

Council Decisions

February 2023

As a consequence of the fire in the kitchen Insurance Claim Solutions (Trevor Kelly) have been engaged to assist us in progressing our claim with our insurers.

Rapid Response were considered as contractors to strip back and rebuild the kitchen.

It was decided to permit Peter McEvoy to install a mobile kitchen on site depending on the provision of electrical connection, water and waste water supply.

Council Thanked Oliver Mueller for his advice on the replacement of kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery.

It was agreed to submit a grant aid application to Fingal County Council for a pedestrian greens deep slitter machine.

It was decided to synchronise the grant aided drainage work along with the fairways improvement programme as a cost saving measure.

It was decided to mark two defined penalty areas on the course, to the left of 12th fairway, the drain all around and to the left of the 13th and along the 14th around and behind the 17th green. Also the wild area from the back of the 10th tee-box along the left of the 10th around the 11th on the left and joining up with the existing red stakes on the 11th.

Council approved the online safety management system BeSMART.

Council approved joining the Balbriggan Chamber of Commerce in order to engage with the local business community.

March 2023

The builder, Rapid Response, has discovered that a supporting concrete beam in the kitchen area is sagging and poses a danger and it was agreed that it has to be replaced.

It was agreed to grant permission to a road surfacing contractor to use a small section of our car park for up to two weeks to park vehicles. In return they agreed to sweep and clean the car-park, fill in potholes, dig the car-park at the back end and locate and expose a service duct which had been hidden. In addition they agreed to fill in the remediated area.

Grant aid was formally approved to drain the practice ground and Harris Turf Improvements Ltd, the lowest bidder, were appointed to carry out the work.

It was decided to bring the fountain on the 9th in for cleaning and to install a timer which would result in a significant cost saving on electricity. The fountain would not be operating during the winter months.

It was agreed to consider what works and equipment should be included in the next round of SCEP grant aid funding.

April 2023

Following the sudden departure of our caterer, Peter McEvoy it was agreed to once again try to fill the position. In the interim a limited bar and snack service will be provided by Clair Doherty to whom the Council are indebted.

Harris Turf Improvements Ltd., who provided the lowest quote. were appointed to carry out the sanding and overseeding of 12 fairways. This work to be carried out in conjunction with the grant aided practice ground drainage.

It was agreed to commence the preparations for the course measurement and slope rating process to be carried out by Golf Ireland.

It was agreed to introduce a protocol to include the Ladies' and Men's committees as well as the course Superintendent to ensure the course is ready for qualifying competitions.

A recently retired member of course staff was employed on a part-time basis over the summer.

May 2023

It was agreed to carry out a review of the scorecard and tee plates yardages and to align correctly with the course measurement and when new scorecards were being printed that all would be coordinated.

It was agreed to introduce new sponsored tee signage to replace the finger tee posts.

A special Council meeting took place in May to discuss the requirements for a catering franchise. Oliver Mueller attended to share his expertise.

It was agreed to engage with local caterers to provide a limited service while we search for a new catering franchisee.

June 2023

Agreement has been reached with chef Chris Moloney to take over the catering franchise beginning on 3rd July.

Kieran Killeen has resigned from the course staff on 12 May.

A decision was made to hold two fundraising events, Mark Farrell's day and a second event to raise funds for course improvement.

It was agreed to progress work on a revised constitution for the club in order to simplify and modernise it.

July 2023

It was agreed to hold a two-day Fundraising weekend on 2nd and 3rd September to raise much needed funds for course improvement.

Chris Moloney signed the catering franchise contract and has commenced business under the name Pink Pepper Restaurant.

It was agreed to seek to recruit experienced course staff to replace departing staff.

It was agreed to install a warning siren to alert players to lightning in the area.

Dates for hollow coring of the greens were agreed.

It was agreed to hire a contractor to clear the non-native reeds from the 12th pond and the 9th lake.

Course Operative, Ross Staunton left on 30th June.

Special July 2023 Meeting

A special meeting of Council was held to decide on the priorities for our submission to the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme. The proposal to include safety netting at back of 18th green, changes to some tee boxes and to acquire an additional course vehicle.

August 2023

It was decided that we would again proceed with the scheme to offer 15 months membership for the price of 12 to attract new members.

It was agreed to hold a special Council Meeting in September to discuss the 2024 Budget provisions.

Council agreed to plan staffing requirements for the remainder of 2023 and 2024 and endeavour to recruit experienced staff.

A new full-time member of staff, Taígh Grant has been recruited to replace Ross Staunton.

September 2023

Council expressed sincere gratitude to all volunteers led by the Men's and Ladies' Committees who were involved in the fundraising weekend which raised over €17,000 for course development. A special thanks was also expressed to all our sponsors and to those who participated.

Council acknowledged the deficiencies in the condition of some parts of the course. It was acknowledged that these problems arose due to a combination of exceptional rainfall and shortage of course staff. It was decided to accelerate recruitment of suitably experienced personnel to bring us back up to staff complement.

The recommendation from Course Committee to remove two bunkers (middle bunker on 15th hill and rhs bunker near 18th green) was agreed by Council.

The Balbriggan Junior Girls were congratulated on winning the Seamus Smith Trophy in Clontarf.