

**Minute of Council Meeting
held on 29th November in the Trophy Room @ 5.30pm**

Present:

S. Cruickshank	(Captain)
D. Halliday	(Vice-Captain)
G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)
F. Windle	(Ladies Captain)
C. McCaul	(Junior Convener)
S. Kelman	(President)
J. Gove	(Ladies Vice Captain)

Apologies:

A. Gordon	(Greens Convener)
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 1st November 2022

The minute of the Council meeting on 1st November 2022 was approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minute

- The flooding workshop was held on Tuesday 8th November with 16 members invited to attend. A detailed summary of the discussions has been circulated to Council and will be summarised at the Information evening on Tuesday 6th December. AG to send a holding email to all those who attended.
- DP/DH still researching Solar Panels.
- GN has started the process of changing the Stroke Indexes. This will take time but should be implemented in the Spring.

4. Reports

Captain's Report

- Email received from a member requesting that the old telescope, suggestion box and black ball voting box which are stored away upstairs, be restored and displayed in the Clubhouse. DP to contact the Astronomical Society for some guidance on restoration. Email received regarding tee times at Newburgh while Deeside is closed.

Finance Report

- GP gave a verbal update to Council. A full report will be available once 2021 -2022 year end has been closed.
- The draft Budget for 2022/23, which was circulated in advance, was discussed. Queries were raised over the likely increase in energy costs and the F&B GP%. Energy costs are

currently under a fixed contract until the end of Jan 2023 for electricity and August 2024 for gas. DP to double check the budget for electricity for Feb-Sept 2023.

- It was agreed that the membership numbers would remain around 800, however this will likely be higher at the beginning of the playing year.
- The reclaim on the Club card in February 2023 will include both 2021 and 2022, therefore reclaiming £200 of any unspent bar credit over the two years.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Report

The full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- Both courses suffered extensive damage during the recent flooding. The river reached its second highest level on record, only 80 cm behind Storm Frank. Luckily, there was not the same amount of material deposited on the site although more greens have had to be washed. The constant heavy rain each day is slowing down the drying time. Holes 1 to 14 on Haughton, with a short 13th will be open as quickly as possible.
- Bunker construction had been going well. Luckily it looks like that all the artificial turf walls have survived, so it's mainly topsoil that was washed off the bunkers apart from the 2nd which was badly damaged. The repair to the 2nd has commenced. The other bunker construction has now been delayed until the course has opened.
- As reported above the flooding workshop took place the 8th of November. The evening gave members a chance to express their view on flooding and what the consultant's report covered. AG has drawn together a summary from each of the discussions. Some quick actions from the meeting have already been completed and several other suggestions will be reviewed.
- Maintenance Shed - Construction of the shed had been slightly delayed due to weather conditions. The concrete floor will be poured on the 8th of December. The installation of the fence around the shed is due to start on the 19th December.

Ladies' Captain Report

The full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- Winter Programme – including both eclectic and stableford competitions has started well with good uptake. The Blairs Shot Gun start Christmas Cross Country competition is on Friday 16th December. Haughton Ladies tee times on the Haughton will be released.
- The 2023 Ladies Fixture List is completed and uploaded into the Deeside Golf Club Calendar.
- Key documentation pertaining to Ladies Section will be uploaded to ClubV1 under the "Documents" section.
- Ladies Annual Prize-Giving on Friday 25th November was well supported with approximately 60 ladies attending. In the absence of our Club Champion, Handicap Winner Hilary Buchan offered an excellent vote of thanks. There was a small send-off for long-term member Rhona Taylor who is relocating to Glasgow.
- Upcoming Events - Ladies Annual Business Meeting (ABM) scheduled for Saturday 28th January. Formal handover from Fiona Windle to Janice Gove.
- General - Delighted to showcase the newly refurbished Toilets at our prize-giving dinner and received excellent feedback from the ladies.
- On behalf the Ladies' Section a huge shout out to our DGC Teams – as it is often said "business success is the result of excellent teamwork and collaboration" – and 2022 has seen both showcased to great effect.

Match & Handicap Report

- Nothing to report

Junior Report

See report to summarise:

- RGC Knockout - RGC are looking to resurrect their annual Senior School handicap knockout competition. Looking for approval from Committee to host the Final on Haughton. This was approved.
- Junior Pennant Team - Proposal to enter two Deeside teams next year to be discussed at League AGM scheduled for December.

