

Allendale Golf Club
AGM Minutes
9th December 2025

Present:

Neil Forsyth
Ian Dunn
Kevin Philipson
Dave Stuart
Don Cooper
Valeria Dunn
Gary Thomson
Jon Armstrong
Rod Milburn
Robin Down
Mark Kimberley
Michael English
Peter Robson

Apologies:

Mike and Debbie Carter
Mike Leveratt
John Colman
Carol Gadd

1. Receive and approve minutes of previous AGM:

The minutes of the 2024 AGM were approved. Proposed by Rod Milburn seconded by Don Cooper.

2. Chairman's opening remarks – Ian Dunn:

As last year, I am delighted as Chairman, to welcome you all to our 2025 AGM.
As you will hear shortly from our Secretary, Neil, and me again, acting on our Treasurer's behalf in presenting this year's financial figures, 2025 has been another very satisfactory year for our Club.
As usual, I need first to register some necessary thankyou....

First to all my fellow Committee members for their collective commitment and significant personal contributions to the management of the Club during the past 12 months. They really have all been particularly active beyond our monthly meetings and have helped directly to make so many improvements in the Club this year.

Secondly, to those members who added their invaluable volunteer input to the Club's development and maintenance - on the course, around the Clubhouse and its surrounds, behind the bar and, finally, supporting our Junior golfers.

Now I'd like to briefly highlight some general observations from the Chair.
I noted at last year's AGM that the Club has moved to a high cost and high value business model. Your committee remains convinced that this is way to go. It is why we have more members - both in total

and across all categories. And it is why we have more visitors; all of whom clearly enjoy the excellent golfing experience that Allendale Golf Club offers - because... they come again.

Our membership continues to register growth in the Lady and Intermediate categories, where our ratio of Under 30-year-old golfers is now impressively higher than the national figure for all golf clubs. While it was our Ladies section, of course, who mounted and ran the very successful Barbeque in June. Another great example of member volunteering

Finally, let me remind you that the Clubhouse continues to be our most under-used asset. But to change this, the Committee has in mind to spend money on the building and immediate surrounds over time. For example, right now we are actively looking at the feasibility of bringing in mains water supply and we will be removing the cattle grid at the entrance to the car park.

There is no doubt that the Club represents a lively social community, particularly when given the opportunity to prove it. Currently, the next chance will be in February, when we will again share a Quiz night with Allendale Sports Club. I expect there will also be another barbeque - in better weather, I am sure: but I do hope we can come up with some more social events next year. Thank you... and now let's move on to the Secretary's report.... Neil.

3. Secretary's Report – Neil Forsyth

Good evening all

It has, like the Chairman says, been another positive year at AGC.

The club has invested a lot of money on the course this year which will hopefully enhance the playability of AGC for many years to come.

Without giving detailed numbers as it is presented better in the Treasurers notes the membership has risen again from 2024 and the green fees have also increased possibly due to the good weather.

But as I said in last year's AGM, we will be back to zero members officially at the start of 2026 but hopefully with the work done on the course we will hope to have something similar in figures to contain the momentum of the last couple years.

The junior sections membership was 33 an excellent total only beaten once by 3 in 2012 since 2004. This is down to the tireless efforts of Ian and Valeria Dunn and John Martin and the other volunteer helpers over the years. They all should be commended for helping to improve the future of AGC.

The course has been a challenge on the greenkeeping front with dryness meaning a lot of water being needed for the greens but they have held up well. As always first thanks goes to my assistant Lucas Horton and Peter Robson for all their help on the course along with the wonderful volunteers who have contributed on and around the course. In no particular order: Jon Armstrong, Michael English, Jonathan Parkinson, Joe Hislop. Gary Thomson, Paul Gadd, Jim Hall, Kevin Philipson, Don Cooper, Malcolm Aitchison and Mike Carter.

New paths from 2024 have been extended, winter tees built to protect the course, new tee signs for 2026 and much more.

Along with the course improvements we have a lot to look forward to next year including the new howdidido software and a brilliant new website created by Steve Newman.

I would like to give a few extra thankyou's to:

2025 Captains Dave Stuart and Carol Gadd for doing fine jobs.

- Hilary Nunn and her army of helpers who provided an amazing Barbecue fun day and along with the captains have raised around £1650 for the 2025 Captains Charity - Tynedale Hospice at Home.
- The Chairman Ian Dunn and Treasurer Mike Leveratt and all the committee for all contributing well to the running of the club.
- Kevin Philipson for his tireless efforts once again running the competitions
- And finally, Robin Down for despite his supposed retirement is still helping out behind the scenes in my role as Secretary

Thankyou.

4. **Treasurer's report – Mike Leveratt:**

Apologies from Mike Leveratt our Treasurer who has a clash of meetings with tonight's AGM having been arranged later.

