TORPHINS GOLF CLUB **Committee Meeting Clubhouse – Wednesday 12th August 2026 7pm.**

Present: Wilma Nicol, Nigel Bennett, Mike Scott, Paul Wilson
Apologies: Brian Mathers, Stewart Adamson, Roy Mathers
Accident Book - none

Agenda Items

- Finals Day Presentation Night Harry Shepherd Trophy
- LVJO this year and preparing for 2027 Autumn/Winter Rates

Matters Arising / Secretary
LVJO – very successful both for the players and the two clubs. Some small adjustments to be discussed.
Royal Deeside Golf Week asked TGC/LGC for feedback on the number of RDGW players who attended LVJO and any other relevant feedback. Report sent to their committee. Discussion with RDGW and Scottish Golf to take place.
LVJO survey was completed by visitors and members using Survey Monkey. (Useful tool for asking own members for feedback about the club and course.) There were 10 responses from visitors and 8 from members that played in the event. Very positive response to the event. Review of the event will be continuous throughout the year. Course guide may be appropriate for newcomers to Torphins.
Date for 2027 - Saturday 31 July which pushes our Mens Open for 2027 to Sunday August 15th
Email from Kidney Kids thanking TGC for their commitment to the charity and our generosity.
Outings Golf – Murcar Beach Club (24) – 80th Birthday Party (17) - Donside Trilogy (4)
Future visits - 21st Kevin Petrie – (10-15) 9 holes golf – no food 23rd Keith Archibald (16) all day - full catering service 28th Nick Bannister (10-12) 9 holes TGC 9 Holes LGC - bacon rolls
4 Ball Vouchers to be used for volunteers.

Treasurer:
Bank balance as at 12 Aug 2026 is £6,373 (allows for wages and insurance). Special account now stands at £57,510.
Membership numbers at 12/8/26 is 195 (G 132, L 19, J 44). 45 New members. 34 Resignations to date. 3 three year in advance. Budget was 166. Last year's total was 184.

Income - £34,170 plus £2,655 paid in advance from previous years, less £1,750 paid in advance for future years = £35,075. Further £63 expected in stage payments. Last year's total was £31,953.
Green fees to 12 Aug are £10,384. (end of Aug 25 £12,410). Budget is £13.000. Forecast is now £15,000. Last year's total was £16,345. Footgolf income to 12 Aug is £1,664. (end of Aug 25 £1,902). Budget is £1,500. Forecast is now £1,900. Last year's total was £2,006.

Expenditure - Course costs for 2026 are £9,833. Budget was £17,000 with forecast up to around £19,500. Last year's total was £16,935. Green keepers costs down so far with forecast of £12,000 (Budget was £15,000). Capital Expenditure to date is £8,888 (Jacobson including new tyres, cylinders and seals/bearings, Verti-cutter plus new Tablet) . Electrical work completed in clubhouse and paid for - £750.

Miscellaneous 100 Club. Winner of July draw for £50 no 48 - Steven Sim. Four invoices issued to date to cover sponsorship amounting to £690 of which £400 paid so far. 2 outstanding are Campfield and Andy Robertson. Reminders via Stewart (Campfield) and email to Andy. Further £300 received from Findrack for the Lochnagar Views Open. Hot Deals. We would have taken another £1,375 (less the usual BRS fees) from hot deals using our normal rates. Kidney Kids - Entry fees along with raffles amounted to £490. Funds transferred to KK.
Lochnagar Views Open. Gross income of £1,802 from entries, sponsor, fund raising and catering. - £497 to Lumphanan. £1,020 less BRS £25 fees meant nearly £500 for each of the clubs. Sponsorship covered prizes.
Mens Open was very successful financially. Gross income of nearly £1,500 from entries, sponsor, fund raising and catering.

Greens

Tees and greens fed this month. Greens will be fed once the weather cools down. Grass is growing quickly! Greens mower blades adjusted and height of cut now at 4.5mm. Fairway mower had a breakdown. Right rear cutter head came loose and got stuck under rear axle. Some hose damage and other small items. (Part of 7th and 8th fairways not cut prior to the Open)
Overhanging branches at 2nd white tee trimmed following feedback from participant at LVJO
4WD on Tractor fixed with new parts installed. Ian Wilson helped to sort.
Ben Morriss back to Uni next week. Will require help with fairways and greens (Coll can assist, but only late afternoons)

Match Secretary
Match win in the knockouts at Banchory and then Lumphanan defeated us the following week.
Preparation for Harry Shepherd. Paul to get contacts, Stuart has been contacted for catering. Wilma will send details of the event on 31 August, reminder to be sent on 14th and the last day for entries is the 28th.
Wilma, Graham and Paul to meet up and Nigel if available.

Handicap Secretary: Nothing to report

Senior Gents: TGC Seniors beat the Murcar Links Seniors on 28-July @TGC. They enjoyed the day and the hospitality, hills were a challenge! Huge thanks to the catering team. Successful outing to Ballater.

Seniors Ladies: On Wednesday 29th July, Wilma Urquhart & Maria Giblin played at Elgin GC in the Coronation Foursomes. Unfortunately, the pace of the greens got the better of them! On Thursday 6th August, eight of our ladies had an enjoyable day playing in the Senior Ladies Greensomes at Peterculter GC. Wilma Urquhart & Maria Giblin came 2nd in Division 1 with a net 66, missing out on 1st place by 1 point.
On Tuesday 10th August, four of our ladies participated in the 9-hole Joint Texas Scramble at Dunecht GC. Inchmarlo & Lumphanan also took part. Alison Christie was in the winning team. Everyone enjoyed a fun and relaxed evening. Torphins will host this event next year.

Juniors 8 juniors played in the FootGolf and Golf 4 hole competition on Monday 17th August and were given free pizza and a drink afterwards.

Clubhouse Hot water is working well.

FootGolf Good numbers for the Monday afternoon session.

Digital Presence: Regular Facebook posts working well.

Autumn/winter rates post Adult 7 day membership, £135, 18 - 30s - £55, £20, £15 as appropriate from now to 31st March. Banner on Torphins High Street.

AOCB: Finals Day – Sunday September 6th Wilma will organise programme.
Presentation Night – Saturday 7th November - Mike Scott will be able to assist in preparing for the evening.
Volunteers' lunch – Sunday 22nd November

We need to start thinking about a greenkeeper for next year. Seasonal model is good, however a fulltime person would be more effective and easier to manage. Ideally to be arranged before End Of Year.

Next Meeting: Monday 28th September 7pm in the Clubhouse.