Pro Shop Report

A full report was circulated in advance. To summarise:

- The Professional Shop Team has started creating a new scorecard on Club Systems with the new stroke indexes. This will enable us to create all the gent's competitions for 2023 in December & January. Awaiting feedback from the ladies as to whether hole 6 will be shortened. Once we know this, we can create the lady's cards & set up the 2023 competitions. We'll then proceed to get a new design for the scorecard with removal of the pin placements.
- Congratulations to Frankie Murray who completed his MDP1 CMAE qualification in Edinburgh.
- Black Friday promotion will be run between Friday 25th & Monday 28th November.
- 12 days of Christmas promotion commencing Thursday 1st December. Discount on certain element/brands in the Professional Shop each day.
- Shop sales will be down until February due to Ping & TaylorMade (our two biggest brands) launching new equipment.
- The Christmas Cross Country & Christmas Lunch will be held on Saturday 17th December with a Christmas Stableford & New Years Stableford on 24th & 31st December.
- Requests - The Gents Prize Giving was well received yet despite commencing thirty minutes earlier the event finished at circa 23.45 which for some is late. It was also noted the number of members that did not turn up to pick up their prizes (42 prizes out of 77 were given out on the night = 35 no shows). It was discussed at the PG Dinner to get rid of some of the runner up prizes / monthly medals. I have pinpointed six events we may not need a runner up prize. These include the Dr Arthur Cup (Monthly Medal Winners), Ian Davidson Cup (Wednesday Medal Winners), McPherson Trophies *2, Presidents Prize & Davidson Challenge Cup which in 2023 will be the Handicap Stroke Play Championship. Another alternative is to not read of the names of those that are not in attendance but trimming the winners could ultimately result in less numbers which are currently impressive.

Club Manager Report

Membership Numbers:

Full members	782
Senior members	113
Associate 30 – 34	14
Associate 24 – 29	24
Young Adults	31
House/Non Playing	166

Senior VIP	10
House 5 Day	4
Country	22
Junior 12 – 18	81
Junior under 12	28
Non Resident	67
Life	15

- Applications for membership – Oct/Nov

Full/House	Alan Leiper	Douglas Forbes	William Fletcher
House	Stuart Duncan	Quintin Aitken	Neva Haites
Full	David Goodban	LOI from Wrangaton GC	
House	Graeme McRobb	Susan McDougall	Alastair McDougall
House	Nanette Davidson-Lamb	Richard Davidson-Lamb	Ron Finnie
Junior	Daniel Cowie	Alistair Wilkinson	Eric Yule

- Transfers from within the membership – October
Mr G Angus from Full to Non-Resident
Mr J Ireland from Full to Non-Resident
- Deceased
IB Grieve
JFA Reekie
JG Smith
AF Waite
- Waiting List
300 on Full waiting list
27 on deferred list
19 on House list
53 on Junior List under 12

Course Usage – H & B

	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	0	0	2451	5930	5435	7156	6939	6244	5130	47836
2021													
2022	3659	2131	1843	2926	2250	3502	4501	5221	5548	5495	5362		
2022 –													
2023													

General Information/Actions/Requests etc.

- The cloakrooms on the ground level have been completed. Laings will now be invited to submit a quotation for the lower ground showers/toilet areas.
- Information Evening - Presentation is nearly completed.
- Carol concert organised on Sunday 18th December in the Clubhouse. The format will be along the same lines as 2019 where members will bring along children's Christmas parcels for Befriend a Child.

6. Capital Projects

- Shed – see above

7. Strategy Plan

- Driving Range – SC/DH/NM/DP met with the neighbours and presented a couple of options to protect their garden from the driving range. They confirmed they were happy to accept Council's preferred option. DH to follow up with a minute of the meeting.

8. Health and Safety

- Nothing to report

9. AOCB

- SC to propose Alan Ross as Match & Handicap Convener, DH will second Alans nomination. It was agreed that the Pro Shop will take on more duties from the M&H including all internal competitions etc.
- DP to frame the course record (Alan Ross)
- SC has invited Frank Coutts as president for 2023 - 2024

Next Meeting 5.30pm – Tuesday 24th January.