

DEESIDE GOLF CLUB

Minute of Council Meeting held on 5th January 2021 via Zoom @5.30pm

Present:

E. Farquharson-Black	(Captain)
S. Cruickshank	(Vice-Captain)
G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)
D McEwen	(Match & Handicap)
G. Murray	(Ladies Captain)
I. McPherson	(Junior Convener)

In Attendance:

D.P. Pern	(Club Manager)
N. McLoughlin	(Course Manager)
F.J. Coutts	(Director of Golf)
F. Windle	(Ladies Vice Captain)

1. **Welcome:** Captain welcomed everyone to the Council meeting which was held virtually via Zoom.

2. **Minute of Council held on 24th November 2020**
The minute of the Council meeting on 24th November 2020 was approved.

4. **Matters arising from the Minute**
The appointment of the golf course architect will be carried forward to the next Council meeting. This will allow the new Greens Convener a chance to review all the options. The deadline for Council nominations is 15th January.
NM has moved the teeing areas forward to protect the main teeing areas as much as possible. NM has received an estimate quote to create a ramp outside clubhouse. Further details and possible other options to be investigated.

5. **Reports**

Captain's Report

- EFB, SC and GP met with a trio of members who had raised a number of concerns about recent Council decisions.
- Email received from a member regarding the planning application submitted for the new greenkeeping shed. EFB to respond confirming that whilst a planning application has been submitted, the decision to proceed would be dependent on permission being granted, detailed costings being obtained and members consulted.
- The AGM will take a different format this year due the pandemic preventing gathering in the Clubhouse. The Annual Report will be circulated, questions will be invited via email, and answered. Voting will be by proxy which is already permitted under the Rules.
- Given the latest lockdown restrictions limiting play to 2 balls, and the shorter daylight hours, it was agreed after considerable discussions to introduce various restrictions to tee booking, to ensure all members have an opportunity to play. EFB to circulate Captain's update outlining the restrictions.

Finance Report

- Both October and November were on budget, with F&B making a small profit after loyalty discount. The gain on private sale of course equipment is around £70k, which will be shown in December accounts. Cash at the end of November was £923k.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Reports

- The Course Manager's report was noted. NM expressed concern that due to the latest restrictions, the supply of the material for the front of the Driving Range project may be held up. The range is likely to be closed for up to three weeks to complete this project. It was therefore agreed that this project will be shelved until winter 2021 – 2022 if the delay goes beyond the end of February 2021.

Ladies' Captain Report

- Zoom virtual ABM meeting has been arranged.

Match & Handicap

- It was agreed to continue with four ball play during gents' medal competitions for the 2021 season. It was also agreed that the Juniors will tee off earlier on Championship Day.

Junior Report

- IM requested clarity on who would be overseeing the Junior Coaching programme. It was agreed that IM would speak to Graeme as normal.

Club Manager Report

- The Club Manager's report was noted.

6. Strategic Plan

Nothing to update. The Plan will be reviewed following the AGM.

7. Capital Projects

See Captain's report.

8. Health and Safety

- The five year electrical maintenance inspection has been completed. Repairs will ongoing over the coming months.
- DP confirmed that she is the on-site Covid Officer.

9. AOCB

- EFB – thanked DM and GM for their contribution to Council over the last two years. 2020 was been a particularly challenging year with greater than usual demands on Council's time and energy (and sometimes patience) and their commitment and support was much appreciated.

Next Meeting 5.30pm – Tuesday 23rd February 17.30

REPORTS:

Course Manager Report January 2021

Courses

December weather has caused us to close the courses for some period of time, either due to wetness or because of ice covering pathways and greens etc. Due to the ground conditions and weather we have not been able to start work on the driving range tee or the outside seating area.

Staff

We again have been running light on staff during December due to the need for holidays to be used up. Due to the continued bad weather this has not really been an issue.

Equipment

All but one piece of the new Toro equipment has arrived. Hopefully that will be with us in the next week or so. We have managed to sell all of the old equipment for just over £85k.

New Greenkeeping Equipment Shed

Planning permission application was made in early December and hopefully we will have an answer by end of Jan/early Feb. I'm in talks with Laurence McLeod about QS work and for reviewing tenders.

Golf course Architect

Some detail and our recommendation for selection of the Golf Course Architect has been circulated for review and comment by Council and hopefully approval to proceed.

Club Manager Council Report Month 2 & 3– November/December 2020

Membership

- Summary of membership as detailed below at 31st December 2020

Full	822
Senior	115
Honorary	7
Associate	22
Young Adult	24
House	145
House 5 Day	5
Country	26
Juniors 12-18	71
Juniors <12	26
Non Resident	79
Non Playing	29
Life Member	16
VIP's	7

- Applications for membership

Full	Henry Steward	Richard Sutton	Alistair Macrae
Full	Stephen Greig	Paul Handsley	Clark Neish

Junior	Sasha Kennedy	Allan McCulloch	William Taylor
Full	Andrew Smith	Graeme Nisbet	Arron Finnie
Full	George Maxwell	TBC	TBC
Full	Ross Jaffrey	Ross Sinclair	Bart Van der Laar
Full	Jonathan Flett	Brad Youngson	Neil Morton
Junior	Alexander Kelly	Valerie Kelly	Iain McBain
House	Saskia Crighton	Ian Nethercott	Ian McLeod
House	Findlay Baxter	Mike Stephen	Joan Mair

- Transfers from within the membership 1st – 30th November

Name	From	To	Comments
AS Craigie	Full	Senior	
Chris Paul	Full	Country	
William Stephen	Full	Senior	
DH Young	Full	House	

Resigned

D Oscar - Full

Deceased

- JA Kennedy – Non Playing
- O Michie - House

- Waiting List

Defer 2021	Full Members	Total Junior List	
33	205	152	

Offers of membership have been sent to all 33 members on the deferred list. As at 22/12/2020: 10 have accepted, 16 have requested to be taken off and 7 have not responded.

Course Usage

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	
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										3873

The Course usage figures are the total figures for both Haughton and Blairs. I have requested from Club Systems that we create a “Checked In” report, rather than an “all player” bookings report.

General Information/Actions etc.

Th Clubhouse has now closed completely with no Takeaway service available.

All Clubhouse staff have been furloughed as before until Covid Restrictions have been lifted. Course staff are all working as normal.

The first draft Annual Report will be sent to the printer on Friday 8th January with the deadline for final print 15th January. Deadline for circulation is Wednesday 20th January. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 10th February. EFB will update Council on format.

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CLUB MANAGER