

Minute of Council Meeting
held on 26th April 2022 in the Conference Room @ 5.30pm

Present:

S. Cruickshank	(Captain)
G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)
A. Gordon	(Greens Convener)
C McCaul	(Junior Convener)
F. Windle	(Ladies Captain)

Apologies:

D. Halliday	(Vice-Captain)
D. Macklin	(Match & Handicap)

In Attendance:

D.P. Pern	(Club Manager)
N. McLoughlin	(Course Manager)
G Nethercott	(Head Professional)

1. Welcome:

Captain SC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minute of Council held on 29th March 2022

The minute of the Council meeting on 29th March 2022 was approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minute

- The ground floor cloakroom refurbishment has been approved. Final breakdown of all costs to be circulated to Council before the next meeting.
- The Pro Shop Business Plan is in hand. GN/DP/GP to progress.
- DH had his planners look at the planning permission issue to see if a non-material change would be acceptable rather than applying for permission again. After discussion it was agreed to progress with DH recommendation. Once the drawings have been approved, the building warrant will be applied for. It was agreed that GS will continue to re-quote for the building of the shed right up until the day of order whilst the price of steel etc is volatile.
- AG still waiting for a reply from SEPA. It was agreed that NM will contact the water officer within SEPA, who has been on site before advising on various outlets etc. The estimated time for a meeting with SEPA is three months.
- NM has been in touch with EDI who are currently re-assessing the master plan. It was agreed that the footprint of current driving range will not change.
- It was agreed to replace the ball dispenser in the Driving Range.
- NM still waiting for a quote for an attachment to one of the workman gators to allow food and beverage to be offered around the course during Club events.
- NM to erect a barrier to prevent members going over the path at the 1st hole and arrange to install more shrubs along the walkway down the first tee.
- The teaching bay garage door has been surveyed. Now waiting for a quote to progress with a new door.

4. Reports

Captain's Report

- President Scott Kelman has agreed to be involved in some of the ongoing projects. He will attend the Council meetings. He has also agreed to referee the Club Championship final round.
- SC/AG met with a small group of members to discuss the flooding project. It was agreed that their presentation was very helpful and many of the suggestions were either in place or will be progressed in the future in conjunction with SEPA/STRI. It was agreed that overall responsibility in dealing with external professionals lies with Council and management. AG & NM to amend the document and respond.
- SC/NM met with one of our neighbours who has concerns about golf balls landing in his garden. A communication was sent out to members.
- It was agreed to progress with new CCTV system. DP to invite quotes.
- Request from an applicant wishing to re-join the membership. After discussion it was agreed that any resigned member wishing to re-join the membership would pay the full entry fee. It was agreed that the entry fee can be paid in installments.

Finance Report

No report available due to timing. GP to update Council when report is available.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Report

The full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- Both courses continue to improve particularly with the good weather recently. Cutting heights have been lowered which has helped definition. Over the next few weeks, as the temperatures improve, weak areas will recover and greens will start to fill in and cutting heights will be lowered to normal summer levels. During May all areas will be lightly top-dressed, pencil tinned and the air inject machine run across the greens. This will improve the putting surfaces by keeping them healthy and smooth them off.
- Tees have taken a lot of wear since the start of the season, but as the temperature improves divot recovery will improve.
- Like many industries it is a real struggle getting fertiliser, chemicals and spares etc. It seems to be getting worse with delivery options very limited. The cost of all products has greatly increased.

Ladies' Captain Report

The full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- The Ladies Section kicked-off their Summer Season on Tuesday 29th March with the ever-popular Pink Elephant fun competition, held on both Blairs and Haughton. A super morning with an excellent turn-out and a lot of Pink. £150+ was collected and will be donated to UNICEF.
- The fixture list is progressing well, and the Ladies Committee are delighted to offer new monthly medal and stableford competitions this season for our regular players on Blairs.
- The first friendly match against Peterculter has been played resulting in a 2-2 draw – and as per usual, received a lot of positive feedback on course condition and catering.
- Six ladies participated in the recent friendly match against The Dukes and thoroughly enjoyed the day.
- Two Ladies Joan Mair and Lorraine Scorgie – qualified for the Storm Frank knock-out competition.

- DGC was well represented in the first County competition of the season at Ballater, and took first place in Division A, and second to fifth places in Division B!
- Whilst there have been a few issues with signing-in to competitions via Club V1, FW thanked Graeme and his team who have provided alternative options and are putting in a lot of effort to try and resolve the problems.
- FW confirmed that three ladies will play with Sam at the Nairn Ladies Pro Am in September. DP to enter team and pay entry fee.

