

Truro Seniors – Meeting minutes

Venue: Truro Golf Club

Date: 30th January 2026

Time: 2:30pm

Attendees: Julian Collinson; Peter Tatlow; Andy Edwards; Terry McHattie; Tony Randall; Peter Read; Jeff Lenihan; Paul East; Pete Simmons (General Manager)

1. Apologies

Mike Regan

2. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the two new members of the committee, Jeff Lenihan and Paul East, along with Pete Simmons (General Manager).

3. Minutes of meeting 25th October 2025

Approved

4. Matters arising

All action points completed except:

- Frostbite competition cancelled due to course closed.

The committee would like to pass on its thanks to past committee members John Doyle and Johnny Horner for their service in the past. JC has already contacted individually to thanks.

5. Course status

Pete Simmons reported that clear updates have been and will continue to be sent out on a regular basis. The current poor weather has presented new problems in particular not allowing any work to be carried out with machinery. Awaiting for more insurance-wise clarity. 3 teams of arborists have been employed to date costing £1,000.00 per day. Regarding any “business interruption” to the club’s daily operations (monetary loss), real guidance is required on this. Course is currently saturated: strange situation of being “rested but hammered at the same time”. Pete was very cautious about when play could resume primarily due to insurance decisions. The course should basically be made safe in the next couple of weeks. 5th hole needs more trees felled with the possible erection of a barrier. In total, good progress has been made. Planned opening of holes: 1, 2, 8, 8, 10, 11, 12, 17 & 18 then 13, 14 & 15. Hole 16 to remain closed until further notice. A lot of work will still be needed to be carried out in the dry months. JC suggested that the hard work put in by the greenkeeping staff and volunteers should be recognised, and a letter has since been sent on behalf of the Seniors section.

6. Cape Cornwall entries for the Truro Seniors Open

PT reported that he had spoken to Steve Paice and Chris Poutney (CGU Secretary) about this issue so a response has been provided at county level. The basic problem remains: a large handicap discrepancy with CC members being given, it is felt, too many shots at Truro and other courses. The reputation of CC players appears to be spreading. JL mentioned that morally CC players have the right to participate but, on the other hand, we run the risk of people not entering. TR pointed out that there could well be legal action taken if CC players are banned. Are other clubs having the same problem? CC course rating is fixed – this is not the problem. It was emphasised that we would be going down a slippery slope if we banned CC players. Although it is too late for this year, a decision is needed for next year.

PT agreed to act as the main organiser for the Seniors Open this year. Closer to the date, a small organisation team will be formed. There will be a maximum 180 entries. AE asked about a direct link to the clubhouse TV for displaying the scores.

7. Financial matters

PR confirmed that £970.00 had been donated for the purchase of a defibrillator. He strongly suggested that we should be looking after our members far more. Money should be spent which has a direct benefit for the membership.

Money on Seniors account: members must see that everyone benefits not just a few.

He proposed the introduction of a 9 or 11-hole stableford competition. One division should be sufficient. No entry fee.

JC requested that all charitable donations should only be made from any surplus arising from the Seniors Open. A discussion followed on how much financial support to provide.

It was noted that a successor to John Doyle's responsibilities is required. Also, what can we do to support Rothwell Sheild and Harry Champion participants, who represent the Seniors? PR said Harry Champion comp is voluntary sign up whereas Rothwell is a selection process, so maybe something could be done for the Rothwell team eg green fees

8. 9 or 11-hole stableford competition

TM proposed the introduction of a competition similar to the ladies. Competition should be on an informal basis and would be of particular interest to those members who have difficulty playing eighteen holes.

9. Monthly lunch

TM has spoken to Jess who has agreed to the proposal. The lunch, e.g. fish & chips, could be held on a Thursday. A good opportunity for the Seniors to meet socially on a regular basis.

10. Competitions/matches in general

PT asked about the matches and competitions affected by the course closure – do we still intend to play them? JC suggested a line should be drawn under this, there are no replacement dates possible. However, it was agreed trophy competitions are to be re-arranged.

11. HowDidIDo

The new app is having launch issues and is not available yet. A totally new app is coming eventually.

The current HDID app will continue to be used for the time being for competitions and matches. We must ensure that all members know about this. The office will inform all club members when the new app comes into force.

12. Generic email addresses

Is this an option (for Chairman, Seniors Captain, Seniors Secretary)? AE not sure about the situation, mentioned that adding more email addresses to Truro CG's system would incur extra costs.

13. Seniors welfare update

JC explained that he keeps in contact with seniors who are ill and/or in difficulty. Confidentiality is paramount and any concerns to be passed on to JC.

14. AOB

PT mentioned that the information spreadsheet we use was inherited from Allan Hayhurst. If changes are to be made, then only by PT, PR & TR. Ensure everyone is using the same info. Other committee members can have read-only if requested

MR wanted to organise new Nearest The Pin markers. Instead, speak to Scott to borrow what he has.

Tom Stephens: club newsletter to also include Seniors news.

Pete Simmons said that the proposed course configuration is now on the back burner.

13. Date of next meeting

TBC

Paul East
Secretary, Truro Seniors
31st January 2026

Actions arising from meeting of 30th January 2026

- ACTION:** Suitable recognition for greenkeeping staff and volunteers for their hard work clearing the storm damage – Complete. JC has sent letter
- ACTION:** PT/JL to contact Cape Cornwall regarding the pairing who have frequently won in the past. Talk to club manager. Draft mail and send to CC.
- ACTION:** AE to liaise with office regarding link to clubhouse TV for scores.
- ACTION:** JC/PT/PR to meet to discuss various ie John Doyle successor & support for Rothwell participants, financial situation: giving more back to members.
- ACTION:** TM to organise inaugural Seniors lunch and see what the take up is
- ACTION:** PR to reimburse fees paid for competitions now not taking place following JC/PT/PR meeting
- ACTION:** Pete Simmons to check if generic mails possible – generic mails to go to a specific person
- ACTION:** TR to inform all members to pay annual subs by end of February
- ACTION:** PT to speak to Scott regarding Nearest The Pin markers