I am no Accountant but it would have been unfair to add another burden on Neil so here goes with what is a very positive overview of this year in financial terms.

First, the highlights of our various income streams this year:

- An increase in overall membership numbers and subscriptions – with, as I mentioned in my Chairman's Introduction, our Ladies and Intermediates (the under 30s) showing the largest proportional growth in numbers;
- A significant increase in revenue earned across the bar that, importantly, reflects the range of Social activity this year... and the drinking abilities of members; and
- A very healthy growth in Visitor green fees

Next, a couple of key features of our costs profile for the year:

- One, inflation is an unavoidable downside issue for the costs of running all aspects of the Club, year on year... and looking forward, that's not going to change; and
- Two, interestingly the encouraging growth in numbers playing Allendale Golf Course, both members and visitors, that ups our income has also been a major factor driving the decision to spend on fixed, winter tees for the first time – put simply, the tee boxes need a rest.

I am not qualified to explain the Balance Sheet as Mike would have done, but in my layman's view, he highlights spend and income items that have an accounts impact beyond a single year.

But, crucially, his concluding assessment of the Club's current financial year is clear and easy to understand. In two words I'd say – Very Good.

Before leaving you with a detailed, itemised record of our forecast Profit and Loss account and Balance Sheet, Mike shifts focus to plans and projects for next year and, indeed, beyond.

Importantly, his highlights reflect your Committee's decision to develop and deliver a rolling programme of projects that draws on our financial strengths to deliver paybacks to members in terms of their overall golfing experience at Allendale Golf Club - both on and off the course.

And so... the Committee have their ideas but we are conscious that we exist only to help administer a Members' Club and we would be delighted to hear what ideas you Members might have.

Now Mike's final, line by line accounts to-date. I'll leave these as a bonus for the Accountants among you but will close with my key takeaways from all the detail.

...Compared with last year, I like the way:

- we've made a lot more money on the bar; and
- we spent considerably more on maintaining and improving the course; but
- overall, we again made a very solid Operating Profit this year

We'd be happy to try to answer any questions you might have.

But now it's time to hand on to our Junior Organiser...

PowerPoint presentation attached as appendix to these minutes.

5. **Junior Organisers Report – Valeria Dunn:**

Junior Report (12 years and under)

12 junior members from this section participated regularly in weekly coaching sessions and took part in competitions playing off the blue tees.

The group had the benefit of being introduced to golf in Allendale Primary School curriculum time. A golf professional, Simon Kerr, coached a 6-week programme during May and those who were interested then came up to the club where most became members. The sessions which ran from June to the end of October were organised and run by volunteers. Such is the interest and enthusiasm of these youngsters that it means we do need more regular volunteer support.

The club was successful in obtaining a grant application which paid the Professional's fee. This year in recognition of the work that the club does with grassroot juniors an invitation has been extended to become a Junior Hub.

This will provide further funding but there will be a requirement to formulate and publicise an organised programme of coaching, competitions, open days, etc. The information about the Junior section which appears on the website will also need to be amended. It would also be beneficial to have the Junior fixtures published on the website.

Recruiting the services of a Golf Professional linked to Allendale Golf Club will also be desirable. Perhaps the new committee could investigate – perhaps in the first instance by contacting Simon Kerr.

6. **Club Captains' reports:**

6.1 Gents – David Stuart: It has been a great privilege to be 2025 Captain of AGC thanks to the greens team for providing a great course for us all to play on and all the committee for helping me perform

my job. We had an excellent away day at Close House and am so proud of raising so much for a worthy 2025 charity Tynedale Hospice at Home.

6.2 Ladies – Carol Gadd: I have had the absolute pleasure to be lady Captain of the Allendale Ladies section. We have enjoyed a superb season due to the fabulous condition of the course thanks to Neil supported by Lucas and a team of volunteers. The ladies' section has now grown to over 20 members. Whilst the emphasis is enjoying playing golf in a social setting with a regular Tuesday morning roll up. We have encouraged the ladies to enter competitions for both 9 and 18 holes.

Northumberland Ladies County Golf have given us a grant of £1000 to develop the ladies section. Having liaised with the ladies, I have arranged a series of group lessons at Close house in the Spring. We will also look at ways to encourage new lady members by offering taster sessions next year.

I will continue to be lady Captain next year with Louise Alderson as Vice-Captain and Hilary Nunn as Social secretary.

Many thanks Carol Gadd.

6.3 Seniors – Mark Kimberley

Traditionally, activity within the seniors' section has centred around a number of friendly matches against clubs with which we've had an alliance. In 2022 we played seven matches through the season, against four different clubs, playing three of the clubs home and away and one club either home and away each year.

