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Machrihanish Dunes opens in some style

'It has been a long and winding road'
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HISTORY was made this week with the official opening of the new Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course.

The long-awaited opening was celebrated in style with a large marquee at the half way house on the course.

Wind and rain greeted the players, including a number of the world's media, as they took to the links course for the first time.

Managing company Southworth Development LLC, which took over the controlling interest of the company earlier this year, saw first hand the work coming into fruition.

Speeches

Those behind the project including course architect David McLay Kidd, Brian Keating, who has been involved since the planning stage in 2003, and David Southworth, chief executive of Southworth Development, gave speeches.

Mirrors

Machrihanish Dunes is a course that mirrors David McLay Kidd's love of the land and his ability to take the fullest reward from its potential.

This the first golf course to be built on land now classed as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) since the days of Old Tom Morris.

'Old Tom Morris' also made an appearance at the opening, giving an enthusiastic talk to the large audience and being piped into the marquee by two local pipers to officially open the ceremony.

David Southworth and business partner Joe Deitch told The Courier: 'We are so happy that the people of Campbeltown and Machrihanish communities have been so supportive and appreciative of the development.'

Mature

Brian Keating said: 'It has been a long and winding road, a bit like a child; you see it grow and mature but it is rewarding to see the finished product.'



Machrihanish Dunes has been developed on land owned by Messrs J & R Barr. Left to right: Mark McCormick, Jim Mather MSP, Robin Barr, Margaret Barr, James Barr, Iona Barr, and Robin Barr jnr. 04_c30mac05



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