Dungannon Golf Club Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 7th September 2026
Time: Meeting commenced @ 19.30

Attendance:

Gerry Cullen, Jayne Henry, Noel Bullock, Una McAlinden, Lewis Gribben, Donal O'Neill, Sean Coary, Kieran Hagan, Alison Chestnutt, Aidan Kelly, Wallace McCarroll, Noel Gormley

Apologies: Denver Smith

Agenda:

1.Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the August meeting were approved. Proposed by Sean Coary, seconded by Aidan Kelly

2. Matters Arising

- Still no show from Alpha Security to reposition some cameras. Wallace to chase again

3. Secretary Manager's report – Wallace McCarroll

- Pothole at entrance has been reported to DFi Roads, subsequently repaired
- Grease Guardian quote received for under sink in kitchen grease interceptor. Discussion took place whether we need this & how to resolve issues pertaining to. Price £2900 + Vat
- Pumping station at entrance blocked, floats stuck, not working, requiring tri weekly emptying

Council agreed we need to talk to Prince to make sure he is aware of his responsibilities, despite this is covered in his contract. Further discussion took place regarding who pays for the weekly visits from Glenvale Waste. Effectively the waste from the clubhouse comes from the bar, the toilets, the locker rooms & the kitchen. Clearly the bulk of the waste comes from the kitchen with the grease, food waste plus other detritus. There is an element of obsolescence with the pumping station, but Council is of the opinion the bulk of the cost of any repairs should be borne by the kitchen. Wallace will let Prince know.
In addition, we agreed to hold the installation of the grease guardian in the kitchen until we have quotes in hand for the repairs to the pumping station.

4. Treasurer's report – Lewis Gribben

- Discussed bills, agreed to hold payment for Range King robotic mower until installation issues resolved. Agreed to pay bills, proposed by Lewis Gribben, seconded by Aidan Kelly
- Total indebtedness will reach £620K in February '27
- Total income for 11 months to end of August highlighted by the following metrics - membership up £15K, membership levy up £14K, bar sales -£31K, competition income -£12K = YTD income -£21K
- Course expenditure YTD @ £138K, versus £86K last year. Plan to reduce to £100K when budget is completed.

5. Competition report – Donal O'Neill

- Numbers playing at weekend remains high. Weekend of 4th & 5th September 189 played
- 9th/10th/11th October we will proceed with our "free weekend for all". Member Appreciation Day
- Plan to continue to play competitions well into October (weather permitting)
- Matchplay - 3 of the 4 events have been completed

7. Membership report – Sean Coary

- New deal begins 1st October 7-day membership for £999 until Feb '28, with 5-day deal priced at £800
- 35 juniors on the waiting list. No more added to that list
- Induction meeting for all juniors, 4 nights 28th & 29th September & 5th & 6th October. Monday & Tuesdays, meeting commences 7.30pm. Not mandatory, but non-attendance will be a factor in membership renewal next year
- Council discussed agreed to admit one overseas junior this year whilst he is studying here. Rate agreed at £180, the current junior rate. Vote was majority in favour
- A member with a verified health issue, agreed to credit this year's sub into 2027

8. Fundraising report – Kieran Hagan

- October 17th Masked Singer will take place in The Bardic Theatre. Singers are in place. Will be limited number of tickets. Has always been a good night for other groups, expect we will be the same.

9. Bar/House report – Ciara Hughes/Joe Cavlan

- Gross sales were £18416, down from £29502 for the same period in 2025. YTD sales are £192950, compared to £252861 for the same period in 2024/25
- Sales decrease of £60K over the year. Discussed, agreed Joe, Ciara & Hon Sec would sit down to look at reasons for the decline, & how/if we can arrest.
- Tennants reps confirm hospitality sector is experiencing a slowdown, with lower footfall
- Our course continues to garner positive comments from members, visitors & societies
- Bar will continue to offer promotions with the upcoming football, rugby & gaelic games
- Some reoccurring issues with ClubNet, Wallace has been in contact with them to discuss. Bar top ups & purchase discrepancy. Will ask other clubs if they are having the same issue

10. Communications report – Alison Chestnutt

- 30% off deal is generating interest, but uptake stalled due to the perceived value remaining in the offer. Was proposed & agreed after discussion to replace this offer with a tried & trusted offer, membership for £999 from October 1st until February 2028, with pro rata offer for 5-day membership (£800)
- Both the Courier & Herald are promoting President's Day

11. Course report – Aidan Kelly

- Robotic training held for Richard & Aidan
- Fairway scarification will not take place this year, contractor currently unavailable to undertake the work, rescheduled for 2027
- Requirement for a new sprayer was discussed. Proposed to lease a new Toro 1750 multi-purpose sprayer at a cost off £50K. Proposed by Aidan Kelly, seconded by Lewis Gribben*

- Major course improvements will begin shortly, cost will be £148K plus Vat. Detail already provided in previous minutes
- New head greenkeeper Richard has asked that working hours are realigned, means an earlier start, but with an earlier finish. Same hours but more productive. Men on course during quieter times. Discussed & agreed with green staff.

*Some rationale for the purchase of the sprayer. Toro 1750 is specifically designed for golf course use, nor overlapping or overdosing of chemicals/sprays. Expected savings of 10-20% on chemicals, labour savings, frees up tractor for other tasks, & machine is lighter, more versatile, offering less compaction. Total savings c.£2300-£3300 per year. In conjunction with soil sampling (already completed) we can pinpoint applications with automatic on/off capability for correct & even chemical spraying.

Clubhouse report

- Bin compound has been completed
- Kitchen ventilation works are ongoing, trying to work Mondays & Tuesdays to minimise restaurant disruption
- Energy efficiency in clubhouse is being looked at. Plantroom pressurisation unit, heating controls, heating system mixing valve plus a new hot water cylinder is needed. Estimated cost will be £3400 + Vat

12. Lady Captain's report – Jayne Henry

- Ladies Revive Activ team has been defeated in the semi final
- Tyone & Fermanagh team play Fintona on the 17th in Aughnacloy. Best wishes
- Thursday 24th presentations for Maeve McVeigh & all other recent competitions

13. Correspondence

- Letter from Air Ambulance expressing thanks for funds raised
- Kevin Cassidy requesting a 4ball to use as a prize for the upcoming Tri-Nations disabled golf competition taking place in Wales. Granted
- Friends of Cancer & Remembering Barry fundraising totals will be combined & presented as one

14. AOB

- Need to investigate if we need more course rangers, or should we appoint a full-time ranger. Can I ask any members with a reasonable disposition who would like to help the club & are open to the course ranger's position to contact me? Or can you recommend anyone who you think can add to our existing rangers?
- Small committee will investigate the offer to build a unit with indoor golf facilities
- Aidan has a contact who has looked after some grant aided projects. There is a grant available via Sport NI & Aidan will liaise to se if DGC could avail off grant
- Basic discussion about subs for the 2027 season. Lewis, Captain, Hon Sec & relevant others will meet to review

Next meeting Monday 5th October 2026

Meeting concluded @ 21.52