



# Winchburgh Niddry Castle Golf Club

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Minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Present: M McAnulty, A Hainey a Leslie, J McCabe, J Pritchard, M Binnie E Connolly

Apologies: H Robertson

## Finance

The treasurer pointed out that finance was tight at the moment as little income but January should see funds coming in. MM would put out a post on BRS to all members. Some would be paying from January to March to bring everyone onto the new year and schedule. Payments would be £130 until April and as we have various bills due this will help.

AL will contact L White about her offer.

## Convenors.

Finance AH, Club JMC, Membership MM, Ladies convenor AL, Seniors MB, Social EC, Merchandise HR, Community Golf Convenor JP

JMC will take on club house cover for any absences of Claire.

H Fraser to be Greens Liaison officer.

## Match

M McElroy will continue unofficially and a vote of thanks for this was expressed by the council. MB and J Docherty would assist and C Collister would be approached. More were needed and AL would help with training. There is a Handicap master training data base available.

It was intended to publicise all opens for 2025 and put on relevant platforms. There will include Golf Empire, Yellow book and others. Following recent withdrawals members must now book online and so must pay. JP will monitor "enquiries" for any open related emails.

A Webster is likely to join the council later in the years will collect equipment from Torrance Park.

## Visitors Fees

It was agreed that £20 was too low and £30 weekdays and £35 weekends was proposed. The Wednesday offer would be dropped. AL suggested £25 and £30 which was agreed and it would be monitored.

Opens will include a clubhouse voucher and go from £15 to £20. The twos sweep would be paid on the day and remain at £1.

## Charity Commission



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Trustees should check what is needed to be done to supply information to the CC. Essential information should be supplied in advance of any deadline. The financial information had a time scale of 15 months

We are transferring assets from the old to the new status and equipment and fittings from an unincorporated club to a charity. Do we need to change the financial year? Trustees will check and act.

## Gift Aid

Granted on gifts over and above fees or other charges. Donations can be gift aided and EC will follow up.

AH brought up the change of banks that may be needed but RBS do have a charity part and is free up to a level but we are above it. BOS and COOP also offer the facility but are identical to RBS and the bank sets the limit so they can make a profit. We do need to change the account regardless and need more bank cards and signatories. We should make these changes when we change the account.

The choice of bank will be made by AH. RBS have a local branch and have held our accounts. AH to put details of the Scottish Golf Credit agency to members via BRS and this will reduce transactions and charges

The new bank details will not be ready for some time and changes can be made and ready for the new account.

MM will publish on BRS the statement regarding the 3 months due to place everyone on an April start date and send to all those in the relevant category. JP to provide a list of names for MM.

## 15-month AGM

This is allowed by the CC and EC proposed that we use this window to bring the club year more into line and set a change for the AGM date nearer to the April start. It will aid finance and be clearer.

## Trees

AH used Ayr RFC as a model who despite being in a good situation had also managed funds from other bodies. Members would be encouraged to donate a tree to WNCGC to help hole definition and also ecological targets. It may help developers with green credits and they may have spare trees, and will improve the new 9 especially the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> holes. AH to follow up whether we can get tree grants.

JP will also speak to J West.

## Business plan

A Meeting took place with Roger from Sported. Penny Lochhead had contacted JP with her reservations but the meeting took place with a follow up in January. Penny had been waiting of



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some financial information from C Collister. EC will circulate issues from the meeting with Roger. These included targets and mileposts and was a useful meeting.

AL will write to Penny and ask for a copy of the information already submitted

AH said figures were available and the key was how do we improve?

Greenkeeper

A verbal acceptance has been made and the contract sent out for signing.

Rhys to finish on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. AH to inform accountants of the staff changes and EC to inform the Jobs agency.

Greenkeepers benefit day was to be of a generic nature and H Fraser to design a course. It was hoped members would both play and donate to the staff.

Whisky tasting EC to follow it up and contact via Natalie. Discuss when and format as well as funds possible for the club.

Disabled Loo JMC to follow up and ensure pipe was removed and electrical work done.

MB will run the next quiz in February.

MM expressed his thanks to MB and CC for their efforts on cutting the bankings.

E Connolly

Hon Sec