

Dungannon Golf Club Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2nd, 2026

Time: Meeting commenced @ 19.33

Attendees:

Full attendance – Ivan Kerr, Jayne Henry, Gerry Cullen, Una McAlinden, Lewis Gribben, Aidan Kelly, Alison Chestnutt, Sean Coary, Kieran Kagan, Donal O’Neill, Wallace McCarroll (partial), Noel Gormley

Agenda:

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

-Minutes of previous meeting were approved: Proposed by Sean Coary, seconded by Lewis Gribben

-Minutes of Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th March not approved. Meeting concerned about our policies. Not all Council members had the chance to read. Will update minutes before sent out

2. Matters Arising

-Replacement/Upgrade to restaurant dividers ongoing

-Dynes Flooring have not confirmed a start date to repair the kitchen floor

3. Sec Mgr Report – Wallace McCarroll

-Wallace’s job title will change to General Manager, but with no change to his roles or responsibilities. We want to remove any confusion between this role as Sec Mgr & that of the Hon Sec

-Grease interceptor; After discussion with Sean Coary, it is felt we should ask Glenvale Waste to visit & get their advice on the best way forward to ensure there is no build-up of grease in the basement. It is in Prince’s contract that he must maintain the grease interceptor both regularly & in the correct manner. Training has already been given, machine needs emptied weekly. There are a collection of black bin bags lying about that need to be removed. Wallace & Hon Sec will speak to Prince to remind him of his responsibilities under his contract. If he does not comply then we will not alternative but to ask Glenvale Waste to visit as recommended & charge the kitchen.

-Cowdy Golf: AGM will be in Armagh GC, Monday 7th March @19.45 Ivan & Gerry indicated they will try to attend on behalf of DGC

-Application for Entertainment Licence has been completed & posted in local paper. We await their reply.

-Membership payments are increasing; first DD payments will be taken on March 31st.

-Wallpaper in Members bar looks tired.

4. Treasurer's Report – Lewis Gribben

Bills & invoices reviewed. Proposed to pay the bills, agreed. Proposed by Lewis Gribben, seconded by Gerry Cullen

-Our net debt has increased from -£212K to -£313K in the 5 months to end of February 2026. Income has been lower than expected due to the adverse weather we have experienced. All sources of income have been affected – membership, bar, green fee & competition income. Highlights are membership down £30K, with bar down £11K versus the same period last year.

-Gerry Cullen on behalf of some members asked is there any chance of a rebate on our fees due to the prolonged course closure. Unfortunately not, all clubs are suffering the same, & to action a rebate we would need to lay people off (something we will not do).

5. Competition Report – Donal O'Neill

-Bad weather = no golf = no competitions = no income

-Season competitions are due to start later this month

-Captains drive in will be Friday 17th April

6. Membership Report – Sean Coary

-New members to join are Connor Clements (Social), Sean Devlin, Caeden Madden, Dara Grieve, Ellis McCullagh, Jessica Quinn, Saibh Kerrin (Juniors), Lloyd Murty (5-day), Conor McCabe, Shane Dillon, Jamie McClure, Kieran Quinn, Seamus McGrath, Hammond Black, Ruarai Corr (7-day)

-YTD 42 joiners, with 51 leavers. Juniors, 106 paid, 134 unpaid. Johnny Mallon requests that 7 of their Academy members are allowed to join (already aware of etiquette.....). Discussed, will defer to 23rd March to see level of juniors who has joined.

-Request that Sabrina email all junior non-payers a gentle reminder; If not paid your child could lose their place to others on the waiting list.

-Membership offer for Dwayne Mallon discussed & agreed. Similar to last year, will help & support him to play in Golf Ireland championships & scratch cups. In lieu of this he will complete 2 videos on Dungannon Golf Club. Hon Sec to discuss directly with Dwayne.

7. Entertainments Report – Kieran Hagan

-Month of February ran 4 quizzes, £701 raised with prizes covered. Very enjoyable, fun nights.

-Wine & cheese night. Starts 7pm, Friday March 13th Limited numbers, please let Ciara know if you want to attend.

-Indoor putting competition shortly, 18th March @ 7.30pm. This was an old competition, held every year. Playing for the Gerry Kelly Trophy, we hope to revitalise this competition.

-Plan to have a karaoke night in the member's bar. More information will follow

-Many thanks to Alison for promoting the quiz nights, & all her hard work. Also, thanks to the quiz masters. All did an excellent job.

