

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links

Parade on Monday 16th October 2017

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convener), P Sawers, I Frier, G Paton, L Gordon, A McCartney

In Attendance: M Wells (Chief Executive), A Reid (Links Superintendent), K Stott (Head Greenkeeper Burnside)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

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2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Links Superintendents Report

A Reid presented his report. A Reid said the visit from F Connacher was more relaxed, J Gilbert said this would be covered at the next Environmental meeting.

4. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert asked about the drainage and said it is important with the forthcoming Open. A Reid said a bit of aeration work is needed, as there are usually pockets of water when there is heavy rain like today.

Burnside

J Gilbert asked if fescue was being used for over seeding, K Stott said yes but that the verti-drain operation would not affect play.

L Gordon said she played the Burnside course yesterday and thought the course was looking good.

Buddon

J Gilbert said there is often praise for the Championship and the Burnside but he wanted to praise the Buddon and asked for thanks to be forwarded to S Mitchell and his team.

5. Dunhill

J Gilbert said P Sawers sent an email regarding how well the course played. She said Carnoustie was the best presented, and best condition course. J Gilbert said St Andrews and Kingsbarns are improving also, but we are still ahead of the game. J Gilbert said it would be great to find a way of thanking all marshals and scorers.

J Gilbert asked if the clear up had been ok. A Reid said there was a lot of litter this year and quite a bit of mess at the putting green. He said the take down is not as good as the build but our involvement is minimal. He added that there was no damage to the course from wheels or any burst irrigation.

6. Open Championship 2018 Update

A Reid said there has been a 2nd visit from M Slumbers and G Moir and they are happy with the course. He said the main discussion during the visit was regarding the lack of rough, and that they would like a more demanding rough than the last few years. A Reid said that a bit of fertilising needs to be done in thin areas and reassessed in the Spring, this will be liquid rather than granular. It will be monitored closely aiming for a challenge rather than the score. Roughts will be feathered with a strimmer like round the greens, so there is no step between heights.

J Gilbert asked if they were happy with the practice ground, A Reid said yes, much more confident than in May.

A Reid said that G Moir will be visiting again in a few weeks and may raise some areas, but this will be done in a way to not affect play.

M Wells indicated that additional work may be required on the practice ground post Championship in order to provide additional features required by The R&A for The Open and this would be reviewed post Open 2018.

7. Winter Works

J Gilbert asked A Reid when the Championship course will be closed, A Reid confirmed it will be Monday 30th October. With regards to the Burnside and Buddon, J Gilbert asked if we should be flexible, A Reid said he is still waiting on final details from the R & A in regards to the new roads and wants to ensure a safe working environment and also would like to let

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the clubs know as soon as possible. M Wells added that he is meeting with the R&A on the 23rd and will try to get a date. J Gilbert said it would be good to know for the ballots, A Reid said the minimum would be a weeks' notice. P Sawers asked if the clubs and our PR Officer can be kept up to date as much as possible. A Reid said he will. J Gilbert asked for the frost policy and rules of play to also be circulated.

I Frier asked if the proposed infrastructure for The Open will still be going on the left hand of the 7th Burnside, which A Reid confirmed it was.

8. Any Other Competent Business

P Sawers said F Joss is bring local P4 children to play the Nestie at 9.30-11.30 on Wednesday and Thursday with Sean and asked for our PR Officer to be informed.

A McCartney enquired where the scoops are for retrieving balls from the burn as there are none. A Reid said he will find out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930 hours.