Torphins Golf Club

Committee Meeting – WhatsApp

7pm Wednesday 11th November 2026

Present: Nigel Bennett, Brian Mathers, Stewart Adamson, Wilma Nicol, Roy Mathers

Apologies: Paul Wilson,Mike Scott

Accident Book: None

Matters Arising:

- Fixture Meeting – arrange, revised format for cards
- Next Year's Committee - current and additional members - job role and responsibilities
- Seasonal Greenkeeper – recruitment and contract
- Winter Programme – jobs inside and out
- Stand Alone Jobs – responses and handover
- New Tee Signs – Samples sent by Rood Signs

Secretary:

- Fixture Meeting arranged for 18th November 2026 in the clubhouse at 2.00pm
- Discuss and agree 2027 Opens - rates, dates and format – will be discussed at the Fixture Meeting on the 18th.
- WN made contact with Fintrack and Royal Lochnagar Distillery requesting sponsorship for LVJO. No response.
- Contacted RDGW asking to use their platform to promote LVJO.
- Harry Shepherd Trophy - very successful day both on and off the course. Positive feedback.
- Received £150.00 from Ruth Bowman for maintaining the bench at the 13th tee. WN sent a thank you email.Agreed to additional work to improve the 13th tee – shrubs etc. NB to ask RD about a panoramic plaque.
- Invitations sent out for The Volunteers Lunch - 24 attending on the 22nd November
- Walker Cup - can it be incorporated alongside the LVJO - agreed with Lumphanan.
- 3 ladies and 3 gents medal qualifiers forwarded to SG for inclusion in next year's medal regional finals - Alison Christie, Wilma Urquhart and Wilma Nicol Malcolm Riach, Alistair Donaldson and Steve Burnett. Regional Finals will be announced in January 2027.
- Kidney Kids – Stableford Runners Up Ross Henry Andrew Nolan 4 Ball Boat of Garten John Giblin David Reed 4 Ball Hawkshill Newmachar GC
- Aboyne Hub Networking Event Wednesday 25 November 7.00pm to 8.30pm

  Spider on a Bicycle, Station Brae, Aboyne, AB34 5HX – Someone to attend from TGC?

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Treasurer:

UPDATE DATE:	31/10/2026			
				2025
BANK	Cash	**£**	**5,750**	
	Special	**£**	**57,910**	
MEMBERSHIP	**Total**		**202**	184
	Gents		*135*	*132*
	Ladies		*19*	*19*
	Juniors		*48*	*33*
MEMBERSHIP	Income	**£**	**35,623**	£ *31,953*
GREEN FEES		**£**	**15,352**	£ *16,004*
	budget	£	*13,000*	
	forecast	£	*15,700*	£ *16,435*
	Hot Deals equivalent	£	*1,940*	
COURSE COSTS	Actual	**£**	**15,203**	£ *16,935*
	Budget	£	*17,000*	
	Forecast	£	*21,000*	
FOOTGOLF		**£**	**1,840**	£ *1,902*
	Budget	£	*1,500*	
SPONSORSHIP	Invoiced	**£**	**990**	
	Received	£	*790*	(of which £150 to Lumphanan for LVJO)
	Outstanding	£	*200*	*A.Roberston*

NOTES:

100 Club. Winner of October draw for £100 no 13 Alan Beattie and runner up of £50 no 88 Karyn Donald

Capital Expenditure to date is £9,417 (includes leaf blower)

Profit at end October 26 is just under over £20,000 with forecast of around £12,000 by year end

Received £150 from Miss Ruth Bowman for maintaining bench on 13th tee.

Taken back float from storeroom.

Campfield - Battery payment £140 offset by tee sponsorship £90 - settled 28 October.

Competition Funds - all members with balances in excess of £10 have agreed to retain until next year, who have replied - total £1,500. Still a few to reply but have assumed balace will be retained.

Course costs forecast reduced to £21,000 following review.

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Greens:

- Very successful greens coring. Managed to get all greens cored and dressed in one day. Coring was deeper than previously done
- Some greens require brushing again, as some core holes have opened up after the rain.
- Purchased a new pressure washer (pump on old one seized and BER)
- Purchased a towed leaf sweeper. Works very well on fairways and areas where the grass is not too long. Excellent at picking up leaves, needles, cones and twigs
- One tree and one large trunk down in the storm. Thanks to Bobby for cutting the branches off the down tree and large limb
- Winter Works programme (see separate document)
- Fusarium aka Fuzzy on some of the greens – will be treated on a dry day
- Planning to lift turf and level medal tee at the 2nd
- Greens Mower hydraulic leak – now fixed
- Issue with the tractor. No power. NB/IW to investigate
- NB to discuss tree pruning etc. with Graeme Macaulay

Match Secretary:

Received Deeside League Timetable for 2027

Handicap Secretary:

- Handicap Charts and Handicap Allowance

Committee agreed 100% Handicap Allowance for Medal, Stableford and Par/Bogie Comps.

Seniors:

- Good outing to Ellon, though very soggy ground due the rain
- Visited Forget Me Not at Banchory and presented a £400.00 cheque to the charity

Ladies:

- Ladies agreed to consolidate Ladies Open with another Open
- AGM will take place on Wednesday 25 November at 10am.

Juniors:

Clubhouse:

- Winter painting of ladies and gents' areas
- Deep clean of kitchen and paint
- Shelves for kitchen
- Shelves / cabinets in gents locker area
- Replace CCTV with a more up to date system NB to investigate. WN to contact Bread of Life to check when the next round of donations will be available. – response not until Spring, just missed out on this round.
- Full Fibre Broadband will be installed during the next few months. WN to check contract with SCG.

- Outside light needs to be installed to cover the car park for safety reasons.

Footgolf:

- Need to plan moving at least one hole cup (4th) over the winter, or remove tree roots from around the hole (it's very difficult to mow and not good for the machine)
- 7th hole cup needs repair (bottom fallen out?)
- New tee markers
- RM to check the quality of ALDI footballs

Digital Presence:

- 1 in 4 posts should have a financial impact/relevance
- Contact Grant McMurtrie to establish if can expand our social network

AOB:

- Next Year's Committee – NB with reduced Greens Convenor duties -Day to day supervision of volunteers and allocation of duties to be delegated.
- WN with reduced stand alone jobs. Will concentrate on the day to day admin. and handover.
- BM, SA, RM all agreed to stand again. PW and MS to respond.
- Good response from members taking on additional jobs.
- Seasonal Greenkeeper recruit and job responsibilities – post on social media next week.
- Presentation Night – disappointing turnout - will revise the format for next year.
- BRS – review Hot Deals and any system restrictions.
- Review Constitution and modernise – before AGM

Date and time of next meeting: WhatsApp - Monday xxx