



Minutes of the Club Council Meeting

Monday 25th March 2024 at 18.00 in the Blencathra Room

	<p><u>Present:</u> Les Balmer (Chair) (LB), Joan Armstrong (President) (JA), Club Captain Nigel Scott (NS), Ladies Captain Bridget Coy (BC), Club Vice Captain Chris Rebanks (CR) Gavin Oliver (GO), Darren Whitfield (DW), Stephen Johnson (SJ), Gail Gravett (GG), Richard Hellon (RH), Steve Ingram (SI).</p>	<p>ACTION</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p><u>Apologies</u></p>	
	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> The minutes were circulated to all attendees of the Council meeting held on 26th February and were agreed as a true record of the meeting and sent for publication on Monday 11th March 2024. In addition, the Minutes of the “Special Meetings” held on 29th February 2024, 4th March 2024 and 13th March 2024 were all agreed.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>2.2.3.2.2.9.9 New information board being progressed with a related sponsorship opportunity. GO/GG</p> <p>2.2.4.4 New Members folder and marketing leaflets being taken forward. - LB/GG</p> <p>2.2.6.2 EPOS Card software needs enhanced internet to operate effectively. - SJ</p> <p>2.2.7.2 Drain on Green Lane – The latest CCTV survey shows that the drain is mis-shaped and has not fully collapsed. We will put the proposed repairs on hold. - LB</p> <p>2.2.7.5 Assessment of the energy used in the Hoggust ongoing. - RH</p> <p>2.2.7.8 New internet supplier for the clubhouse – We are currently considering a satellite solution and waiting for further information. - LB</p> <p>2.4.1 Quotes for a stand for the dishwasher to be progressed. - RH</p> <p>2. 7.5 Grit/sand swept up on the car park. - Closed</p> <p>2.13.4 Content still needed for the videos, to be forwarded to RH. - ALL</p> <p>2.13.10 Club Dress Policy – agreed smart casual requirement. - Closed</p> <p>3.1-4 LB has sent responses to Allan Ellison, Pat Mattinson, David Coombs-Ballard and Ian Andrew. - Closed</p> <p>6.3 Proposals for a ‘face-lift refurb of the main lounge ongoing - RH</p> <p>7.7 Environmental factors to be drafted and added to the Course strategy. GO/LB</p> <p>7.14 GO has responded to Jon Davidson’s email regarding the STRI report. - Closed</p> <p>7.16 Greenkeepers Sheds still need to be tidied up. - GO</p> <p>7.17 Greenkeepers have been asked to not play loud music whilst working on the course. - Closed</p> <p>7.18 New bins for the course have been ordered. - Closed</p> <p>8.7 Date of the Greenkeepers Revenge competition has been published. - Closed</p> <p>9.1 Cumbria Clock Company signage agreed, and the clock will soon be installed - Closed</p> <p>13.3 The pre-season litter pick has taken place and was successful. - Closed</p> <p>13.5 The reintroduction of a suggestion box has been actioned, and it will be fixed to the wall near the office door. - Closed</p>	

<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A letter has been received from P Harrop regarding the increase in subscription fees for the Country Membership Category – SJ has replied. 2. A letter has been received from S Allen thanking LB for responding to his earlier query regarding the increase in fees for the Second Club Membership category. 3. A letter has been received from G Rutherford asking for a prize donation for a Charity Day – LB has responded in line with Club Policy. 4. A letter has been received from LABGC asking for support for their Charity Day. However, it was felt that we could not support this event and LB will respond. 5. A letter has been received from R Coleby who wanted a correction made to Item No. 8.1 of the Minutes of the February Council Meeting to make it clear that she did not attend the WHS Seminar as a representative of PGC. LB has responded to confirm that Minutes were only intended to note which PGC members were at the seminar and they were not intended to imply that she was representing PGC. Therefore, it is now noted in these Minutes that she did not want her attendance at the seminar to be in any way linked to PGC. 6. A letter has been received from NWAA asking for support for their Charity Day. However, it was felt that we could not offer support for this particular event. 7. A letter has been received from D Pamphilon following the “Course Litter Picking”. – LB to respond noting his concerns and to confirm that we are investigating the provision of receptacles for broken tees. 8. A letter has been received from L Dobinson regarding the awarding of the Hanson Trophy at the Captains Drive-In. LB has responded to confirm why the trophy was awarded. 9. A letter has been received from CCLGA thanking PGC for hosting their County Match and Lady Vets -v- County Senior Men. 	<p>LB</p> <p>LB</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>Health and Safety</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bollards and planters are being purchased to prevent vehicles from entering the area outside the Men’s Locker Room Door and Pro Shop. The planters are being sponsored, so the Club will purchase them and then reclaim the cost. b. Following a "near-miss" the height of the sandstone wall at the end of the car park has been reduced to help visibility. c. The batteries in the Clubhouse Defibrillator require replacing, and the first aid kits require updating. d. The door to the electricity meter cupboard at the hoggust has fallen off again, and a replacement needs to be fitted. e. The foam protection on the frame of the Practice Net is damaged and requires urgent replacement. 	<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>1.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="272 315 1246 741"> <thead> <tr> <th>Bank balances as of: 2024</th> <th>Compared to previous year:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>PGC: £7,535.81</td> <td>PGC: £310,398.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reserve Account £75,278.83</td> <td>Reserve Account £0.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>35 Day A/C £50,501.59</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>95 Day A/C £50,562.03</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total: £183,878.26</td> <td>Total: £310,398.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PGC Ltd: £21,370.92</td> <td>PGC Ltd: £23,689.27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cumberland BS £118,595.21</td> <td>Cumberland BS £116,808.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total: £323,844.39</td> <td>Total: £450,896.05</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Aged debtors: £1,314.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Aged creditors: £29,125.42</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Bank balances as of: 2024	Compared to previous year:	PGC: £7,535.81	PGC: £310,398.58	Reserve Account £75,278.83	Reserve Account £0.14	35 Day A/C £50,501.59		95 Day A/C £50,562.03		Total: £183,878.26	Total: £310,398.72	PGC Ltd: £21,370.92	PGC Ltd: £23,689.27	Cumberland BS £118,595.21	Cumberland BS £116,808.06	Total: £323,844.39	Total: £450,896.05	Aged debtors: £1,314.31		Aged creditors: £29,125.42		
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<p>6.</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The lock on the office door needs to be replaced. b. The alarm keypad in the Club Shop is faulty and needs replacing. c. The Access code for the main Clubhouse alarm needs updating. d. It was agreed that Fairways Catering would be allowed to provide the Coffee Machine in the Club Shop. e. There is a problem with people smoking/vaping in the area adjacent to the front of the Clubhouse. Members will be reminded that this is a strictly “No Smoking/Vaping” area. f. It was agreed to look at changing the way that the “Past Captains” photographs are displayed. We may reduce the photographs to more of a “thumbnail” size and display them in multiples in large frames. However, the original photographs will be retained in a display file. g. The Club is to host the Ladies One Day Team Trophy on 13th June, and because of the number of participants the ladies have asked if they can have additional changing facilities on the day. It was agreed that the ladies would be allowed to use the male changing rooms on the day. 	<p>RH RH RH</p> <p>LB/RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH/BC</p>																						
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Course</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GO gave an update of the position in relation to the work currently being undertaken by the greenkeeping staff. b. GO confirmed that the Head Greenkeeper was currently working on a “Course Report” which will include all plan’s pertaining to the course, and this will incorporate any appropriate recommendations made by Gary Smith of the STRI following his visit in 2023. The report will be issued to the membership, and a copy will also be placed on the noticeboard. 																							

