

EAST KILBRIDE PIPE BAND COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 26th November at 1930hrs

ATTENDEES

- Fraser Dallas, Band President (FD)
- Craig Herbert, Pipe Major (CH)
- Bill Fraser, Leading Drummer (BF)
- Neil Cameron, Treasurer (NC)
- Lyn Jones, Minute Taker (LJ)

Apologies

- Ian Milne, Chairperson (IM)
- Richard Kerr, Secretary (RK)
- Barrie Herbert (BH)
- Thomas Cumberland, Quartermaster (TC)

INTRODUCTIONS

Band President welcomed everyone to the meeting held on Tuesday 26th November in person at 1930hrs.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING

Minutes from the last Committee Meeting were agreed by attendees

ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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.

Update 2611 Meeting- Closed

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.

Update 2611 Meeting- Closed

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.

Update 2611 Meeting- Closed

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

Update 2611 Meeting - Will be added to the website this week.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting - still open.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting - handed out but hasn't been analysed yet. Update to be provided by RK at the next meeting.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – Discussed as part of Treasurers report. Now closed.

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

Update 2611 Meeting - Closed

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.

Update 2611 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.

Update 2611 Meeting – to be passed to the new QM. TC is aware of this.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting - Still open.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – Jenna Brown is now in this role. 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.

Update 2611 Meeting – FD to circulate document prior to next meeting.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – Discussion surrounding making a payment to the piping tutor. Agreement reached to purchase a Quaich to be engraved with “With Thanks from East Kilbride Pipe Band” and a bottle of whisky. LJ to organise.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting - Actioned. Closed.

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

Update 2611 Meeting - Marie McLeod has started tutoring. Now closed.

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. Now closed.

Update 2611 Meeting – Now closed.

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

Update 2611 Meeting – Nothing yet received. Still open.

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

Update 2611 Meeting – In progress.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – In progress. FD to send checklist to new QM.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – Not yet resolved. Still open.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – at the time of the meeting agreement was made to call this off due to no communication from Morrisons however post meeting the busking was confirmed. Closed.

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

Update 2611 Meeting – Actioned and closed.

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.

Update 2611 Meeting – Actioned and closed.

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS

Up to 20th November with three cheques going out. Closing balance £4630.91

Opening balance at 1 Sept – down £1000 since the start of the year. Accounts are digitised and available for everyone in the Committee to view at any time.

Action 01-2611 FD to provide links to view accounts. They will be read only.

Discussion surrounding band fees and the band account which runs from 01 Sep – 31 Aug. Fees are therefore due on 01 September and will be due as follows:

- Oct
- Jan
- Apr
- Jul

Action 02-2611 Constitution will need to be updated with regards to fees. CH to action prior to the next meeting.

Action 03-2611: NC to raise this at a band and as of January we will look for a quarterly payment schedule as per above.

Action 04-2611 – Where band members are late or don't pay fees, NC will raise with the band member directly and escalate to the PM or LD as appropriate.

Action 05-2611 – FD has produced a Budget and will provide to the Committee at the next meeting.

Action 06 – 2611 – Payment has still not been received for Remembrance Day. NC to advise CH by 11 December if this is still outstanding.

PIPE MAJOR & LEADING DRUMMER REPORT

PM Report

Currently we have 15 pipers in the corps with 3 adult learners joining around the table on Monday nights. We say goodbye to Roland having collected his full uniform earlier today & Ruairidh who played his final gig with the band a few weeks ago, his uniform is still to be returned. We thank them for their efforts over the years with the band and wish them well for the future. We now have 7 learners on chanters attending on Monday nights which is an increase of one with Sid's Grandson Zander attending lessons from last week.

Marie has now accepted a role as tutor helping deliver chanter tuition. Having Marie step into the role takes some pressure off Craig and myself which will allow us to continue growing and developing the tuition. I'm delighted Marie agreed to get on board as it is very rewarding and will help her own musical development longer term!

The 1-2-1's with the pipe corp are now complete, everyone knows what level musically where they are at and what's expected going forward. The in-depth chanter work on the Map set with the competition group on Wednesday nights is underway and taking shape. This will continue either side of Christmas and into the new year. I released a folder on Ensemble yesterday containing the corporate engagement sets. The pipe corp are now on a very tight schedule to have these corporate sets on the fingers within 2 weeks in readiness for Hogmanay.

