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	PGC Ltd: £34,575.01	PGC Ltd: £38,726.59	
	Cumberland BS £121,709.71	Cumberland BS £118,595.21	
	Total: £315,154.27	Total: £425,055.49	
	Aged debtors: £5,781.11		
	Aged creditors: £22,049.62		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The insurance claim following the break-in at the Hoggust and workshop on 8th April has been completed and forwarded to the brokers. Some of the equipment has already been replaced so that the Greenkeepers can do their work. SJ will keep the Council updated on the progress of the claim. 2. Following the Caterer's decision to cancel their Sky Sports subscription due to cost, SJ has approached Sky regarding a deal to reinstate it in the Clubhouse. The best deal he could get was £600 per month and it was agreed that this was not value for money. The Council asked RH to ask the Caterers to promote some sporting events which are available on terrestrial channels this summer, such as the Euros, the Olympics and Wimbledon. 3. SJ also reported that at the end of May in 2023 we had 582 members, and at the end of May this year there are currently 547 members who have paid their subscriptions. However, he felt that some members had not yet re-joined due to the prolonged period of bad weather, and that renewals were still happening now. However, any former members would still need to pay the full annual fee and were not eligible for any pro-rata discount. 		<p>SJ</p> <p>RH</p>
6.	<p><u>House</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RH suggested that as in previous years volunteers could be asked to do some jobs around the course and clubhouse. He offered to co-ordinate the volunteers and tasks. Volunteers should email him at house@penrithgolfclub.co.uk 2. The Council would like to thank Jenny Balmer and Liz Horlacher for their work clearing weeds etc from the area at the top end of the car park. 3. A spare ball washer is to be placed by the wall adjacent to the practice putting green. RH to check with the Greenkeepers as to where the pipework is for the watering system before installation. 4. RH & GO to review the Clubhouse heating system as soon as possible. 5. Servicing of the central heating boilers will be booked soon. 6. The annual PAT testing has been completed, with some items having to be repaired or replaced. Actions have been distributed to the relevant people. 7. Some of the carpet tiles in the 1890 Lounge have started to lift as the chairs are moved around. RH to look into fixing the tiles to the floor. 		<p>RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>GO/RH</p> <p>RH</p> <p>RH</p>
7.	<p><u>Course</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following a review of the course by Council members DW prepared and circulated prior to the meeting a detailed hole-by-hole list of jobs to be done on the course. The work is being completed to a planned schedule and volunteers might be able to help with some tasks on the list. 2. A suggestion was received from F. Tyson requesting that the grass between the 11th and 12th fairways be cut lower. This area and many others around the course are scheduled to be cut and will be done as soon as possible. The height of the grass in "tree areas" will also be reduced as the trees are considered suitably punitive, without the need for thick rough. 		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Grass is currently growing very quickly and the greenkeepers are finding it difficult to keep up with. A discussion followed about offering the greenkeepers overtime or contracting a temporary seasonal worker to assist. GO to discuss with the Head Greenkeeper and feed back to Council. 4. BC reported that during the Ladies competition on Tuesday morning, the Greenkeepers continued to trim tee boxes while the Ladies were teeing off. GO to remind the Greenkeepers that out of courtesy they should switch off their machines / vehicles when in close proximity to golfers taking shots. 5. BC asked if the benches can be replaced around the course. DW stated that this was already on the schedule. 6. NS asked if seed boxes could be placed on tee boxes, especially the Par 3's. GO to instruct the Greenkeepers to do so. 7. NS said that he had been told that composite decking, as used in the new steps on the 11th tee box, can become extremely slippery in frosty weather. The Course Committee are aware of this and stated that such steps would not be installed on winter tees. 8. LB asked GO to ask the Greenkeepers to replace the gate and fence on Green Lane. 	<p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p>
8.	<p><u>Golf</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A local temporary rule to be introduced regarding the mound on the 18th fairway. For the foreseeable future, players must use the drop zones to the right and left of the area should their ball land inside the marked "No Play Zone. The reason for this is to, as far as possible, maintain the architectural challenge of the hole, and to protect the fairway.". RH to purchase suitably worded signs and place them across the front of the area. 2. SJ will manage the payment for the Gent's Knock-out competition from competition purses. 3. An email was received regarding the slow pace of play. This was discussed and agreed the primary reason is the height and thickness of the rough at this moment in time. The greens committee have already discussed this and the relevant areas will be dealt with as soon as is possible. 4. The new master handicap chart has been purchased and delivered and will be on display once the new notice board is completed. 5. Due to a drop in entries DW proposed that the America Cup qualifier could be reduced to 18 holes. After some discussion, it was decided that it is too late in the season to make any changes. However, depending on entries to this year's competition, changes may be made for 2025. 