	<p>make a further bid for the 2025 programme. England Golf have been notified of this position.</p> <p>It is planned to introduce the Golf SIXES innovative format with the junior section. It is a format that is fun, team based and suitable for beginners. It involves teams of six playing six holes using Texas scramble rules. It is aimed at non-handicap junior players or those with a handicap of 37+ and is growing in popularity nationally. Penrith, Carlisle and Brampton will be playing in a mini league. We will of course also have our established junior team playing in the Cumbria Junior League.</p> <p>A Parents evening will be held on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 6.30pm in the clubhouse. This will provide the opportunity to outline to parents the junior programme for 2024.</p>	
12.	<p><u>New Member Review</u></p> <p>The following membership applications have been received, and all were approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) F Robinson - Full b) A Hippman – Second Club c) C Pigott – Junior d) J Watt – 5 Day Off Peak e) P Wallace - Full f) T Robinson - Full g) T Seymour - Full h) W Hunter - Full i) M Bullock - Full j) F J Rigby – Second Club 	
13.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. LB reported that the first Club Staff meeting had been held and that he was currently working through the action points and comments etc. b. LB reported that the Strategy Committee had recently met with Joe Kelly of the PGA, and that it had been a very good meeting with a lot of ideas and thoughts shared. On the back of that meeting it was agreed to take advantage of the PGA’s offer to advertise our Club Manager vacancy. LB will arrange to place the advert and he will also write to the current applicants to inform them that the closing date for the position has been delayed. c. LB reported that a limited amount of stock for the shop has been purchased from Penrith Golf Hub. Temporary opening hours for the 	<p>LB</p> <p>LB</p>

	<p>shop were agreed, and LB will meet with parties interested in providing shop cover.</p> <p>d. Removal of lapsed members from BRS – DW to liaise with Kathryn Bulman.</p> <p>e. It was agreed to purchase a label printer to be used for competition cards.</p> <p>f. Congratulations were expressed to the Scratch League Team for winning the delayed 2023 Scratch League Final recently held at Cockermouth GC.</p> <p>g. The purchase of a small number of pull trollies for hire from the shop was agreed.</p> <p>h. It was agreed that the blackboard on the external wall outside the Club Shop would be removed.</p> <p>i. It was noted that we may soon need to order some scorecards, and we will approach Fibrus to see if they wish to sponsor the cards again. However, the new cards may need to incorporate changes to our course rating.</p> <p>j. It was agreed to purchase a new EPOS till, cashdrawer and receipt printer for the Club Shop.</p> <p>k. GO said that he'd witnessed a visitor on the course who was acting inappropriately, and if we can find contact details for him, he will be written to.</p> <p>l. Some Council Members were concerned that some visitors may be playing on the course without paying a green fee, so it was agreed that on a limited basis some Council Members will undertake Course Ranger duties.</p> <p>m. It was agreed that LB would speak to Ricky to confirm arrangements for visitor green fees to be paid at the bar when the Club Shop is closed.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>DW</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>GO</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>LB</p> <p>All</p> <p>LB</p>
	<p><u>The meeting concluded at 21.30 Hrs.</u></p> <p><u>Date of next meeting: Monday 29th April at 6.00pm in the Blencathra Room</u></p>	