

**Minute of Council Meeting
held on 28th September 2021 in the Trophy Room @ 5.30pm**

Present:

E. Farquharson-Black	(Captain) (via Zoom)
S. Cruickshank	(Vice-Captain)
A. Gordon	(Greens Convener)
D. Macklin	(Match & Handicap)
I. McPherson	(Junior Convener)
F. Windle	(Ladies Captain)

Apologies:

G. Pryde	(Finance Convener)
R McConnachie	(Professional)

In Attendance:

D.P. Pern	(Club Manager)
N. McLoughlin	(Course Manager)
G. Nethercott	(Pro Shop)

1. Welcome:

EFB welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Before the meeting EDI (Golf Course Architects) presented their vision on the ten-year masterplan of the whole facility. It was agreed that EDI would look into flooding solutions in more detail on receipt of more detailed survey work and provide an update. Council would require to consider what was presented and provide feedback to EDI and a further meeting would be required to discuss and agree Council's recommendations to members as to the next steps.

2. Minute of Council held on 17th August 2021

The minute of the Council meeting on 17th August 2021 was approved.

3. Matters arising from the Minute

- RM has arranged a Ladies Fashion Show in March 2022.
- EFB/DP to discuss the EV chargers.
- AG confirmed proposed greenkeepers' shed is on hold for the moment pending clarification of the course/practice facilities masterplan.
- STRI report is on the website.
- Course Closure document is on the website.
- Fairway mats have been ordered and will be delivered in November.

4. Reports

Captain's Report

- EFB questioned the markings at the water hazards on the Haughton Course. NM to check various areas and replace posts where necessary.

Finance Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- The results for the month of August 2021 and for the year to date, along with comparisons to Budget and last year, are set out in the table below.

	Actual £	Budget £	Prior Year £
Month – August 2021	<u>25,343</u>	<u>23,650</u>	<u>14,311</u>
Year to Date	188,120		
Less: Gain on equipment	<u>(81,059)</u>		
Net Operating Profit (Loss)	<u>107,061</u>	<u>(16,822)</u>	<u>149,242</u>

August was another good month for the Club with a profit of £25k, which included green fees from Members guests of £11k, £3k of green fees from visitors and a net profit from F&B of £8.2k (after the loyalty discount of £5k).

- **Bank Balances** on 31 August 2021 – the balances on the Clydesdale Bank working accounts totalled £635k. There is a further £147k in an instant access account and we have £325k invested in longer term deposit accounts.
The Clydesdale Bank balances will have reduced further by the year end as no subscription income is collected in August or September.
- **Cash Reserves Requirement for Operations** – the cash reserves requirement of £475k was fully met from the funds available in the Clydesdale Bank accounts on 31 August.

Greens Convener and Course Manager Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- The planned autumn maintenance was completed in the allocated timeframe following the STRI recommendations.
- NM requested approval to purchase a new ball dispenser for the Range – approved.
- A new verti-drain machine was discussed and approved with GP. NM to check the Asset register on the trade-in.
- AG/NM requested approval for re-cladding the old shed as it is in a state of disrepair. Council requested more details before approving.

Ladies' Captain Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- The ladies have had a very successful season with various Club and external events very well supported.
- FW highlighted some queries on differentiating red and blue tee yardages. FW to discuss with NM.

Match & Handicap

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- Deeside was well represented in external events throughout the season.
- The annual Dalswinton Trophy was a great success with a shot gun start and Carvery lunch afterwards. RAGC were the 2021 winners.

Junior Report

A full report was circulated to Council. To summarise:

- The highlight this month was winning the Off-the-Tee Trophy, the Pennant's foursomes competition on 29th August, where Deeside defeated Newmachar at the 19th in the Final, both pairs making birdies after hitting tee shots to within a couple of feet. Well played to our team of Michael Black, Will Chambers, Oli Blackadder and Ollie Robertson who had beaten Royal Aberdeen in the morning. Jake Kelly and Will Chambers had also represented us in the Quarter Final. Only Deeside's third ever win in the event. The win qualified the team for the Scottish Junior Team Championship at Crail on 26th September where they finished an excellent third of 20 teams from across Scotland behind winners Craighielaw and runners-up St. Andrews. Teams included the winners of every Junior Golf League across Scotland. Well played to Oli Blackadder, Ollie Robertson, Jake Kelly, Michael Black, Ben Smith and Fin Sinclair who did the club proud with such a creditable finish.
- The Junior Prize-giving & Adult v Junior match will take place on 31st October. A mid morning tee off with Soup and sandwiches afterwards.

Pro Shop Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- Guest green fees continue to be strong for this time of year.
- Ladies' beginner classes & Junior coaching are well subscribed.
- The proposed Trackman league has had a poor response so far. DM requested that there is flexibility in the times through the week.

Club Manager Report

A full report was circulated in advance: To summarise:

- Membership breakdown – 31st August

Full	793
Senior	111
Associate	21
Young Adult	28
House/Non Playing	169
Senior VIP	11
House 5 Day	4
Country	24
Junior 12-18	81
Junior <12	30
Non-Resident	72
Honorary	7

Life 15
Staff 19

- Applications for membership

Junior	Jacob Cowie	Ed Rennie	John Hardie
Full	James Maitland	Herbert Donald	James Wilson
Full	Alastair Roy	Audrey Davies	Andrew Davies
Full	Carol Leslie	Jenny Skene	Shirley Blake
Full	Gillian Miller	Brian Rodger	Donald Love
Full	Peter Miller	Brian Rodger	Donald Love
Full	George Batchelor	Duncan Christie	Mark Milne
Full	Yvonne Blackwood	David Blackwood	John Verling
Full	Mark Paton	Gavin Broadley	Richard Nicoll
Full	Mark Ward	Alan AS Wilson	TBC
Full	Grant Walker	Iain Landsman	David Smith
Junior	Anna Walker	Iain Landsman	David Smith
Full	Michael Morrice	Andrew Beveridge	Stephen Taylor
Junior	Freddie Petrie	Elaine Rae	Pam Snape

- Transfers from within the membership 1st – 31st August

Name	From	To	Comments
Taaneer Niazi	<12 Junior	12 – 18 Junior	

- Resigned

Ross Moran – Full

Joan Harrow – House 5 Day

- Waiting List

Defer 2022	Full Members	Total Junior List	
0	255	47 (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		42706

- General Information/Actions etc.

- Request from PGA to host a Pro Am in 2022. 14th / 28th July or 18th /25th August. DP to cost out and report back.
- Request from the R&A to host the Coronation Fours Area Final in 2022 on Monday 25th July 2022. This was approved.
- Request from Carol Eddie to host SVLGA Northern Division Open Meeting & Championship on Monday 30th May & Tuesday 31st May. This was approved.

6. Capital Projects

- Covered in reports

7. Strategy Plan

- Nothing to report.

8. Health and Safety

- As highlighted in the weekly update, golf balls have again been found in a neighbouring garden. Protocol for Club use has been communicated to members.

9. AOCB

IM – highlighted two overseas membership applications who are new to the area. DP to respond.

Request from a member to clarify the winter mat ruling. After discussion it was agreed that mats will be compulsory on the fairway and first cut or take balls into the rough.

Next Meeting 5.30pm – 26th October.