

**Minute of Council Meeting
held on 27th July in the Trophy Room @ 5.30pm**

Present:

E. Farquharson-Black	(Captain)
I. McPherson	(Junior Convener)
G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)
F. Windle	(Ladies Captain)
S. Cruickshank	(Vice-Captain)

Apologies:

A. Gordon	(Greens Convener)
D Macklin	(Match & Handicap)

In Attendance:

D.P. Pern	(Club Manager)
N. McLoughlin	(Course Manager)
R. McConnachie	(Head Professional)

1. Welcome:

- EFB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minute of Council held on 29th June 2021

The minute of the Council meeting on 29th June 2021 was approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minute

- New members evening will be arranged when restrictions allow.
- NM/AG meeting with EDI in the next couple of weeks to discuss update on the course/facilities masterplan.
- NM/AG progressing with alternative options for the Green keeping shed.
- DP to progress with the reciprocal match with the Dukes.
- RM will circulate draft Pro Shop Business Plan before the August Council meeting.

4. Strategy update

- DP to prepare a Gant chart for the website with an updated position.
- Council will meet with CCL on 18th August.

5. Reports

Captain's Report

- Email received from a member with concerns about the greens. NM to draft a reply and send to EFB to issue.
- Email received from a member concerning the Junior Coaching times. IM explained that the coaching sessions were oversubscribed, however later sessions will be reviewed and discussed with Graeme in the Pro Shop.
- Email received from a member concerning the format of the Club Championship and Stroke Play Championship. DM to reply.

Finance Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Profit & Loss Review

The results for the month of June 2021 and for the year to date (9 months) are set out in the table below, along with a comparison with both the Budget and with last year. These figures will change following the finalisation of the VAT return for the quarter ended 30 June 2021.

	Actual £	Budget £	Prior Year £
Month - June 2021	<u>15,830</u>	<u>17,237</u>	<u>911</u>
6 months to 30 June 2021	130,753		
Less: Gain on equipment	<u>(81,059)</u>		
Net Operating Profit (Loss)	<u>49,694</u>	<u>(62,397)</u>	<u>120,517</u>

- Balance Sheet Review

Bank Balances on 30 June 2021 – the balances on the Clydesdale Bank working accounts totalled £709k. There is a further £147k in an instant access account and £324k invested in longer term deposit accounts.

- Cash Reserves Requirement for Operations – the cash reserves requirement of £475k was fully met from the funds available in the Clydesdale Bank accounts on 30 June.
- It was agreed that the July accounts will be circulated after the next council meeting due to timing.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Reports

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- July has only had 16m of rain so far, resulting in both courses burning off in places. The irrigation system is in full use, with limitation on nightly water usage. Wetting agent has been applied to all the greens, approaches and fairways on the Haughton Course. Greens have also been scarified, verti-cut and top dressed throughout the month.
- NM/AG met with builders GS Robertson, who provided the lowest tender for the new green-keeping shed. Further options are being discussed and will be reported on next month.
- STRI visited on 27th July to carry out annual site visit and take away soil samples etc. A full report will be available on the website when it is received.
- NM/AG to meet with EDI virtually to progress with the masterplan first phase analysis.
- Winter projects will be discussed and progressed over the next few weeks. Tees with hybrid mat system will be trialled on a few holes before the winter.

Ladies' Captain Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Deeside Ladies took first, second and third in the ALCGA Tri-Am at Oldmeldrum on 9th July.
- The annual Ladies Greensomes Open was held on Friday 16th July and again received very positive feedback from many of the entrants.
- On Friday 27th August the annual Ladies Invitational will take place. It was agreed that this will not be a shot gun start and catering will be as they come in.

Match & Handicap

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Due to illness there was nothing to report.

Junior Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Jack Chambers and last year's winner Callum Bruce will both represent the Club in the Spence Trophy, the Junior Champion of Champions as no event was held last year.
- Deeside hosted the Junior Pennant Final on 4th July between Portlethen and Cruden Bay and the Hector Dey Trophy/ Murray Cup Under-14s on 25th July. Many compliments on the condition of both courses were received and it was great to hear how much everyone enjoyed playing Blair's which none of the competitors from other clubs had played previously.
- The numbers for the Junior Open on 2nd August have reduced significantly despite this being publicised in line with previous years.
- Council discussed holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday, 15th August at the last meeting, however, on further discussion it was agreed to focus on golf activities.
- It was agreed that coaching for the lower handicap Juniors would be looked at over the winter months.

Pro Shop Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- RM to liaise with FW on purchasing ladies' clothing for 2022 season and to look at organising a fashion afternoon/evening for the ladies' section. Perhaps look more at the leisurewear market.
- RM/DP to discuss additional staff for 2022 season.
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Club Manager Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- Membership breakdown

Full	794
Senior	110
Associate	21
Young Adult	28
House/Non Playing	171
Senior VIP	11

House 5 Day	5
Country	24
Junior 12-18	78
Junior <12	25
Non-Resident	72
Honorary	7
Life	15
Staff	19

- Applications for membership – June 21

Full	Ian Stapleton	Ross Sinclair	Neil Morton
Junior	Mason Stapleton	Ross Sinclair	Neil Morton
Junior	Ryan Stapleton	Ross Sinclair	Neil Morton
Full	Niamh Purcell	Paul Dumont	Alison Dumont
Full	Geoffrey Purcell	Paul Dumont	Alison Dumont
Full	Ross Christie	Duncan Christie	David Corry
Full	Kenneth Marshall	Carol Eddie	Martin Skinner
Full	Louise Bee	Frank Bee	Shona Murdoch
Full	Tyler Buchan	David Smith	Grant Pennet
Full	Brian Docherty	John Mulvany	Malcolm Reid
Full	Moirra Docherty	John Mulvany	Malcolm Reid
Full	Dave Simpson	Ian Jack	Alan Wood
Full	Constance Lumsden	Willie Young	Allan Porter
Full	Donald Macleod	Neil Middleton	Ian Crisp

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

Name	From	To	Comments
Ashley Anderson	Associate	Non-Resident	
George Innes	Senior	House	
Andrew Powell	Non-Resident	Full	

- Deceased
Dr FLP Fouin

- Waiting List

Defer 2022	Full Members	Total Junior List	
0	243	45	

General Information/Actions etc.

- The application to install an EV charging point has been approved, and is being progressed.
- It was agreed to introduce a room hire charge for the AWPC monthly meeting.
- It was discussed and agreed to discontinue with the Competition purse at the end of August with any monies being transferred to the member's bar/catering account.
- 59 Club carried out a visit on the 9th July which flagged up some improvements to be implemented, mainly in the tee booking, written confirmation and arrival at the club by non-members. DP/RM to work on procedures for visitors coming to the club.

- Following a meeting with the AFCCT (Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust), Deeside will host a fundraising golf day on the 9th September. Members Iain Landsman and Mike Wilson will run the day on behalf of the Trust. Deeside have been offered a tee time.
- It was agreed that a junior member who had failed to take up the offer of young adult membership in 2019 could not now simply become a young adult member, but that they be advised that they could join the waiting list.

6. Capital Projects

- Covered in reports

7. Health and Safety

- Nothing to report.

8. AOCB – FW enquired about the Scottish Golf deal. Nothing to follow up.

Next Meeting 5.30pm – Tuesday 27th July 17.30 & Wednesday 18th August