**Newport Folk Club**

**AGM Minutes 7.30 pm, 18 January 2024**

**Minutes of last yeaer's meeting**

Ann Parsons proposed them as a true record. Liz Harris seconded. Agreed unanimously.

**Matters Arising**

Nothing that won't be covered by other agenda items.

**Chairman's Report**

Chairman Bryn Millichip reflected on an exciting past year for the club, with attendances high, great guests and a welcoming atmosphere.

This year will see the club's 60th anniversary, which will be celebrated with a party in the autumn.

Bryn thanked the committe and others for their work in the past year, including Cris Bartlett for his work as Treasurer; Liz Harris for hers as Booking Agent.; Sue Oates for organising the Christmas dinner; Sue and Malcolm & Cynthia Charnley for organising the Tredegar House fundraisers; Steve Wride, Mick Pearson and Keith Lowther for organising the One Day in Spring Festival; Derek Millichip and Keith Lowther for setting up on club nights.

Mac Perrett and Sue Oates are organising an evening celebrating the life of Roy Zeal, who we sadly lost last year.

Ann and Terry Parsons will be organising an NFC singaround at Upton Festival in May and have tickets available at reduced prices.

As usual, a number of NFC acts will be performing this year at Caerleon Arts Festival in July.

Tredegar House Festival will again feature a singaround organised by NFC and we have tickets available at bargain prices for club members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cris' report is attached.

**One Day in Spring**

Steve Wride reported on progress towards this year's festival. The event will be held at the Fugitives Club on Sunday 14 April. A full programme of concerts wil be headed by Jim Causley. Tickets are now on sale at £12.50 for the day. Lunch (£4) and teatime buffet (£6.50) will be available. Tickets for admission and food will need to be bought in advance.

Steve thanked Mick and Keith for again helping to organise the day. Also Iona Crahart for designing the flyer and agreeing to publicise the day through social media; and Malcolm Charnley for agreeing to run singarounds between the concerts.

**Elections**

Bryn was re-elected as Chairman, Cris as Treasurer. Liz stood down as Booking Agent and resigned from the committee. Iona was elected to the committee. Mac Perrett, Sue Oates, Mick Pearson and Steve Wride were all re-elected to the committee.

**Vote of thanks**

Malcolm Charnley proposed a vote of thanks to the committee, which was agreed and is attached.

**Meeting closed just before 8.00 pm**

**Appendix 1**

FOLK CLUB TREASURER’S REPORT 2023

Balance @ 01/01/2023 £2880

Income Door £4332

Raffle £1875

Membership £650

Misc £1230

**TOTAL £8087**

Members overall paid up 65

Average attendance 32 (low 17 high 43)

Out Raffle /Fugies Staff presents £1294

Artists £2937

Website £192

PA system/Misc Kit £232

 Room Rental/Membership £1080

 Christmas Party £177

 THFF donation £1000

 Charity £400

 Folk Day £543

 Phil’s buffet £50

 **TOTAL £7905**

**Balance @ 01/01/2024 £3062**

**Appendix 2**

**Vote of thanks from Malcolm Charnley**

On behalf of the club members I would like to propose a 'Vote Of Thanks' to record formally our appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the NFC Committee led by Bryn Millichip.

Let us not forget that the committee is composed of volunteers who invest their time and energy for the benefit of the club. The only reward they get is the satisfaction of seeing the club develop and thrive.

The club is definitely thriving. I don’t think the recruitment and retention of members as well as the levels of attendance at club night’s has been better during the past 10 years or so that I’ve been a member and certainly for the 6 years I spent as a member of the committee. By the way, isn’t it about time we gave Cris Bartlett a ‘Lifetime Achievement Award’ for the length of time he has devoted to being the Treasurer of the Club?

To conclude: thank you Bryn and all your committee members for a job well done. Please keep on keeping the flame alive for NFC.