

TORPHINS GOLF CLUB Committee Meeting Clubhouse – Wednesday 15th April 2026

Present: Wilma Nicol, Nigel Bennett, Roy Mathers, Stewart Adamson, Paul Wilson, Brian Mathers and Mike Scott

Apologies: None.

Accident Book - None reported.

Matters Arising / Secretary

The cooler was eventually delivered. A new outdoor clock was purchased. Tablet purchased and set up with catering and event prices. Will be used with the SumUp card reader. Scott Findlater has agreed and signed an employment contract.

Daily Mail 4's Paul Wilson and Alistair Donaldson played Ballater at home and won 6 & 5. Wilma and Wilma played Kemnay away and won on the 19th. Next round at home against Ballater.

Champion of Champions - TGC reps Nigel Bennett, Maria Giblin, Steve Burnett and Malcolm Riach – draw completed and they know their opponents.

Lochnager Views Joint Open – Royal Lochnagar Distillery will sponsor the event. Looking for other sponsors. Emailed request to Findrack Sporting, will follow up with a phone call. WN asked Greig Hutcheon if he had any leads.

Aberdeenshire Trade Waste – extended and signed contract to 31st October.

Whisky Donation – make contact and thanked the person who donated.

Outings : Golf - 27th June Greig son's football team 9 holes then a pizza party. FootGolf - Banchory Cubs 5th May evening 25 x 9 holes. Stuart Donald has produced a menu for Outings, which I will send out when we receive an enquiry.

Treasurer - Update as at 15 April 2026.

Bank balance as at 15 Apr 2026 is £23,532. Special account is £46,409.

Membership numbers at 15/4/26 is 139 (G 104, L 19, J 16). 16 New members. 13 Resignations to date. 3 three year in advance of which 1 is using staged payments. Budget was 166. Last year's total 184. Reminders sent to members who have been playing this month. That really got people's attention. No outstanding ladies. Chased unpaid gents with juniors still to chase.

Income - Membership income is £27,390, plus £2,655 paid in advance from previous years, less £1,750 paid in advance for future years = £28,295. Further £1,188 expected in stage payments. Last year's total was £31,953. Green fees to 15 Apr are £1,136 (end of Apr 2025 £2,383). Budget is £13,000. Last year's total was £16,345. Footgolf income to 15 Apr is £65. (end of Apr 25 £431). Budget is £1,500. Last year's total was £2,006. Fundraising income - 100 Club - 104 so far. Breakeven point is 50, so net profit of £540 to date. First draw at end of April.

Expenditure - Course actual costs for 2026 are £5,969. Budget was £17,000 with forecast up to around £20,000 (including ground works). Last year's total was £16,935. Green keeper's costs down so far.

Four invoices issued to date to cover sponsorship amounting to £690 of which £400 paid so far. 2 outstanding are Campfield and Andy Robertson.

Capital Expenditure to date is £3,873 (Jacobson mower including new tyres and Tablet)

Greens

Fertiliser has been added to tees and greens. A couple of cuts have been applied to the greens, tees and aprons. The bunkers have been topped up with sand. Tractor is back in action, the seat has been reupholstered. Ian has sharpened blades on the rough mower. The fairways have had one cut.

Groundworks started on Wednesday 15th Keith Collie clearing areas in and around the course. This is likely to last four days. New 100 yard markers are on the way.

Match Secretary

Promotion of Deeside League through Golf Bites and in the Clubhouse. Facebook – send text to Mike. First match – Thursday 7th May at home.

Handicap Secretary

Philip Trophy cancelled last Saturday and will be played this Saturday over one round. A few cards have been handed in but not sure of purpose. Discussion of the maximum handicaps took place. A unified approach is being advocated, and further research will take place. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting about handicaps and events.

Seniors

A visit to the Inch Open which will be on June 24th has been organised. Matches against Banchory on 28th April and Craibstone in May.

Ladies

6 of our ladies will participate in Inchmarlo GC's Annual Wear It Pink Breast Cancer Event on Sunday 10th. Wilma Urquhart (standing in for Janet Young) & Wilma Nicol played their Daily Mail Foursomes knockout match at Kemnay on Friday 10th April. They won on the 19th. Next round was drawn at home against Ballater. However, one of the Ballater ladies needs a buggy. Wilma x 2 have agreed to play away at Ballater. Match scheduled for the 5th May. Maria Giblin plays her Champion of Champions match against Pam Gauld of Kintore at home on Friday 17th April.

Juniors

The club applied to two funds from Scottish Golf. The foundation of the application was based around Safe golf accreditation, which Torphins Golf Club has successfully achieved.

We were successful with the Roving Pro fund receiving £600. Nigel has spoken with Greig Hutcheon, Keil Beveridge, based at Kippie and James Johnston from Murcar.

Discussion will need to take place about what do we want to offer. A meeting will be held on Monday 20th. The club will apply to increase the club's public liability from two million to five million. This will enable the club to fulfil the Active Schools sports criteria.

We also received £250 from the Club Hire Fund and the club will add £250 to provide clubs for Juniors.

Clubhouse New printer and monitor in the office required.

FootGolf No promotion of Footgolf opportunities at the moment.

Digital Presence Facebook posts ongoing. Instagram and Facebook have more views. Weekly plan has been created and the committee will support with further ideas and suggestions. Minutes of meetings from 2016 have been placed centrally on the Cloud. Current minutes will be placed on the website.

AOCB - Greenkeeper situation - Scott Findlater is currently doing additional work on the course.

Ready Golf – The committee will look at the guidance for members and provide feedback so that next week Torphins Golf club's version of Ready Golf will be promoted to members and others.

Next Meeting: Clubhouse - Wednesday 20th May 7pm