



Minutes of the Club Council Meeting

Monday 13th March 2024 at 18.00 in the Blencathra Room

	Present: Les Balmer (Chair) (LB), Joan Armstrong (President), Club Captain Nigel Scott (NS), Bridget Coy (Ladies Captain) (BC), Chris Rebanks (CR), Gavin Oliver (GO), Darren Whitfield (DW), Stephen Johnson (SJ), Richard Hellon (RH), Gail Gravett (GG), Steve Ingram (SI).	ACTION
1.	Apologies None	
2.	LB said that this meeting had been called to continue discussions in relation to agreeing a way forward following the resignation of our Club Professional Andrew Sowerby.	
3.	LB confirmed that Andrew had agreed to pass ownership of the shop fittings to the Club on an FOC basis, and therefore an agreement has been reached that he will leave the club on 25 th March 2024. SJ gave a list of the items that would become club property.	
4.	SJ said that Andrew had approached him to see if the Club would be willing to purchase from him some PGC branded goods that haven't yet been delivered and which he can't cancel. SJ said that the cost to Andrew was £890 + VAT, and he'd asked if the Club would buy the items from him at £500. It was agreed that SJ would discuss this further with Andrew to see exactly what the goods were (including a copy of the purchase invoice), and then see if a better deal for PGC could be negotiated. SJ will report back.	SJ
5.	SJ said that the "push trolleys" were also owned by Andrew and he'll be taking them with him when he leaves as he needs them at his new club.	
6.	It was agreed that LB will write a letter to Andrew to confirm acceptance of his resignation, and the terms connected to it.	LB
7.	It was agreed that JA in her role of Club President will write a letter of thanks to Andrew	JA
8.	It was agreed that we will organise a collection for Andrew at the Captains Drive-in.	
9.	LB reported that he, along with JA, CR & SJ had had a meeting with Penrith Golf Hub and they are interested in entering into a collaborative agreement with us to supply goods for our shop. However, they were not interested in staffing the shop, so if we went forward with them then we would need to staff the shop ourselves. Windermere G C have a collaborative agreement with The Hub, and Windermere have agreed to talk to us about how the agreement works, so LB will pay them a visit.	LB
10.	A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Councils long term strategy and vision for the club in relation to the provision of a Club Manager/Club Professional, and it was agreed that it was essential to reach a balanced decision which was in the best interests of the membership. Each Council member will give more thought to their own personal vision for the Club Manager/Club Professional role(s) and we will meet again for further discussions.	All
11.	It's been arranged for the Strategy Committee to meet Joe Kelly of the PGA, and at that meeting they will seek his advice and guidance on the role of Club Manager/Club Professional.	
12.	LB will speak to Tim Dykes to keep him updated of the current position	LB

13.	LB confirmed that he's spoken to Trevor Harris who is willing to work in the shop, but it's clear that we will need additional people to provide cover as we can't expect him to work on a 7 day per week basis. LB will send an email to the membership to seek additional help. We will also consider the shop having reduced opening hours.	LB
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Meeting Closed 8.45 pm.

Date of Next Meeting – TBA