Golf Club Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 17th November 2026

Members Present

Graeme Gow, Louise Common, Eileen Gow, Bryan Craggs, Jonas Pettersson, John Metcalfe, David Gilroy, Keith Straker, Graham Chambers and Billy Kingsland.

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1. Previous Minutes & Matters Arising

Committee Member Introductions

Headshots of all committee members have been taken. These will be added to the club website and circulated to the membership to help members put faces to names.

Committee Communication

It was agreed that a dedicated email address should be established to provide members with a direct line of communication to the committee.

To ensure accountability and discourage anonymous or inappropriate correspondence, members will be required to use the email address registered to their club membership profile when submitting suggestions or raising concerns.

Once established, the committee email address will be communicated to all members, alongside guidance outlining the appropriate use of this communication channel.

2. Course Updates & Winter Works

Woodland management will form a significant part of the winter maintenance programme, with various projects planned across the course.

Work has commenced on reshaping the bunkers within the short game practice area. This will improve the quality of the practice facilities, bringing them closer to the standard and appearance of the bunkers on the course. It will also provide valuable training opportunities for the greenkeeping team.

Aeration work has recently been completed across the course, including tees, fairways and greens.

Selected areas of rough have also been cut and collected. This work is intended to improve playability heading into next season while maintaining the overall appearance and character of the course.

3. Health & Safety

Bridges Across the Course

Anti-slip measures for the bridges around the course were discussed. Club management has explored a number of potential solutions; however, none of the options considered to date have been deemed suitable or practical.

As an interim measure, members will be reminded to exercise additional caution when crossing bridges during wet or frosty conditions. Appropriate warning signage will also be displayed around the course.

13th Hole Bridge

The bridge crossing the 13th hole is currently closed to all traffic.

Club management is considering two options:

- Complete removal of the existing bridge.
- Construction of a replacement pedestrian bridge.

No final decision has been reached. Members will be informed of the agreed course of action before any work commences.

4. Clubhouse Computer – Score Input

It was agreed that a dedicated score-entry terminal will be purchased and installed in the clubhouse ahead of the start of the 2027 season.

The final location is yet to be confirmed, although the committee agreed that it should be positioned somewhere within the bar area where it is easily accessible to members.

5. 2027 Season – Competitions & Events

Interclub Events

The club intends to introduce more interclub events during 2027, bringing together all sections of the club, including ladies, juniors, seniors and men.

Committee members were encouraged to actively promote participation within the sections they represent, not only in these events but also in individual competitions and the wider programme of club social activities.

Friday 9s

The possibility of holding the Friday 9s competition over the back nine once a month was discussed.

Club management will develop a plan to introduce this format, with appropriate measures to ensure all players start from the 10th tee on the designated dates.

Clear communication will be provided to members ahead of each event. This will include email notifications, messages on the BRS tee sheet and instructions to the starters.

Junior Saturday Tee Times

The introduction of designated Saturday tee times for juniors wishing to participate in club competitions was agreed.

Specific times are yet to be determined. However, the committee was supportive of the proposal, recognising the importance of encouraging junior development and helping younger members become more integrated into the wider club.

Multi-Tee Competitions

More multi-tee competitions will be introduced during the 2027 season.

These competitions will allow members to choose which set of tees they wish to play from, with handicaps adjusted accordingly.

The aim is to encourage greater participation by making competitions more accessible to members who may find the white tees particularly challenging in terms of distance.

2027 Fixture List & Communication

A comprehensive fixture list covering club competitions, section competitions and social events will be published to members ahead of the 2027 season.

Details of upcoming social events will also be promoted through the club website, membership emails and table talkers displayed around the clubhouse.

Golf Genius – Live Leaderboards

The possibility of disabling the live leaderboard function within Golf Genius was raised.

There was concern that players seeing scores posted by others before starting their own rounds could be discouraged from entering competitions.

The suggestion will be considered further.

Monthly Open Competition

The introduction of a monthly midweek open competition was proposed.

The suggested format would be open to both members and visitors, with the top two finishers from each qualifying event progressing to a season-ending final.

Similar formats have proved popular at other local golf clubs and could provide a valuable addition to the club's competition calendar.

Further consideration will be required regarding the format, dates and overall organisation before any events are advertised.

6. Any Other Business

Clubhouse Opening Hours

The current clubhouse opening hours were raised, as there is some uncertainty among members regarding when the facilities are open.

Following the recent appointment of a chef, opening hours are currently being reviewed as part of ongoing club management discussions.

Once agreed, the confirmed opening hours will be communicated to members via email and to visitors through the club website and social media channels.

Winter Fairway Protection

The use of fairway mats and other potential fairway protection measures during the winter months was discussed.

It was agreed that the use of fairway mats will be permitted during winter but will not be compulsory.

Club management is confident that the planned divoting programme in the new year will help the fairways recover quickly.

Pace of Play

Slow play, particularly during busy periods, was discussed at length.

The introduction of 10-minute tee intervals for the 2027 season is expected to help manage course traffic. However, the committee felt that slow play is primarily linked to player behaviour and awareness rather than tee-time spacing alone.

A further communication will be sent to members highlighting good pace-of-play practices and the importance of maintaining an appropriate speed of play.

It was agreed that, should there be no improvement following this communication, the club may consider introducing sanctions for persistent offenders.

Club management is also actively exploring the introduction of *time par* signage at selected tees. These signs would provide players with an expected time for reaching particular points on the course, serving as a visual reminder of the pace they should be maintaining.

BRS Tee Sheet – Section Competitions

It was agreed that the BRS tee sheet should be updated to include more detailed information about section competitions.

This will improve visibility across the club, allowing members to see which competitions are taking place and what activity is scheduled on the course.

Membership Referral Scheme

The club is looking to introduce a membership referral scheme to reward existing members who introduce friends and family to the club.

Further details of the proposed scheme will be communicated to the membership once finalised.

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7. Date of Next Meeting

The next committee meeting is scheduled for:

Tuesday 12th January 2027