8. Bar Report – Ciara Hughes

-Feb '26 gross sales £13584, decrease of £3585 on same period last year. YTD sales are £82211, decrease of £10238

-Poor weather impacts all aspects of club activities, & bar suffers as well. Promotions have been run during the 6 Nations matches, well received, many thanks to the members for their support. Quiz nights have been a success, thanks to Kieran Hagan for driving them.

-Could consideration be given to repainting the members bar, wallpaper needs repaired or replaced, looks untidy, & tired.

9. Communications & Marketing – Alison Chestnutt

-Digital Caddie (Archie Breakspear) has been supplied with images & logos for our membership marketing campaign.

-Members incentive of £100 to introduce new members.

-Quizzes, drinks promotions, & wine tasting all been promoted via our social media channels.

-New Captain pics taken, uploaded onto website, with prints for foyer ordered

10. Course Report -Aidan Kelly

-We have delayed installation of the robotic rough mower until later in the month

-Query if tee robot mower working correctly; supplier will return to provide more training once rough robot is installed.

-Sponsor secured for the bridge on 3rd LHS. Work will continue,

-Works ongoing on the 6th, 7th tee box

-Pat Doherty (plumbing contractor) to provide quotations for clubhouse energy efficiency measures recommended by TGM Consulting

-Kane Fencing onsite for commencement of 15m fence on 7th hole. Concrete being poured

-Aidan confirms following works booked for remainder of 2026:

- Oxyshot treatment of all greens in March (subject to ground conditions)
- Scarifying of all fairways to remove thatch & improve drainage (March)
- Spreading of 500 ton of sand on all fairways in September
- Verti draining of all fairways in September
- Ken Kearney booked to reshape fairway edges, & look at course plan

11. Lady Captains Report – Jayne Henry

-No golf played. Only one week of ladies Spring League completed.

-Monday 9th March, Mid Ulster Alliance plays in DGC. Both restaurant & bar will open. Need at least 9 holes to count, Aidan will do his best to facilitate. Weather due to improve

12. Correspondence

-Halo Golf, member promotion for hole-in-one. Agreed to put leaflet on notice board, then up to individual member to decide if they want to join.

-Niall Morgan, Principal St John's Primary School (Eglisk) asked for a contribution to their Golf Classic, Friday June 19th. Granted, fourball voucher to play DGC

13. AOB

-Land deal to purchase 10.6 acres belonging to the Stewart family will not proceed following advice from our solicitor.

-Dermot Rollins (insurance broker) is on holiday, one member of staff can access his emails, but he is off following the death of his mother. Will continue to follow up

-Should Wallace join Council? Discussed, Hon Sec asked those present if they wanted minutes published earlier or were they happy with current timings. Majority happy, but Hon Sec agreed to get minutes out within 10 days. Group happy to continue as is, can review in a few months to see if it is necessary to bring Wallace on board.

-Brian Kelly provided music on night in Members bar. In lieu of any payment, we agreed to allow him 2 green fees FOC

-Hon Sec to confirm if Harry Óg McBride & Joe Cavlan can continue to act as course rangers.

14. Updates from Council Meeting

1. Wallace & Hon Sec saw the basement, the issue with the grease interceptor. Brown bin collecting grease is leaking!! Wallace has ordered a new bin, Grease Guardian phoned asking them to visit, service interceptor & show Prince correct method to maintain (already completed). Whilst in basement Prince phoned Glenvale Waste asking for them to visit to remove grease already collected.
2. Minutes of additional Council meeting February 24th to review policies. Agreed on Friday 6th March via DGC Council WhatsApp vote. Minutes adopted, policies to be further discussed with convenors. Proposed by Ivan Kerr, seconded by Noel Gormley
3. Harry Óg McBride & Joe Cavlan will continue to act as our course rangers

Meeting concluded @ 21:36

Next meeting Monday 30th March @ 7.30pm

Agreed to follow up on bar report & finance report on Wednesday April 1st once complete data to hand. Council can liaise via our WhatsApp group. We want to bring this meeting forward as the following Monday is Easter Monday (many unavailable), & we want to interrogate the Junior numbers before month close & Sabrina goes on holidays.

As ever, anyone any queries please email me at noel@dungannongolfclub.com

Noel Gormley