



Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September 2025

Present: Alan Motion (Captain), Ian Rubython (Treasurer), Susan McKenzie (memberships,), Scott Hardie, Dave McCann (Secretary), Jimmy McGregor (Greens), Robert Rankin , David Pettigrew (Vice-captain), Craig Jones, Fiona Holmes (Juniors), Julian Taylor (observer).

Apologies, Graham Riley,

Matters Arising:

The following matters were arising from previous committee meeting.

1. Junior issue
 - a. Following correspondence with relevant parties, this issue is now closed.
2. Open Reach Wayleave
 - a. Ongoing discussion, suggestion that we might sign for a fee.
3. BRS renewal
 - a. Awaiting signed contract with Golfnow. 1 Hot deal per day and 20% commission payment.
4. Ash Tree removal
 - a. A number of quotes have been received which are above the costs budgeted, looking at alternatives.

Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes from the previous committee meeting

Minute of Tuesday 19th August 2025 **Proposed** Ian Rubython **Second** Robert Rankin

Captains Report

Costs for the external clubhouse signage and the internal sign have been agreed, and this work is instructed. Mike Gallagher from Signs of the Times has been on holiday but is now back, so this should be progressed imminently. He will advise prior to a site visit. Updates for the honours boards have also been ordered.

Scott Benson has been advised that the clubhouse is now carpeted so he can progress the fitting of locker room benches whenever he has availability.

Clubhouse steward position – we have had 4 applications for the steward role. The Captain, Vice-Captain and Secretary are arranging informal conversations with each to discuss the role and move forward the recruitment. Our current course ranger has not applied.

A few issues/complaints have been received from members, regarding unaccompanied juniors, and a group playing as a 5-ball. The captain has written to the parties involved. Currently we do not permit Juniors under 14 to play unaccompanied, this has been questioned by one parent. Whilst we want to positively encourage junior members, we must remain focussed on child welfare.

The captain met and welcomed Steven Morgan to the greenkeeping team. At the Howie Cup played last Saturday, guests were very complimentary on the condition of the course and specifically asked that their comments be passed onto the greenkeepers. There has been a noticeable improvement in the presentation of bunkers thanks to Steven's expertise.

An issue has arisen around the minimum age a junior member can play on their own. It was agreed that the current situation would remain that juniors must be 14 to play on their own.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer had previously issued the monthly accounts to August 25. The club continues to show a good financial position ahead of budget. Visitor income down year on year, poor weather in August has caused a slowdown. Membership revenue remains good. Course budget line is overspent as it was agreed that the new clubhouse benches would be procured through that budget line.

Current financial position shows an end of year estimate £130K left in capital.

Membership Secretary report

Memberships - A few new members, plus a few enquiries still ongoing, so may pick up a few more before the end of the season.

Balfron Golf Society

Membership Summary

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Membership Category Summary

Category	Number of Members
Complimentary	2
Country	9
Honorary Member	3
Junior	105
Ladies ordinary	31
ordinary	291
Restricted	2
Staff member	2
Student	26
Total number of Members (excluding Past Members)	471

summary		overall		Total membership	471
new	107	107	+9		
resigned	42		+2		
deferred	11				
no contact	22	75			
overall		32			

Match and Handicap report.

Gents' knockout competitions (Cunningham, Roy Duff, Gardiner trophies) have all been completed:

Cunningham Trophy 4-ball - winners Richard Inglis and Crawford Inglis

Roy Duff 2-ball - winners Keith McLaren and Jo Sharp

Gardiner Cup singles - Winner Keith McLaren

The Peter Brown Trophy Captain's Challenge was won by the captain's team by 187-163 points. The Vice Captain's team was disadvantaged by the absence of their leader due to illness.

The Howie Cup was won by Malcolm Morrison and Louise Samphier.

The last fixtures of the season will be the medal finals for ladies (Sat 27th Sept) and gents medal finals (Sun 28th Sept).

The issue raised at the last meeting regarding the designation of additional red penalty areas has been discussed with the Head Greenkeeper. It is recommended that we designate new red penalty areas to the

left of the 3rd green; and to the back of the 7th green, giving players the option of a penalty drop which will help with pace of play. At present, there are no other areas on the course where this is deemed appropriate. This will be taken forward over the winter period. Preferred lies have been in place due to the recent wet spell and prevalence of worm casts on all fairways. This is likely to remain in place now until spring.

Juniors Report

Our block of 3 junior-member lessons with extremely last-minute stand in Roving Pro, Scott Borrowman from Stirling Golf Club, has now concluded and despite the weather, all 3 went extremely well.

