bass	
		Tenor		Tenor	
		Side		Side	

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Committee Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 1930 hrs, 41 Napier Crescent, Strathaven, ML10 6XU

AGM Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September timings and venue TBD