



BALFRON

GOLF CLUB

Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th November 2025

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

Apologies,

Matters Arising:

The following matters were arising from previous committee meeting.

1. Internal Clubhouse signage

The Vice Captain is still chasing the order, it was agreed that, if no response by Friday 28th November, alternative arrangements will be made.

2. Ash Tree removal

The trees were taken down on 18th November. A Large amount of wood is now with the green staff who will cut it up and make available to members at a reduced rate.

3. Club House occupation

The club received more actions from Stirling Council, these need to be answered and we are hopeful of a positive outcome before end November.

***ACTION Captain to instruct project manager to take ownership of the issue.

4. Fire strategy Document

***ACTION Captain to ask project manager to provide us with a fire safety pro forma so the club can complete a fire safety document.

5. Health and safety

The current Health and safety officer has resigned from his position, and the club are now looking for a new H&S specialist to assist the club. The Vice Captain has the necessary qualifications to be the H&S certifier.

**** ACTION Vice Captain to look at the greenkeepers document and look to provide a Health and Safety document for the clubhouse.

6. Final Snagging

Almost all snagging is now complete. 2 issues remain

1. Toilet and shower room doors need planned to stop catching ****ACTION Captain
2. Vent in storeroom ongoing

7. Discreet toilets

It was agreed that each of the toilets would be designated Male and Female once the clubhouse is up and running.

7. Club Branded clothes and apparel.

A discussion took place over club branding. Jimmy McGregor and the Treasurer is looking at how we can offer high quality branded goods via an external web site. It was agreed to continue with this route to market. ACTION ***** Jimmy McGrgeor/Treasurer

The pro from Hastings golf club has offered the club to be a pro shop for Balfron, offering discounts across all ranges of golf equipment and clothing. It was agreed to get more detail and costs on this route to market. ACTION Dave McCann/ Susan McKenzie.

A colour version of the club logo will be needed before any branding can take place
ACTION ***** Alan Motion.

8. Forth Valley Disability Sport

A discussion and invitation have taken place, now closed.

9. Stirling Council Access officer.

The new gates at the club sand storage yard have been installed allowing pedestrian access to the course. The access officer has been informed, and the matter is now closed.

Adoption of previous minutes

Minutes from the previous committee meeting

Minute of Tuesday 22nd October 2025 **Proposed** Craig Jones **Second** Robert Rankin

Captains report

Captain's Report 22-9-25

Frustratingly, outstanding matters re building warrant remain to be resolved, and this prevents formal occupation of the building. We await a response from Stirling Council on the latest amendments and still require MBS to supply and fit ventilation within the store. Until outstanding matters are resolved we are unable to formally open the clubhouse to the membership.

Internal fittings have progressed, with desks, tables, chairs, sofas all now purchased. 4 additional lockers for hire club storage have been delivered. Locker room benches still require tops fitting, to be stained and varnished prior to final fixing. Thanks to all who have been assisting.

Club Stewards positions have been agreed. Planned induction training for the general clubhouse operation and BRS has been delayed until start of next season – or until we have a need for staffing the clubhouse.

The request for the planting of a memorial tree from Susan Kellie, in memory of former member Colin Alldritt, has been agreed with the Head Greenkeeper. An area has been prepared to the rear of the 1st green where the tree will be visible from the road.

It was discussed that a trophy cabinet should be purchased for the lounge area of the clubhouse.

***** ACTION Captain to investigate

Secretary report

Openreach. No further communication, have chased ongoing, ACTION **** Secretary

Golf in Scotland offer

An offer from Golf in Scotland has been received to host an open over the Augusta weekend. This would mean taking out an advertising package at a cost of £1295 and 6 x 4 balls. They would bring a Masters package “open” to us 9 – 12 April 2026 that they would sell, and we keep the green fees. It was agreed to participate in the event.

Electric vehicle Charging offer

An offer has been made to the club from Connekt EV charging. This would allow for 4 (2 x double) chargers to be installed at the club. This would bring income to the club (not significant but possibly £1-2k per annum, it was agreed that we would sign the document provided that gives them permission to act on our behalf.

ITISON XMAS OFFER

We have 25 vouchers sold to date.