Our juniors made us proud, as usual, and turned up (in shorts) each week and thoroughly enjoyed the lessons.

Scott was brilliant with them and was in contact with me with a lesson plan prior to each session and managed to deliver not only the important theory and 'drills' but also a really fun evening last week which included some 'Happy Gilmour' golfing techniques. The pictures and videos are fantastic and I'm sure they will feature on our new website.

I would absolutely love it if Scott would agree to come back to us next season, however, his prices are quite a bit higher than the roving pro funding and would involve working out what we're comfortable with financially.

I will have a conversation with Scott and see if he has availability as I've learned from experience that I need to secure a Roving Pro pretty early on in the season. Scottish Junior Golf have now compiled a list of all registered Roving Pros, of which I have a copy to refer to. I also note that Martin Munro is NOT on the list.

Thanks go to all the Greens staff for putting out our short course each week and to Kevin for keeping me up to date with weather forecasts and course openings.

Thanks also to Alex Smeed who has been on my junior journey with me since the start and also to committee members Craig and Graham for either suffering the rain and holding an umbrella with me or for being on standby if I need them.

Balfron High School have had an amazing turn out on the last 4 Monday afternoon tee times and have requested another 3 Mondays please from 4pm – 6pm (darkness providing).

A big thank you to Mr. Shearer of the PE department for hosting and managing this and also for doing a great job of showing off our beautiful course and also for guiding juniors, many of them members, in the rules of play, etiquette etc.

Clubhouse opening invitations: Also Ms. Bannatyne, Mr. McQuarrie (head of PE), Campbell Anthony or other representative from Scottish Junior Golf, Alex Smeed

It was noted that the Active Stirling inter schools match had left the course with divots and pitch marks not repaired. The matter was reported to Active Stirling for education of the juniors to take place.

Greens Report

Greens

We have given them a feed after the application of fungicide and the scars from the disease are disappearing. They are medium pace but putt quite well. We will start coring them sometime from beginning to middle of October depending on weather.

Course work

We have mainly been cutting grass again this month as it has just kept growing.

We have been dealing with the moles, dealing with rabbits, a few repair hours too from cows on the back of 7th and 14th Greens.

We have seeded around clubhouse area and would be good if people keep off it for a while.

We have cut out and marked around the winter Greens.

Hopefully the growth will start slowing down now so we can get on top of a few areas within course we have been unable to keep on top of.

The next few weeks weather looks like we can keep cutting and maintain the course similar to what we have at the moment then we can look at a programme for winter tasks.

Machinery

The Machinery shed has had its electrical servicing completed.

Staff

Steven Morgan has now been working with us for a few weeks now and is doing well.
The rest of us working hard too.

Winter plan

Machinery will be serviced through the winter.

Winter Greens and Tees will be improved this year.

Putting green will be expanded, gates will be renewed and various fencing repaired.

Buggy shed will be built this winter.

Circa £2k will be spent on replacement strimmer, spreader and other small machinery.

Greenkeepers drying cabinet needs some repairs which are ongoing.

Senior's report

We successfully defended the Kelvin Friendship League with a home win against Campsie. We also won our home leg of our friendly against Callander by 4½ to ½ meaning we won the match overall. We play our return leg of the new friendly match against Braehead at home this coming Thursday, 25th Sept.

The final counting day towards the Bill Astley Jones Trophy is this coming Monday 29th Sept.

The Seniors Lunch has been booked for 18th November, 12.30 for 1pm at the Fintry Sports Centre. The Seniors Convenor and members of the group would be pleased if the Greens Convenor would join us as a guest for the afternoon.

Ladies Report

Team matches now over for the season. Still low uptake re ladies' comps; hoping new clubhouse will lead to more 'social' golf and try to increase participation for next year.

Security Protocols for new clubhouse

It was agreed that the greenkeepers will open the clubhouse in the morning, and Club Steward will lock in the evening and turn on alarm system.

It was also agreed that the door codes will be changed once per month.

Clubhouse Update

The Clubhouse handover takes place on Wednesday 24th September. Furniture has been delivered, and kitchen install is almost complete.

The Club scoring computer will be installed over the next 48 hours.

The secretary will requisition basic essentials to allow the clubhouse to function (toiletries, soap etc).

***Action secretary to contact fire extinguisher company to inspect what is needed.

The joiner has been instructed to install the changing room benches.

Discussion followed on detail of the fit out.

Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday 22nd October Clubhouse