However, latterly the number of matches has reduced significantly, so that potentially in 2026 we will be left with only two matches, namely home and away against Bellingham.

In 2023, Gosforth pulled out of matches and then this year (2025) Beamish Park also informed us that they no longer wished to play. Prudhoe have also made noises that they will potentially be stopping in 2026. It's not clear why clubs are pulling out, although heavy fixture lists and distance of travel have been cited as reasons. Other mutterings suggest that high handicaps, course ratings and getting beat each year may also be factors.

This year we only managed to play two games. Those were against Bellingham in May and June. We had to cancel our away match against Prudhoe in August as I couldn't get sufficient numbers due to holidays and the inevitable assortment of ailments and injuries that characterise a senior section.

With Beamish Park pulling out a fairly short notice, I organised a seniors' away day in September to plug the gap in the calendar. Eighteen of us (including the odd non-senior and a few guests) had a great day out at Ravensworth Golf Club who offered us a very generous deal on the back of being fellow members of the 1906 club.

This year I found a local company who were able to supply new senior shirts and jumpers at very reasonable prices. There was a good uptake and more can be supplied if anyone is interested.

Looking forward to next year, we need to try to plug some of the gaps that have arisen with either more friendly matches with new clubs or perhaps more away days. I did have a conversation earlier in the year with David Walker from Haltwhistle, so that is one avenue we could explore. Whatever we decide, it is worth getting some dates in the diary before people start booking their opens in earnest.

As well as taking on the role of Club Captain next year, I am happy to continue to help out with senior events but will need other people to step up and take responsibility for organising matches or away days.

Mark Kimberley

7. Election of Officers:

7.1 Neil Forsyth agreed to stay on as Secretary
Mike Leveratt delighted to stay as Treasurer
Auditor to be confirmed as Counting North.

7.2 General Committee

I Dunn, P Robson, C Gadd, K Philipson, C Gadd, G Thomson, P Robson, and D Stuart agreed to stay on general committee,

Brian Alderson resigned

Steven Newman TBC

As 2026 Gents Captain Mark Kimberley will join general committee no other new members were elected

8. Fix the 2025 membership fees:

The new subs fees were unanimously agreed at the AGM as follows.

Full membership {inc all junior children} £360

2nd club comp/non comp £220/£120

Intermediate 18/25-26/30 £180-£120

Junior fees to stay same at

u/13 £30

13/17 £50

9. Any changes to Constitution and Rules No changes were proposed to constitution.

10. AOB

10.1 Contractor Lucas Horton had his monthly fee agreed to increase to £735

10.2 Proposed conversion to provide mains water in clubhouse

Don Cooper said that the potential land that the water pipe would pass through had been confirmed to belong to Mark Henry Beaumont and the land agent for Allenheads Estate would be in touch shortly to arrange a site management meeting.

The estimated cost was to be assumed around £10/15000 and if it was to go ahead potential funding would be required for the project to happen.

The meeting was closed at 7:50 pm

Revenue Highlights 2025 v 2024

1

Overall increase of 15% on 2024

- Membership 11% Increase
- Ladies & Intermediate categories saw largest growth

2

Bar Revenue increase of 56% on 2024

- Quiz Night
- BBQ Fundraiser
- Presentation Night
- Captains Day
- MKM Day

3

Green Fees increase of 28% on 2024

Cost Incurred 2025 v 2024



Green Keeping Material
Increase of 127% on 2024

Purchase of flags , mats and
tees



Repairs & Consumables –
same as 2024

Includes £2.7K of cost
servicing fairway mowers



Fundraising increase of 86% - £1.2K raised from
BBQ for Tynedale Hospice



Electricity increase of 57% - fixed price tariff ended
in October 2024 – now on new fixed price tariff



Accountancy Fees including HMRC submissions
circa £650 per year

Balance Sheet 2025 v 2024



Purchase of :-

Quad Bike £3.9K
Greens Mower £2.7K
Spreader £1.4K



Grants :-

Helen Adison £5K – approx. £700 used on path material
Northumberland Ladies Golf Union - £1K – plan to use to support promotion of ladies' section

Conclusion



POSITIVE YEAR WITH CONTINUED REVENUE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP AND GREEN FEES PLUS INCREASE IN PROFIT FROM BAR HAS SUPPORTED CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN COURSE INFRASTRUCTURE



ALL ACHIEVED WITHOUT ACCESSING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS



SUCCESSFULLY SECURED GRANTS (AN AREA WE WILL BE ACTIVELY PURSUING IN 2026)

Plans/Projects for 2026

Continue to grow
revenue from
Green Fees &
Membership

Potential to invest
in Clubhouse /
Carpark etc to
further increase
revenue from Bar
and other
Functions

Installation of
mains water –
security of supply

Members
proposals – what
would you like to
see the Club
develop ?

