



Committee Meeting

Tuesday 21st April 2026

Present: David Pettigrew (Captain) Ian Rubython (Treasurer), Susan McKenzie (memberships), Robert Rankin, Dave McCann (Secretary), Alan Motion, (match and Handicap) Jimmy McGregor (Greens), Fiona Holmes (Juniors), Scott Hardie, Julian Taylor

Apologies, Graham Riley, Craig Jones,

Matters Arising:

The following matters were arising from previous committee meeting.

1. Club House occupation.

The club were given an occupation certificate by Stirling Council on 23rd March 2026 and immediately informed members that the building was now open to them. Initial reaction has been extremely positive, and the clubhouse is being used by members. We have also installed the club pro shop in conjunction with Chris McLean, and this is progressing well with Balfiron branded goods selling out. The baking stand has also been installed on busy days and is welcomed by the club. The building was stress tested with our first open competition and held up well. Locks have now been changed and keys available to those who need a set. An initial environmental health inspection took place, and the club have now applied for a license.

2. Fire strategy Document.

Action was on past captain to post the fire safety plan in the building. It has been agreed that the fire assembly point will be beside the practice nets. A sign to that effect has now been installed.

3. Electric vehicle charging

Another company (EVCScotland) have now been in touch offering to lead the grant application to the Scottish government and a meeting with them is scheduled for 22nd April in the clubhouse.

4. 3rd Buggy

An issue has occurred with finance rules changing, this means that a lease is no longer practical. An HP offer has been made to the club which seems reasonable and it was agreed we would accept that form of finance over 4 years.

5. Club Branded clothes and apparel.

The Club have now set up the "pro shop" in the lounge, and it is proving to be very popular. Initial sales of the goods have been excellent with Balfron branded items selling out. More stock is expected in the next few weeks. The new club web site will also provide an option to order Balfron branded clothing.

6. Open reach wayleave

An offer was made to the club to accept the wayleave proposal for a one-off fee of £1,806.70 which was accepted by the club. The work to install the Openreach fibre is now underway.

7. Defibrillator cabinet

The junior's convenor has been in talks with a charity who offer defibrillator machines and training packages to communities and clubs, once more details confirmed, they will be presented to the committee. It was agreed that the club would purchase a defibrillator cabinet at a cost of £540 to make this service available.

*****ACTION Junior Convenor

8. Golf in Scotland event feedback

The event took place at the club on Saturday 11th April, attended by over 80 players. Despite the weather it was a very good event for the club with green fees well in excess of the cost of the event and marketing agreement.

9. Welcome to Balfron Sign

Item ongoing

*****ACTION Alan Motion

10. Pull trolleys

New wheels were secured for 8 trolleys and fitted. The old trolleys were also painted, and these will be used for the coming season.

11. Baking availability

Baking has been made available by a member and is being well received by the membership and visitors.

12. TV Licence

A TV licence has been purchased by the club, item closed.

13. Clubhouse Furniture issue.

This issue continues with Select Furniture not responding to any club communication. It has been agreed that the club will now instigate the Courts "simple procedure" in order to reclaim the costs of the faulty chairs.

*****ACTION secretary to instigate the "before claim" Letter.

*****ACTION Captain to update secretary with the attempted communication he has made.

14. Scottish Golf Course review

A review of our rating will take place on June 29th. It was agreed that a sub committee would be formed to arrange how best to present the course for this review.

****ACTION sub-committee will be headed by Past Captain and include Captain, Jimmy McGregor, Scott Hardie, and the Head greenkeeper.

Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes from the previous committee meeting

Minute of Tuesday 3rd March 2026 **Proposed** Susan McKenzie **Second** Ian Rubython

Captains report.

A captain's report to members will be issued at end April, a number of items to go into the update were input.

Secretary report

Official hole in one

An agreement has been signed after a few changes to the terms and conditions, the main one being a 2-year break clause on both sides. The poles and concrete were supplied by the company and fitted at the 14th; we are now awaiting the OHIO team commissioning the cameras and starting the competition.

ITISON Vouchers

The winter deal gave us some issues with voucher holders waiting until the last minute to book, thus making the last 2 weekends in March very busy. The club also extended the date for 2 weeks, as a matter of courtesy, to allow voucher holders to book their round. The final numbers were 60 vouchers sold and 48 redeemed, with £1,480 in green fees to the club.

