

Monday 20th May 2024 at 18.00 in the Blencathra Room

	Present: Les Balmer (Chair) (LB), Club Captain Nigel Scott (NS), Ladies Captain Bridget Coy (BC), Club Vice Captain Chris Rebanks (CR) Gavin Oliver (GO), Darren	ACTIC
	Whitfield (DW), Stephen Johnson (SJ), Gail Gravett (GG), Richard Hellon (RH), Steve	
	Ingram (SI).	
	Carol Slinger (Minutes secretary)	
1.	Apologies	1
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	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	The minutes were circulated to all attendees of the Council meeting held on 4 th May	1
	were agreed as a true record of the meeting and sent for publication on Monday 13 th	
-	May 2024.	<u> </u>
2.	Matters Arising	1
	2.2.2.4.4 Viability of a New members folder and marketing leaflets update. GG	
	circulated a proof of the leaflet and couple of comments were made before it goes	
	to print. £135 for 1000. All agreed to go ahead.	RH
	2.2.4.1 Quotes for a stand for the dishwasher update. Carried forward.	
	2.4.3 Clubhouse Defib batteries to be replaced. RH has ordered new batteries and	
	defib pads.	
	2.4.4 Electricity meter cupboard door on hoggust to be replaced. GO/RH have	RH
	ordered a new door.	
	2.6.1 Office door lock to be replaced. Carried forward.	RH
	2.6.2 Shop alarm keypad replacement. Carried forward.	RH
	2.6.6 Past Captain's photos. RH gave details and costs of reducing the size of the	
	photos and reframing them into multi aperture frames. All agreed to put this on	1
	hold, but meanwhile tidy up the current photos in the foyer.	
	2.13.4 Removal of lapsed members from BRS. As there are still members coming in	
	to pay for 2024 this is ongoing.	DW
	2.13.11Ranger duties rota to monitor the non-payment of green fees. LB to send a	
	calendar out to Council Members for them to give their availability.	IP
	4.1 Steps on 6 th tee box repaired. The steps are to be reduced in width to remove	LB
	the hazard.	GO
	4.2 Threshold to 1890 Lounge reduced. The Joiner has been contacted.	
	5.2 Keypad access to the Gents locker room fitted. RH actioned.	
	7.1 Revised course/buggy policy documents added to the website. LB actioned.	
	7.2 STRI informed of decision to defer next visit to 2025. LB actioned.	
	7.4 Contractors contacted to rebuild the wall on the 13 th . LB is waiting to receive a	
	quote.	
	7.5 Security of machinery reviewed. RH has a meeting planned with Beacon Security	
	this week.	
	10.2 Review of comments received in the recent survey. RH has reviewed the House	
	comments and explained the process he used. He will share the template he used	
	with other Chairs.	RH
	11.5 Junior tees replaced on the course. DW to look into the whereabouts of the	
	tees and ask the Greenkeepers to put in place.	DW

	palance of the Junior Funds and will now revi	egards extra funding. SJ reported the	SJ	
	Council meeting.	ew their outgoings prior to the next		
-	Correspondence			
1	J. Kendall wrote to the Council to report the the course using multiple balls around a gre write to the member involved. For practice and use more than one ball around a green	een. LB to respond to Mr Kendall and purposes, members may replay a shot		
	the course or other players.	i, as long as it is not to the detriment of	LB	
2		on. LB said that the matter had been ce confirmed that he didn't intend to		
3	 An email has been received from Joe Dent course. LB confirmed that he had already re were aware of the issues and that action ha course – See Item No.7.1 below. 	concerning the general tidiness of the esponded to confirm that the Council		
2	•	greed & LB will respond. of their Tee Sponsorship fee for 2024,	LB	
	Amstrong Watson have written to confirm	that they do not wish to renew their		
e	 sponsorship. Ullswater School requested the use of the f This was declined on the basis of our estab are not catered for, and that due to the age on the same basis RH has already responde 	lished policy that 18 th birthday parties es involved a Prom should be treated		
7	A letter was received from the Cumbria Lac holding a major County event at PGC in Jun prepared. GO to take this forward to the G CLCGA to confirm the matter has been pass	dies County Golf Association who are ne, requesting that the course be well reenkeepers, and LB will respond to the	GO/LB	
٤		ability to book guests into BRS has been ion was removed so that payment for		
	places, but that it must be done via the Pro	÷	LB	
1.	lealth and Safety			
	1. During the recent Seniors' event a hole on the 7 th tee box was reported as being a			
2	trip hazard. This has now been repaired. . There was a spill of hydraulic oil from a mo	wer at the club entrance. The area was		
2	treated twice with sand. RH stated that the			
	and correctly but asked that the root cause			
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-	reduce the likelihood of such an event reod . An overhang of a bunker edge on the 10 th v	-		
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	only after the Greenkeepers had already done some temporary adjustments to			
	the edge. More work on these bunkers is ir			
	 A manhole cover on the practice area was been ordered, meanwhile the area has bee 	•		
5.	inance	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
		Compared to previous year:		
		PGC: £117,733.69		
		Reserve Account £150,000.00		

