

# 137<sup>th</sup> Dungannon Golf Club AGM Minutes

## Meeting Details:

- Date: December 8th, 2025
- Time: Commenced at 7:35 PM
- Location: Clubhouse, Dungannon Golf Club
- Chair: Captain Blaine Nugent

## Meeting Agenda:

At commencement of meeting a standing Orders for 137<sup>th</sup> EGM was agreed.

To ensure smooth proceedings and equal speaking opportunities the following rules were adopted:

- Members should use the seating provided.
- Proposers and seconders must be present and can speak for three minutes.
- Proposers can respond for three minutes to points made from the floor.
- Members can speak once per motion for three minutes unless clarification is needed.
- Members should raise their hand and wait for the chair's permission to speak.
- The chair's decisions are final.

**1. Apologies:** Alistair Fleming, David Gibson, Anthony Cush, Mark Wallace, Patrick Wallace, Wallace McCarroll, Alexis Davidson

**2. Deceased Members:** Members observed a minute's silence for the following deceased members: Heather McClean, Seamus Beggs, Kevin Hamilton, W. Len Stevenson, Peter Dolan, Libby Soye, Johnny Gillen, Peadar Quinn

### 3. Adoption of 136<sup>th</sup> AGM Minutes (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

Ivan Brown queried the issue of cameras in the member's bar which had been discussed with no resolution. Hon Sec agreed to take cameras into his control & confirm to members microphones were not in use. Failure to do so would result in a motion at an EGM to vote on this. Minutes then agreed.

Minutes proposed by Ivan Kerr, seconded by Kieran Hagan.

### 4. Annual Report and Accounts

- Agreed and proposed by Vicki McCausland, seconded by Robert Eitel.

**5. Captain's Statement:** Blaine Nugent highlighted the financial success the club enjoyed, the

membership growth, the issues surrounding our 7<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> holes. During the Spring we both continued the course improvement plan from Ken Kearney. Thanks, expressed to Aidan Kelly, Alastair & green staff for their hard work & the way they presented the course throughout the year.

Blaine thanked all our sponsors & acknowledged the efforts of Anthony Cush. He acknowledged the contribution of all the staff, be that the bar, the office, our shop & pros. Thanks were expressed to Donal O'Neill our competition convenor for his hard work & diligence, in addition thanks to Council, trustees, course rangers, Prince & restaurant staff & all who give up so much of their time throughout the year on a voluntary basis.

Blaine concluded by thanking the members for a successful 2025, he wished our incoming captains Ivan & Jayne every success for 2026 & thanked our outgoing Lady Captain Vicki for her wonderful contribution in 2025.

Blaine then presented Vicki with flowers.

Boyd Hunter on behalf of the members thanked Blaine for his successful year & his contributions to DGC.

**6. Election of Captain for 2026:** Blaine introduced Ivan Kerr as our captain for 2026. Ivan thanked Blaine, outlined to the members his loyalty to DGC, his hopes to raise a substantial amount of money during his term

Ivan then chaired the meeting

**7. Election of Vice – Captain for 2026:** Ivan introduced Gerry Cullen as our Vice -Captain for 2026.

**8. Lady Captain's Statement:** Vicki McCausland spoke thanking all the members, Council, & staff for all their help & support during her year in office. She then introduced Jayne Henry as our Lady Captain for 2026

**9. Election of Lady Vice -Captain for 2026:** Jayne introduced Una McAlinden as our Lady Vice-Captain in 2026

**10. Election of Club Office Holders for 2026:** Positions were unopposed. The following were elected.

Treasurer – Lewis Gribben

Membership – Sean Coary

Competitions – Donal O'Neill

Course – Aidan Kelly

Fundraising & Entertainments – Kieran Hagan

Marketing & Communications – Alison Chestnutt

Honorary Secretary – Noel Gormley

**11. Notices of Motion Constitution amendment to rules 6 and 11** Rule 6 deals with Trustees, with increased security for Trustees requested & agreed, & Rule 11 deals with election to Council.

Changes highlighted in red

Rule 6 - Existing

The Property of the Club, both real and personal shall be vested in not less than three but not more than six Trustees, who shall be appointed at an Annual General Meeting of the Club. A General Meeting shall have the power to remove any Trustees, and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation or death, shall be filled up at the same or next General Meeting. The Trustee or Trustees for the time being shall make all such dispositions and dealings with the real and leasehold property of the Club vested in him or them, and enter into such agreements in relation thereto and generally do all such acts and things, as the Club may from time to time by resolution passed at any General Meeting direct, a copy of the resolution certified as a true copy thereof by the Chairman of such meeting shall be conclusive evidence. They shall be indemnified against expenses incurred by reason of their position as Trustees, in so far as the assets of the Club may be deficient by the members for the time being of the Club.

#### New Rule 6 – Amended

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**Council shall purchase and maintain insurance in respect of all members of Council, Club officers and Trustees.**

**Council members, Club officers and Trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Club against all losses or liabilities which that person may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of office or otherwise in relation thereto, including any liability incurred by such person in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in such person's favour or the proceedings are otherwise disposed of without any finding or admission of any material breach of duty on his or her part, or in which such person is acquitted and no such person shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the Club in the execution of the duties of the office or in relation thereto.**

**Any legal or professional fees as well as costs, charges, losses, expenses or liabilities incurred by or for an individual member and paid by the Council shall become repayable, where he or she is not entitled to be indemnified or where circumstances later occur that disentitles him or her to the indemnity.**

#### Rule 11 - Existing

The election of Officers and members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:

- a) Any member of the Club may nominate a member or members, not exceeding the number of vacancies. The name of each member so nominated shall be notified in writing to the Secretary at least seven days preceding the Annual General Meeting.

