

**REPORT OF HONORARY SECRETARY - Eileen  
TO AGM OF JOINT CLUB – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Although the first half 2024 was characterised by bad weather, the year has been a good year for the club. As the Summer approached things picked up significantly and continued right through past the end of the club's financial year on 30 September. The big improvement in our weather from May onwards was very welcomed and it helped in making a financial surplus at the end of our financial year. The great work of our Pro Shop staff and our course staff brought in the new members and visitors that made the year such a good success. The club can face 2025 with confidence that a continuation of the hard work, careful planning, and dedicated engagement of staff, club committees and members will result in another year of sustainable growth and development.

## **2. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC) MEETINGS**

The volume of business before the JMC required a few meetings over and above the regular monthly meeting. The EGM on the 13<sup>th</sup> May which was solely for adopting the new Club Constitution. A special word of thanks to Ken O'Brien, Debbie Kelly, Jamie Ryan and June Rose Kenny for all their hard work in getting new constitution over the line. Thanks also to Greg and Damien (Synergy) for organizing to format the documents and getting them up on club web site.

Meetings of the JMC were business-like with opportunities for all members to contribute views before decision-making began.

The JMC again sought to inform members of the club about its meetings and decisions by issuing an 'Agreed Report' in the club's newsletter on the Thursday following the Tuesday night meeting.

## **3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

The externally prepared accounts for the 2023-2024 financial year are now up on will be on the club's website and the Honorary Treasurer Dominic Holmes will present them to the AGM and take questions from members.

## **4. PLAYING OF GOLF**

Despite the consistent rain in the earlier part of the year which led to the course been closed there was great improvement from May onwards. The following statistics was given to me by Mick Cronin, Men's Competition Secretary and I wish to thank him sincerely for same as it gives us all a great picture of how our club is doing.

## **Competitions**

Some of the stats (last years in brackets).

• Days when competitions were played	179	(180)
• Competition days with qualifying conditions	101	(110)
• Total Competitions	192	(178)
• Open Competitions	90	(79)
• Total Golf Rounds	18552	(17679)
• Visitors Golf Rounds	1626	(1550)
• Competition Days Course Closed (weather)	35	(43)

## 5. ROLE OF VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteerism still play a vital role in our club. All our committees and sub-committees, junior golf, ladies get into golf , voluntary work on the course, maintenance of flower beds, are based on volunteerism. In our club we are fortunate to have this volunteering spirit blended harmoniously with the professional running of the club and maintenance of the course.

## 6. STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027

The JMC did a lot of work on the Strategic Plan during the year, but there is still more to be done, which I hope the incoming JMC will continue with . Details of the Strategic Plan are on website, and under each heading there is a report on what was done / not done .

## 7. CLUB STAFF

*The club is fortunate* to have such dedicated staff who work -as a team for the club's benefit. Thanks to our General Manager Greg, Head Greenkeeper Tom, and his staff, our friendly and efficient Pro Shop staff, our club cleaner Brenda. A big thank you to Pat Mahon who looks after our club Bookkeeping and Sports Capital Grant application and associated paperwork.

## 8. MEMBERS' SURVEY 2024

There were 285 replies to the recent survey and the main concerns raised were Bunkers, Food & Beverages and slow play. I am happy to say that the club has already set things in motion for each of these .

#### **9. SUCCESS IN CLUB**

There were several golf successes in the club and both the ladies and men's committees outlined them at their AGM and they are also displayed on the website. I wish to add my congratulations to all our members who had a very successful golf year.

Finally, the biggest success for 2024, was securing a Sports Capital grant of €111,000 and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dominic Holmes and Pat Mahon for getting this over the line.

#### **10. CONCLUSION**

On behalf of the JMC, I wish to thank all club members and staff who contributed to the success of the club in 2024. I wish to thank JMC members and other members of the club and staff who helped me as Honorary Secretary.

Yours in sport

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Eileen O'Toole  
Honorary Secretary November 2024