	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		
	 April has been completed and forwarde has already been replaced so that the G keep the Council updated on the progree. Following the Caterer's decision to cance cost, SJ has approached Sky regarding a best deal he could get was £600 per movalue for money. The Council asked RH is sporting events which are available on the Euros, the Olympics and Wimbledor. SJ also reported that at the end of May is end of May this year there are currently subscriptions. However, he felt that som the prolonged period of bad weather, and the prolonged period of bad weather, and the prolonged period of bad weather. 	d to the brokers. Some of the equipment reenkeepers can do their work. SJ will ss of the claim. el their Sky Sports subscription due to deal to reinstate it in the Clubhouse. The nth and it was agreed that this was not to ask the Caterers to promote some errestrial channels this summer, such as n. in 2023 we had 582 members, and at the 547 members who have paid their ne members had not yet re-joined due to nd that renewals were still happening	SJ RH
	now. However, any former members wo	ould still need to pay the full annual fee	
	and were not eligible for any pro-rata di	scount.	
6.	House		
2	around the course and clubhouse. He of tasks. Volunteers should email him at h	almer and Liz Horlacher for their work top end of the car park.	RH
	green. RH to check with the Greenkeepe	ers as to where the pipework is for the	рц
	watering system before installation.	a sustam as soon as nassible	RH
4			GO/RH
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	repaired or replaced. Actions have been	_	RH
,	. Some of the carpet tiles in the 1890 Lou		
	moved around. RH to look into fixing the	-	RH
7.	Course		
1	prior to the meeting a detailed hole-by-	ncil members DW prepared and circulated hole list of jobs to be done on the course. ed schedule and volunteers might be able	
2	. A suggestion was received from F. Tysor	s area and many others around the course e as soon as possible. The height of the d as the trees are considered suitably	

	z	Grass is currently growing very quickly and the greenkeepers are finding it difficult	
	٦.	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.	
	7		GO
	4.	BC reported that during the Ladies competition on Tuesday morning, the	
		Greenkeepers continued to strim tee boxes while the Ladies were teeing off. GO	
		to remind the Greenkeepers that out of courtesy they should switch off their	GO
	-	machines / vehicles when in close proximity to golfers taking shots.	90
	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	GO
		instruct the Greenkeepers to do so.	90
	7.	NS said that he had been told that composite decking, as used in the new steps on	
		the 11 th 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.	GO
	8.	LB asked GO to ask the Greenkeepers to replace the gate and fence on Green	
		Lane.	GO
8.	Go	NIF	
0.	<u> </u>	1. A local temporary rule to be introduced regarding the mound on the 18 th	
		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.	RH
		2. SJ will manage the payment for the Gent's Knock-out competition from	SJ
		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	

	 volunteers who would like to help maintain the 1st tee areas so we have a pleasant welcome to the course would be much appreciated. 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. 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 	BC
	Ladies Section committee meeting.	
9.	Communications/IT	
	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	LB
10.	Strategy	
	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,	LB
	as well as placing copies within the Clubhouse.	
	2. A date for a members' forum to discuss the strategy document will be set for one	
	evening in June/July.	SI
11.	<u>Juniors –</u> No report	
12.	Membership Reviews and welcome	
	1. Graeme Hogg – Full 7 Day	
	2. Stephen Crewe – Full 7 Day	
	3. Robbie Hebson – Full 7 Day	
	4. Sam Mitchell – 25 Years in Employment	
	5. Audrey Hardy – Over 75	
	6. Mark McDowell – Full 7 Day	
	7. Evan Cowperthwaite – Junior	
	8. Alfie Dixon – Junior	
	9. Oliver Dudson – Junior	
	10. Reece Cleminson – Junior	
	11. William Dudson – Junior	
	12. Ryan Monkhouse Junior	
	13. Jude Dobinson – Junior	
	14. Finley Stephenson - Junior	
13.	 AOB 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. 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. 	SJ

	e Professionals' contract has been circulated to Council members and feedback	
	be sent to LB within 1 week. LB will then distribute the final contract to the	LB
	arklew Brothers.	
	l agreed, that following an interview with Tim Dykes, he will be offered the Club	
	anager's role at PGC. He will be directly employed by the Club, and be issued	
	th a comprehensive Job Description, against which he will be measured at	
•	riodic reviews. He will also have regular meetings with Committee Chairs and	
	tend Council Meetings etc, and it will be part of the Managers role to implement	
th	e agreed policies and decisions agreed by the Council.	
5. Th	e new Club Manager will be asked to develop a system for recording members	
int	troducing playing guests to the club, this is to ensure that no member exceeds	LB
th	e maximum number of discounted guest green fees allowable per year.	LD
6. BC	casked if the names of sub-committees could be added to the website. All	GG
ag	reed.	55
7. BC	Crequested that the 'Yellow Book' be reinstated. It was generally thought that if	
th	e website was better used, there would be no need for a hard copy. Maybe a	
-	If could be downloaded. This will be passed to the New Club Manager for nsideration.	1.0
	Capologised for the slow play on Monday 20 th May, when a visiting group of	LB
	dies from Bellingham GC played. The Ladies themselves apologised, and were	
	ry appreciative of the welcome they received and praised all areas of the Club.	
	said that a complaint about the slow play had been placed in the Suggestions	
	by a member, and it was agreed that LB would respond to the member	
	nfirming that an apology had already been received from the visitors in	
	lestion.	
•	e recent Senior 4BBB was very well attended, but in future the Senior tee	
	arkers should be used.	LB
10. Ha	aving received some quotes, RH asked if work could start on repainting the	יים
wo	podwork on the front of the clubhouse. All agreed.	RH
The n	neeting concluded at 22.35.	
-	of next meeting: Monday 24 th June at 6.00pm in the Blencathra Room	