



**Portlethen Golf Club
Management Committee
Thursday 18th March 2021**

Minute

Present:, David Fleming (Chair), Stephen Cook, Scott Sinclair, Tom Boyle, Jack Douglas, Ian Cruickshank, Steve Lawrie, Raymond Cowan, Ian Elmslie, Hugh Murdoch, Gary Pacitti

Apologies: Paul Singer,

In Attendance: Dino Becci.

1. Minutes of previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 18th February 2021 to be amended and therefore, not approved.

2. Matters arising.

Members disciplinary: Arrangements left with Dino Becci and Ian Elmslie

3. Greens

The greens report as previously distributed was discussed.

The issue of pitch marks was again discussed and a suitably worded e-mail to be compiled. A photo of a green highlighting the issues would be incorporated and it was suggested that a video showing either a greenkeeper or Committee member be shot and used also.

A request to close alternate 9's on alternate Mondays to enable aeration work to be undertaken to fairways was agreed.

The report on the various projects undertaken through the winter was presented.

The overall cost of the projects was confirmed at £14,000.

The question regarding the number of available buggies was muted and that the intent was to have all 6 buggies available for the start of the season confirmed.

It was asked why no consideration was given in extending the newly constructed path layout at 6 through to the back tees and incorporating a turning circle. The rationale behind requiring paths in the first place, to maximise buggy availability and reduce wear in particular areas was explained as was the significant additional cost that such a project would result in.

Disappointment in the decision to proceed with certain works that had not been approved was noted. The whole rationale and process had been covered in the previous report.

It was confirmed that any short-term funding shortfall for the academy course development would be covered by the club but will be fully recoverable.

Was there still an intention to undertake work on the 9th approach and either reinstate or re-site the bunker on 11? Yes, when not only finance but time allows.

A discussion on whether it was still practical to have an area around the range and academy course for members to practice with their own balls resulted in a site visit being agreed to as soon as possible to ascertain a possible area.

We remain on track for a 1st of April reopening of practice facilities.

4. Finance and Admin

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

5.Match & Handicap

The report as previously distributed was discussed.

It was agreed that the first “trophy” medal would be from 1st May and therefore the appropriate fixture list would be published and issued to members.

Preferred lies on shortly mown areas would be in force through April.

The recently worked on areas to the righthand side of the 4th pond and the left of the 5th would be deemed as no play G.U.R areas and appropriate drop zones marked.

6. House

The House report as previously distributed was discussed.

It was agreed that the bandit should now be removed from the building as and when possible.

7.Other Business

Tees: Has there been any move by the Course Manager to prohibit the use of plastic tees? valid point but nothing discussed as yet.

Constitution: This needs a review and Ian Cruickshank volunteered to undertake.

Next meeting Thursday 15th April 2021