The summer offer is for up to 200 vouchers; to date we have sold 126 vouchers (with only 2 redeemed to date). The club agreed that we would continue with the 200-voucher limit. The value to the club of the 126 vouchers is just under £5000 and if all 200 are sold is likely to be around £6,500.

Web Site renewal

Ben Greenock continues to build the web site; he has sent round his web page which is now almost complete. The secretary is in dialogue with ben to get the final changes complete and the domain name changed and to end the REG 123 agreement. The new site should be able to be launched in May. Everyone is delighted with the quality of the site ben has produced and are very grateful for all his work

Country membership issue.

Some issues continue to surface with the change to country membership rules of “any residence within 50 miles of the club”. Ex members may be using the guest system to secure very cheap golf; however, no guest can be brought onto the course more than 4 times in any season. This will now be monitored by the stewards.

***** ACTION Susan McKenzie to procure a guest book.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer had previously issued the monthly accounts to March 2026. The club continues to show a good financial position ahead of budget. Despite the poor winter weather, visitor income continues to be strong.

A new bank account to give us additional interest has been set up with the Hampshire Trust bank.

The treasurer has now set up a new electric supply with Octopus which will also allow us to sell additional Solar back to the grid.

Membership Secretary report

Slight change since the last report; some 'no contact' have joined (mostly juniors), a few new members & a couple in the process of joining. All o/s joining fees paid, except one (no contact - declared 'unfinancial' on SG), this has now been highlit to the ex-member and payment is due imminently.

Balfron Golf Club

Membership Summary

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Membership Category Summary

Category	Number of Members
Complimentary	2
Country	6
Honorary Member	5
Intermediate	26
Junior	13
Junior +	16
Ladies ordinary	31
Mini	2
Mini +	13
Ordinary	292
Staff	3
Youth	25
Youth +	9
Total number of Members (excluding Past Members)	443

Ladies

Delighted to report that we have 3 new lady members! Good uptake for the coaching with David Pirie - enough for two classes i.e. beginners (incl all new ladies) and improvers. Starting Thu 7 May for 4 weeks - note on BRS re holes 2 & 3 out of use from 6-8 approx.; buggy also booked. Unfortunately, the first two ladies' comps were cancelled due to adverse weather, so it was good to see 8 ladies out yesterday for the Coronation Foursomes; won by Karen McCall & Betty Willder, who now represent the club at the area finals in Kilmacolm in July. Susan McKenzie & Joan Walker beat Callander (away tie) in the Daily Mail Foursomes round 2 & now face Dunbracken (Gleneagles) in the next round (home tie).

Friendly league and Harper Kennedy league matches start next month - we are able to field full teams for all ties. Slow uptake for the open tri-am; however, we will publicise it and encourage our league opponents to enter.

Better weather recently has seen an increase in the number of ladies attending the bounce games; still low participation in competitions, however.

Match and Handicap report.

Entries for the Gents knockout competitions are open; response so far has been slow. Draw will be made w/c 27th April once entries close.

A New Member Day is proposed for Saturday 9th May, with the date not now required as an alternate for the Masters event. This will be an invitation to all new members to play a few holes with the captain and committee and get to know other members and clubhouse staff. It will also be an opportunity to sell some club merchandise and promote the social side of the new clubhouse. It might also be an opportunity to invite junior members for a similar session later in the day.

The first open Texas scramble is on 16th May. We will need to confirm clubhouse staffing and volunteer roles for the day.

Scottish Golf propose to review the course rating on Monday 29th June. For info prior to this, I have attached competition scoring analyses for ladies and gents' competitions since 2022 which ranks holes by difficulty.

The Daily Mail Foursomes has seen Richard Inglis and Crawford Inglis proceed to the 3rd round, where we have a home tie v Aberfoyle.

Preferred Lies are still in place. Will be reviewed weekly with the Head Greenkeeper and lifted as soon as the course has dried out.

Juniors Report

There were a couple of last-minute issues that I had to sort out with Scottish Junor Golf in relation to paperwork for Chris Maclean, our Roving Pro, which delayed the funding award, but we're all good to go. This year's coaching has been split into two age categories and will take place on a Sunday afternoon: the first lesson being held on Sunday 3rd May. Spaces have filled up very quickly, which is great, however, it means that at the moment, we are unable to offer lessons to non-members.