6. The course is scheduled to be re-rated in July. Some disc markers have been moved in preparation for the rating and it is to allow more scope on the tee boxes for the greens staff. 7. Prize money alterations. After a suggestion from a member, it was decided that prize money for men's competitions could be raised. Due to the complications regarding the new handicap system, it was also decided it was fairer to award the top 6 finishing positions rather than the old division method. 8. Handicap rounding. The complicated process and algorithm, which is applied to player's handicaps, is causing some confusion. The advice from England Golf is to use the handicap the computer gives when players check in to a competition. 9. DW suggested that a group of members might consider 'adopting' the first tee area. BC to ask the Ladies Committee at their next meeting, and any other 	<p>RH</p> <p>SJ</p>

	<p>volunteers who would like to help maintain the 1st tee areas so we have a pleasant welcome to the course would be much appreciated.</p> <p>10. DW suggested in future the 5th hole might be changed into a Par 5 on the Gents card. This is just something to consider for the future. Currently the front 9 holes play considerably more difficult than the back. The 5th hole is always the most difficult sometimes averaging a score of over 6.</p> <p>11. It has been noticed that the Ladies Alternative Day tee times, on Sundays have regularly not been filled. DW asked if these could be made available to the Gents competition when not used. BC to take this proposal to the next Ladies Section committee meeting.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>BC</p>
9.	<p><u>Communications/IT</u></p> <p>1. The quality of some recent Facebook posts was raised. Those with administration of the pages should be reminded to check more carefully for typing errors, spelling and grammar. LB will discuss this with the new Pro's</p>	LB
10.	<p><u>Strategy</u></p> <p>1. SI and GG have finalised the strategy document and it is ready to go out to members. LB will arrange for the document to be distributed to the membership, as well as placing copies within the Clubhouse.</p> <p>2. A date for a members' forum to discuss the strategy document will be set for one evening in June/July.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>SI</p>
11.	<u>Juniors</u> – No report	
12.	<p><u>Membership Reviews and welcome</u></p> <p>1. Graeme Hogg – Full 7 Day</p> <p>2. Stephen Crewe – Full 7 Day</p> <p>3. Robbie Hebson – Full 7 Day</p> <p>4. Sam Mitchell – 25 Years in Employment</p> <p>5. Audrey Hardy – Over 75</p> <p>6. Mark McDowell – Full 7 Day</p> <p>7. Evan Cowperthwaite – Junior</p> <p>8. Alfie Dixon – Junior</p> <p>9. Oliver Dudson – Junior</p> <p>10. Reece Cleminson – Junior</p> <p>11. William Dudson – Junior</p> <p>12. Ryan Monkhouse Junior</p> <p>13. Jude Dobinson – Junior</p> <p>14. Finley Stephenson - Junior</p>	
13.	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>1. There has been a request for a work placement from a local school. It was agreed to offer a place as long as the school completes their own due diligence and health and safety requirements. Any work completed during the placement will be “non-hazardous” and not involve the operation of machinery etc.</p> <p>2. There was a proposal to increase the price of driving range balls from £1 to £2. SJ to look at the revenue it brings in and the various options available as few people carry cash now. Tokens which could be bought in the shop or the bar might be an option.</p>	SJ

<p>3. The Professionals' contract has been circulated to Council members and feedback to be sent to LB within 1 week. LB will then distribute the final contract to the Marklew Brothers.</p> <p>4. All agreed, that following an interview with Tim Dykes, he will be offered the Club Manager's role at PGC. He will be directly employed by the Club, and be issued with a comprehensive Job Description, against which he will be measured at periodic reviews. He will also have regular meetings with Committee Chairs and attend Council Meetings etc, and it will be part of the Managers role to implement the agreed policies and decisions agreed by the Council.</p> <p>5. The new Club Manager will be asked to develop a system for recording members introducing playing guests to the club, this is to ensure that no member exceeds the maximum number of discounted guest green fees allowable per year.</p> <p>6. BC asked if the names of sub-committees could be added to the website. All agreed.</p> <p>7. BC requested that the 'Yellow Book' be reinstated. It was generally thought that if the website was better used, there would be no need for a hard copy. Maybe a pdf could be downloaded. This will be passed to the New Club Manager for consideration.</p> <p>8. BC apologised for the slow play on Monday 20th May, when a visiting group of Ladies from Bellingham GC played. The Ladies themselves apologised, and were very appreciative of the welcome they received and praised all areas of the Club. LB said that a complaint about the slow play had been placed in the Suggestions Box by a member, and it was agreed that LB would respond to the member confirming that an apology had already been received from the visitors in question.</p> <p>9. The recent Senior 4BBB was very well attended, but in future the Senior tee markers should be used.</p> <p>10. Having received some quotes, RH asked if work could start on repainting the woodwork on the front of the clubhouse. All agreed.</p>	<p>LB</p> <p>LB</p> <p>GG</p> <p>LB</p> <p>LB</p> <p>LB</p> <p>RH</p>
<p><u>The meeting concluded at 22.35.</u></p> <p><u>Date of next meeting: Monday 24th June at 6.00pm in the Blencathra Room</u></p>	