I have been busy when not teaching or developing the corporate sets putting together a PM Blog each week. The subject matters of each have been around learning, musical awareness and striving for excellence. My thoughts pushing this initiative are two fold, to help the corp with learning/development and to promote the website encouraging the members to utilise this resource.

Going forward I plan a full competition season starting with the L&B branch indoors in late March right through to Cowal at the end of August. I have proposed dates (based on last year) as officially the dates haven't yet been confirmed. We can discuss this further in the AOCB

LD Report

Continue to work on band repertoire plus tuition program.

Tenor section is a concern with a lack of experienced players. On a positive note we have managed to recruit a tenor drummer with a bit of experience which I hope will ease the pressure in that section.

The Drum Corps still as a long way to go to achieve competition standard. Main problem is lack of experienced players.

INVENTORY REVIEW

Action 07-2611 Items need to be moved to the Guide Hall and once that has been completed, TC will complete an inventory. Update required at the next meeting.

Action 08-2611 TC to inventory what kit is held by band members including sizes of clothing. Updated required at the next meeting.

Discussion surrounding what equipment is owned and distributed by the Band and which items band members are expected to provide.

Band Items

BAND	PERSONALLY PROVIDED
Kilt	Kilt Pin
Jacket	Waist Belt
Waistcoat	Belt Buckle
Sporran	Glengarry
Cap Badge	Hose
Tie	Brogues
Flashes	Personal Chanter
Inverness Cape	Synthetic Drone Reeds
Cape Pouch	Bagpipes
Pipe Bag Cover	Bass Drum Sticks *
Cords	Side Drum Sticks *
Band Chanter	Tenor Drum Sticks *
Bass Drum/Case/Harness	
Side Drum/Case/Harness/Rest	
Tenor Drum/Case/Sling/Rest	

*Band will buy the sticks for the Drum Corps but band members will buy them from the band.

FUNDRAISING/ENGAGEMENTS

Fundraising Committee met on Monday 25 November. They have a number of fundraising ideas:

- Friday 11th April as a proposed date for a Quiz Night in April at the Legion. The band wouldn't be running the bar but there would be a cake table, raffle etc.
- Busking at the East Kilbride Retail Park to include Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco.
- A ceilidh at the Ballerup Hall. Looking at this for October but should this be done in November instead? Suggested that this could be done in April instead.

Action 09-2611 The Fundraising Committee or at least one representative are requested to attend the next Committee Meeting.

Reminder regarding the engagement on Tuesday 31st December at Crossbaskets 1800hrs and completed by 1930.

Proposed Engagements for 2025

25 January - Busking (Morrisons)

29 March - L&B indoors

11 May – Gourock

25 May – Dollar

31 May – Girvan

7 June – Forres (British)

14 June – Lesmahgow

21 June – Ayr

19 July - Renfrew

26 July – Scottish Championships

2 August – Dundonald

9 August – Perth (European)

16 August – Glasgow Green (Worlds)

23 August – Rothesay

30 August – Cowal

9 November – Remembrance Parade

30 November – Busking (Morrisons)

Discussion around booking transport and as one of the pipers is a bus driver the band will look to get quotes from him.

Action 10-2611 CH to get a rough ballpark figure for buses.

AOCB

School let is booked from Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

Richard is going to work on membership of the band and putting this onto a spreadsheet.

Action 11-2611 RSBPA membership needs to be updated and it may be that IM has to go to the Association direct and get people removed.

Discussion surrounding Legion Membership and agreement was reached that the Band would give them a donation for the use of the hall.

Action 12-2611 CH to organise a cheque for £400 to present to the Legion as a goodwill gesture. Look to present this in January and ensure that there is some publicity surrounding this for the EKPB website and social media pages.

Action 13-2611 - LJ to produce a Safeguarding policy by the next meeting

ALL TO NOTE: Christmas Band Night out to be held at the Legion on Friday 13th December.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 25th February at 1930hrs, 41 Napier Crescent, Strathaven, ML10 6XU