I've had a quick chat with Chris about this, and we'll make a decision about whether to potentially offer further lessons either at an earlier time or perhaps even something in the summer holidays to non-members.

Mr. Shearer, a PE teacher at the high school is once again offering pupils some after school golf sessions on a Monday afternoon so I've booked tee times from 3.30pm from Monday 27th April until the summer holidays.

I have enrolled in the Scottish Golf G4D seminar which takes place on Wednesday 29th April. This is an event that promotes and raises awareness of golfers with disabilities so I'm looking forward to that as I know that some of the juniors who come along to our lessons have unseen disabilities and I want our lessons to be inclusive for all young people.

Greens Report

With the weather being poor over a long spell we have been working hard keeping the course playable and aesthetically pleasing.

Hopefully now there seems to be a bit of an end to the rain we can push on with improving the course.

Greens

The weather has been extremely poor lately, so the greens are not yet at their best and all we have been doing to them is cutting. Hopefully over the next few weeks we can do some light maintenance to them. Keeping the greens on as much as possible been the main priority.

Tees / surrounds / fairways

Cut once a week when it's been possible.

On to a programme of divoting Tees now.

We shall aerate, sand and fertilise the surrounds as soon as its dry enough especially the 2nd 10th and 15th.

Semi Rough

It has been cut as often as weather has allowed

General works

Bunkers

Moles

Strimming areas

Plantation work.

We fixed paths at 16th and 17th, but heavy rain again caused problems the previous repairs meant that they were able to have the rectifications done quickly.

Working on increasing the size of the putting green at clubhouse with constant cutting sanding and feeding.

Cores have been done in the area next to the 12th burn which was dug out.

Machinery

Repairs are in order and the club would like to thank Tom MacGregor for his help.

The new works vehicle and sprayer have been ordered and should both appear over the next 4 weeks.

Demonstration of Robot cutter was excellent; the club will consider how we could finance such a machine.

Staff

working well.

Seniors Report

The Seniors Group regular Monday sweeps have now resumed, and the group has 57 members. The first of 6 counting days was Monday 20th April.

Our friendly match with Callander scheduled for 16th April has been rescheduled to 7th May as Callander was unplayable.

The Kelvin Friendship League matches commence on Thurs 23rd April with a home tie v Bishopbriggs.

The Senior's Open is scheduled for Tuesday 9th June. I will make arrangements for assistance from our group for car park direction, starter, and check-in. We will need presence of stewards throughout the day to deal with sales.

Stewards report

A meeting was held with the Stewards at the beginning of the month. The following requests were made to the team:

- keep a close eye on the vending & coffee machine and stock levels report any issues, need to see if we can alter the vending machine get more bottles in.
- We would like to up the hours that we are covering - we have focused on visitors so far but feel it's time to up the coverage, please make sure on your days you are there for a few hours even if no visitors are booked. We have budgeted for max 5 hours on weekdays and 8 hours on fri/sat/sun.
- Please ask/encourage members who are bringing guests on to the course to sign them in on the sheet on the desk, we need to send a request out to members to tell them that they need to do this, there are some concerns about being a bit confrontational for the stewards.
- Reiterated use of the checklist in the clubhouse, make sure the place is clean & tidy, bins are empty etc.

Long discussion about how to cover the door locking as the nights get later as its going to be a bit onerous for us to be going us at sunset every night - welcome any further feedback.

Summer coverage may be an issue.

There is also a concern that a number of the stewards are not progressing with BRS.

AOCB

Following the resolution of the door locks, keys were distributed to a number of committee members.

The Past Captain has agreed to do the lock up of the clubhouse commencing Saturday 25th April for 1 week.

A sign pointing members, guests and visitors to the car park entry door is to be procured as a matter of urgency.

*****ACTION David Pettigrew

The number of 4-ball vouchers being requested by various charities was discussed. It was agreed that the club would only offer 4 balls for deserving local causes or suitable member requests. It was also agreed that the treasurer would look at the cost of the 4-balls being accrued as a cost to the club for accounting purposes.

*****ACTION Ian Rubython.

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 12th May 2026 in clubhouse.