BRS UPDATE

The secretary has posted all opens on the clubs BRS system and website and will advertise with Scottish Golf and Golf Empire over the next few days.

The secretary has also started completed the fixtures for gents and seniors for 2026.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer had previously issued the monthly accounts to October 25. The club continues to show a good financial position ahead of budget. Visitor income slowed in October as expected

The treasurer has produced an initial draft budget which is in line with break even. A discussion followed on the membership costs across the categories for 2026/27 season, a separate document is issued to committee members with these figures, and they will be put to the membership at the AGM.

The treasurer then discussed the renewal of the members and visitors’ liability insurance, various quotes had been received, and it was agreed that we will contract with the new insurance company at a cost of £1613.

Membership Secretary report

Memberships - Not much has changed; a few enquiries re winter membership (1/11 - 31/3/26) and several other enquiries for joining next season. If they join before the AGM, it will be at 2025 rates, so I will send a reminder in late January.

Balfron Golf Society

Membership Summary

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Membership Category Summary

Category	Number of Members
Complimentary	2
Country	9
Honorary Member	3
Junior	106
Ladies ordinary	31
ordinary	290
Restricted	2
Staff member	3
Student	27
Total number of Members (excluding Past Members)	473

Match and Handicap report.

The Winter Eclectic is underway with 39 entries.

There are still trophies to be returned, I have sent reminder emails to all those holding them and asked for them to be returned by the end of the month to allow for engraving.

Suggested dates for open competitions in 2026:

Open Texas Scramble	Sat 16 th May
Juniors Open	Friday 3 rd July
Seniors Open	Tues 9 th June
Open Texas Scramble	Sat 1 st August
Gents Open	Sat 22 nd August
Ladies Tri-am	Tues 25 th August

In addition, Anniversary Day to be Saturday 4th July

Opening Tri-am Saturday 28th March

Juniors Report

No report this month however a discussion followed on the acquisition of defibrillator for the club. Balfron Rovers FC have procured a device and have asked the club if we would situate the defibrillator on the outside of the clubhouse wall. It was agreed that the club would look to provide an appropriately locked and heated cabinet.

***ACTION Juniors convenor to report on the cost of such a cabinet and look at grant funding.

The club would like to thank the Balfron Rovers committee who provided the device (Gerry Pollock, Scott Meggat, Alex Hailstones and Jimmy McGregor).

Greens Report

Looking ok after all the bad weather.
Hopefully get some Sand on them soon.

General works

Cleaned up car park
Tree work where needed
Cleared most of the branches but more to be collected.
Edged all the bunkers
Cut some semi rough
Worked around the machinery shed.
Continue to clear mole heaps etc.
We have started to edge the whin dust paths.
Put new gates in at our sand bay area next to main road.

Machinery

We will start machinery winter servicing soon.
We have all the filters etc.

Ladies Report

Jo Noblett & Karen McColl organising ladies' short game practice sessions, at the practice area, on Tuesday mornings from mid-November. So far, the weather has been unkind; I have donated a putting mat & putting aids and these are being put to good use instead! 12-15 ladies attending and enjoying cuppa & chat, so good for the social side. Our Christmas lunch is on Tues 9th Dec at Fintry Sports Club; 19 ladies attending.

Seniors Report

Our official season came to an end with our Seniors Lunch on Tues 18th, with thanks to Jimmy McGregor as guest, giving members an insight into some of the early history of the Shain course. 6 members of the Seniors Group attended the annual prizegiving dinner hosted by Campsie GC, and were presented with the KFL trophy, successfully defended in 2025. Campsie also gifted two framed prints for the new clubhouse, which was a very nice gesture.

AOCB

The club website needs upgrading; the current designer has offered to do this and maintain the site for £300 per annum. Jimmy McGrigor intimated that he may be able to get us a redesign and maintenance and no cost to the club.

****ACTION Jimmy McGregor to follow up and report back.

The secretary reported that a discussion had taken place with Cala homes regarding possible sponsorship, ongoing.

The treasurer was given the go ahead to procure a mailbox which would be positioned on the gates at the lower car park.

The membership secretary discussed the possibility of an honesty box supplying cakes for members, ongoing

Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 16th December Clubhouse shortened meeting to discuss finance, clubhouse and any urgent matters, followed by a Xmas get together in Balfron.