FORECAST Profit and Loss Allendale Golf Club For the year ended 31 December 2025

Account	2025	2024	Diff
Turnover			
Annual Subs	780.00	2,560.00	-1,780.00
Bar	7,599.16	4,810.81	2,788.35
Comps	690.05	924.44	-234.39
Feed-in Tariffs	1,480.41	3,242.16	-1,761.75
Fund-raising	2,319.50	1,240.00	1,079.50
Gent 1st August	300.00	400.00	-100.00
Gent 1st July	360.00	0.00	360.00
Gent 2nd Club Comp	1,910.00	400.00	1,510.00
Gent 2nd Club No comp	1,105.00	0.00	1,105.00
Gent Full Year	22,548.82	24,750.00	-2,201.18
Greens Fees	14,566.92	11,355.37	3,211.55
Interest Received	616.14	0.00	616.14
Intermediate 18-25	1,552.50	980.00	572.50
Intermediate 26-30	1,020.00	1,120.00	-100.00
Junior U13	300.00	210.00	90.00
Junior U18	470.00	550.00	-80.00
Lady 2nd Club Comp	110.00	0.00	110.00
Lady Full Year	5,451.00	3,960.00	1,491.00
Men's Senior shirts	314.65	0.00	314.65
Other	729.76	1,277.55	-547.79
Sponsors	2,370.00	2,720.00	-350.00
Adv Payments	(100.00)	(2,755.39)	2,655.39
Total Turnover	66493.91	57744.94	8748.97
Cost of Sales			
Greenkeeping - materials	7,870.56	3463.68	4,406.88
Greens Wages	25,539.28	23506	2,033.28
Men's Senior Shirt	391.00	0	391.00
Other Direct Costs/Sundry pu	979.68	0	979.68
Repairs & Consumables	6,572.46	6210.65	361.81
Total Cost of Sales	41,352.98	33,180.33	8,172.65
Gross Profit	25,140.93	24,564.61	576.32
Administrative Costs			
Accountancy Fees	1,265.14	0	1,265.14
Clubhouse	4,189.70	4501.23	-311.53
Clubhouse Bar	4,351.40	2764.27	1,587.13
Electricity	1,598.64	859.13	739.51
Fund Raising	1,690.40	905	785.40
Insurance	3,883.03	3546.57	336.46
Other/Sundry Purchases	451.80	1410.08	-958.28
Printing, postage, stationery	701.19	736.51	-35.32
Subscriptions (Golf Union)	2,560.50	2392	168.50
Total Administrative Costs	20,691.80	17,114.79	3,577.01
Operating Profit	4,449.13	7,449.82	(3,000.69)
Depreciation	0.00	3,240.00	
Profit on Ordinary Activities	4,449.13	4,209.82	239.31

Membership Summary		
2025	2024	Diff
35,907.32	32,174.61	3,732.71

2024 taken in B/S

Incl Flags, Mats , Tee £4K

£640 Handicap Master
JD Parts £2.7K + Servicing Mowers

2 Years Fees 24/5

Old tariff ended in 24
£1.2K Tynedale Hospice

Bag Tags

Forecast Balance Sheet

Allendale Golf Club

As at 30 November 2025

Account	30 Nov 2025	
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets		
April 2025 Quad Bike (Original book value £3960)	3,960.00	New Quad bike
Depreciation on Plant and Machinery	(17,040.00)	
Land and Buildings	85,648.00	
Land and Buildings Depreciation	(24,030.00)	
Plant and Machinery	27,189.14	£4.1K for greens mower and spre
Total Tangible Assets	75,727.14	
Total Fixed Assets	75,727.14	
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Allendale Golf Club	10,404.02	
Allendale Golf Club Savings	10,863.67	
Allendale Golf Club Savings 95 Day	20,737.74	
Total Cash at bank and in hand	42,005.43	
Prepayments and accrued income		
Grants over £1k	(5,288.89)	Balance of Helen Addison & NL Golf Union Grants (£5K & £1K)
Total Prepayments and accrued income	(5,288.89)	
Bar & Other Stocks	300.00	
Total Current Assets	37,016.54	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Accruals	200.00	
Income in Advance	100.00	
PAYE Payable	0.00	
VAT	0.00	
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	300.00	
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	36,716.54	
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	112,443.68	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
Capital Grants < 1 Year	1,602.00	
Capital Grants > 1 Year	7,661.00	
Total Creditors: amounts falling due after more than or	9,263.00	
Net Assets	103,180.68	
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	8,899.13	
Retained Earnings	92,101.17	
Total Capital and Reserves	101,000.30	