Match & Handicap Report

A full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- Duncan Skinner Quaich 2022 to commence from Monday 2nd May, email to be sent out to players to confirm details.
- Teams for Senior Northern Counties selected and confirmed.
- Six man squad submitted for the Maitland Shield which commences on Monday 9th May at Newmachar; Mark Halliday, David Macklin, Jason Bruce, Henri Charles, Callum Bruce and Tom Rennie.
- After discussion it was agreed that the current system of zone drawing competitions on a Saturday would be continued.

Junior Report

A full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- Medals - Blairs Medal was well attended with 9 playing on Saturday 23rd. Great to welcome several playing Saturday medals for the first time.
- Houghton numbers lower with exams coming up. Callum Bruce achieved a gross 66 and Jack Chambers 71 in the opening weekend.
- Coaching - Frankie running Junior coaching on Mondays and Fridays.
- Pennants - Adult vs Junior match played on the 3rd April. Thank you to David Macklin and the adult team, great support and experience for our Juniors. First Pennant match at home on the 15th May against Westhill.
- Glenmuir uniform has been ordered, thanks to GN for his help coordinating.

Pro Shop Report

A full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- There are still many issues with Club Systems, including Open payments and a bug in all the competitions which has resulted in GN having to set up the full 2022 calendar again.
- Four additional groups of junior coaching & three groups of ladies coaching on offer throughout May. All the coaching groups are now full.
- Sam will recommence #ThisGirlGolfs coaching, four sessions throughout the year to entice more girls at Deeside.
- GN has invited the new members to play nine holes of Golf on Blairs with Sam, Frankie or GN.
- Ladies Blairs Monthly Stableford now has bookable tee time between 10.12-10.39.
- Gents Prize Giving Speaker – GN approached Richard Boxall, Richie Ramsay and Conor Moore (impressionist) all of whom are unavailable. GN will now focus on more Scotland based speakers.
- Pro Am – after discussion with SC & DP it was agreed to cancel the 2022 Pro Am.
- Following a request from a senior member asking to play his Lennox Riddell match at the weekend (out with senior membership times), it was agreed that moving forward no

Seniors will be permitted to play out with their restricted tee times. Communication to be sent to members in August reminding Senior members of their restrictions.

- It was a struggle to fill the Dukes Match (20 members). I'm not sure there is the interest in this match. Request to cancel. This was approved.
- DP/GN to research signage for the practice area.

Club Manager Report

A full report was circulated in advance. To summarise - numbers at 28 February:

Full	779
Senior	114
Associate 30-34	13
Associate 24 – 29	24
Young Adult 18 – 23	39
House/Non Play	171
House 5 Day	4
Country	24
Junior 12 – 18	76
Juniors <12	21
Non-Resident	68
Life	15
Senior VIP	11
Honorary	7

- Applications for membership – March

Full	David Walker	Alan Gibson	Alistair McDougall
Associate 25-29	Zack Griffiths	Connor Bruce	Ryan Coffey
Full	James Bruce	Connor Bruce	Ryan Coffey
House	Caroline Wood	Simon Kelsey	Margaret Kelsey
Full	Rory Craib	Tom Hyslop	Matthew Duncan
Full	Matthew Smit	Peter Mutch	Alan Lyons
House	Caroline Wood	Simon Kelsey	Margaret Kelsey

- Transfers from within the membership for March - Report circulated to Council
- Waiting List

Defer 2023	Full Members	Associate	Young Adult	Total Junior List	
22	297	0	0	47 (under 12)	

• Course Usage – H & B

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	
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2018 2019	1996	1558	909	1047	1489	2495	3606	3795	3999	4218	4038	2843	31993
2019 2020	2184	1033	943	1704	1202	1928	0	773	7359	6823	7413	5374	36736
2020 2021	3873	3869	809	0	0	2451	5930	5435	7156	6939	6244	5130	47836
2021 2022	3659	2131	1843	2926	2250								

6. Capital Projects

- Covered in reports

7. Strategy Plan

- DP to prepare a report on the Strategy Plan for next meeting.

8. Health and Safety

- Golf Balls found in the neighbours garden. SC/NM met with neighbour to discuss.

9. AOCB

- It was agreed that the reciprocal match against The Dukes would not be continued.
- DP confirmed that Electric charge points will be researched further at a later date.

Next Meeting 5.30pm – 24th May 2022

ACTIONS

DP/GP/FW/DH	Progress with Cloakroom refurbishment
GN/GP/DP	Work on Business Plan
SC/AG/NM/DP	Progress with Flooding Workshop
AG/NM	Progress with new Shed
NM	Targets on the Range (from last month)
NM	Quote for Gator attachment & quote for ball dispenser
AG/NM	Reply to small group of members with amendments to their document
NM	Look at more shrub area around 1 st path area / erect a temporary barrier to prevent members taking a short cut.
DP/GN	Quote for new garage door
DP	Progress with CCTV quotes
DP	Enter team to Ladies Pro Am in Nairn
DP/GN	Research signage for Practice area
DP	Prepare update on Strategy Plan