- b) Each candidate for election to the Council must be proposed and seconded by members entitled to vote. The nomination form must be signed by the candidate. A list of the nominations in alphabetical order shall be affixed to the notice board of the Club four days at least before the Annual General Meeting. When there are more candidates nominated than there are vacancies, the voting shall be by ballot and each member present at the Annual General Meeting shall be entitled to vote for any number of candidates not exceeding the number of vacancies. When there is not a sufficient number of candidates nominated in the manner provided for, the candidates duly nominated shall be deemed to be elected and the Council at its first meeting shall fill up the remaining vacancies by co-option. If by an equality of votes between two or more candidates a vacancy or vacancies remain undecided, the meeting shall select by a second ballot from such candidates the candidate or candidates who are to be the members of the Council and if there is an equal number of votes on such second ballot, the vacancy or vacancies shall be decided by lot.
- c) The Committees shall consist of a Convenor and not less than three other members and shall have power to co-opt members. All such committees must contain at least one member who is not a member of the Council. Members selected for inclusion in Committees must be subjected to Council for its approval. Committees shall meet as often as circumstances dictate or Council requires, all meetings to be minuted and reports submitted to Council for its approval, via the appropriate Convenor. The Captain and Honorary Secretary are ex-officio members of all Committees.

The Council may delegate any of their powers to Committees, which may consist of members of Council or such other persons as Council deem appropriate. Any Committee so formed shall in the exercise of its powers of delegation, conform to their terms of reference as determined from time to time by the Council.  
Each Convenor shall report monthly to Council.

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A) Course B) Membership C) Finance to include Audit & Risk D) Competitions & Handicaps E) Nominations. The Council may establish such other Committees or working groups as may be required from time to time.

All Committees shall be subject to the Rules of the Club save where otherwise stated, and shall meet regularly, to transact such business as may be referred to it by the Council.

- d) Any Member of the Council who fails to attend three successive meetings may be called upon by the Council to give an explanation in writing and if he fails to do so, or if his explanation is considered unsatisfactory, he shall cease to be a member of Council.

The election of Officers and members of the Council shall take place in the following manner:

- a) Only a full fee-paying Member, in good standing, whether a five day or seven day Member, may nominate or stand for election to Council.
- b) Any such member may nominate a member or members, not exceeding the number of vacancies. Each candidate for election to the Council must be proposed and seconded in writing. The nomination form must also be signed by the candidate. The Nomination form duly completed shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days preceding the Annual General Meeting
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Vote takes & agreed unanimously

**12. Amend existing rule 4.** Lady Vice Captain formally appointed to Council.

Rule 4

The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Council, who shall be elected for not less than one year by the general body of the members. The Council shall consist of a Captain, Vice-Captain, Lady Captain, **Lady Vice-Captain**, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Membership Convenor, Competition Convenor, Course Convenor, Fundraising & Entertainments Convenor, and Marketing Convenor. Members of the Council shall hold office for one year except as provided in the case of a co-opted member, elected in accordance with Rule 7, having rights of voting in relation to the affairs of the Club.

Vote & agreed unanimously

**13. Land Purchase Opportunity:** Withdrawn due to incomplete information; will be reviewed & once complete information to hand we will return to members.

**14. £20 levy on all full members in lieu of fundraising for 2026.** No fundraising events, however, we plan to offer more social events to encourage a wider use of the clubhouse. Vote & agreed unanimously

**15. Subscription rates for 2026**

			Current '25	Proposed '26
Class A	Full 7-Day	30-69	£790	£825
Class B	Full 7-Day	25-29	£680	£710
Class C	Full 7-Day	70-79	£620	£645
Class D	Full 7-Day	18-24	£520	£540
Class E	Full 7-Day	80+	£200	£210
Class F	Full 5-Day	30-69	£640	£665
Class G	Full 5-Day	25-29	£530	£550
Class H	Full 5-Day	70-79	£470	£490
Class I	Full 5-Day	18-24	£370	£385
Class J	5-Day	Student	£250	£270
Class K	5-Day+*	Student	£340	£360
Class L	Junior	14-17	£170	£180
Class M	Junior	11-13	£110	£120
Class N	Junior	5-10	£70	£80
Class O	Overseas Family Life		£1500	£1500
Class P	Overseas		£290	£305
Class Q	Hon Life Playing		£31	£33
Class R	Social		£20	£30

+\* Restricted to after 3pm Saturday & Sunday

Vote taken & agreed unanimously

**16. Council seeks approval to purchase land to rear of 12<sup>th</sup> tee** from McRory family for £18K. Sean McGrath requested a risk assessment is carried out. Hon Sec agreed to same. Vote & agreed unanimously

**17. Honorary Life Membership** conferred on Sean Corey. Vote & agreed unanimously

### **18. Any Other Business**

- Ivan Brown; Social Membership Query, investigate if spouses/partners are entitled to social membership. Not in the Constitution but customary; Council to decide.
- Appendix 11 Update: Needs to include both husbands and wives.

### **Conclusion**

- Meeting Ended: 8:40 PM
- Post-Meeting: Enjoyed hospitality with Captain Ivan Kerr for 2026