

**Minutes of the Carnoustie Golf Links Greens Sub-Committee Meeting  
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), G Wilson, C Yule, L Gordon, P Sawers,  
S Brown, A McCartney.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent),  
C Law (Burnside Head Greenkeeper).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Links Superintendents Report**

S Brown enquired to whether the area that is being extracted at the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> holes Championship will be backfilled. A Reid advised that it would be backfilled. It is being filled with waste from the course over the winter, and then it will then be capped and re-turfed mainly using the turf that was saved from this area originally. J Gilbert enquired to whether A Reid knew what the finished area would look like, A Reid advised that he has discussed the finish with M Ebert and they have agreed on the aesthetics. It will not be high, but it would not be very easy to provide a visual for the committee. The sand extraction was originally to be done in 3 stages, A Reid advised that this may only need to be done in 2 stages now.

G Wilson enquired to whether the old winter tee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole of the Championship course was to be permanently used from now on. A Reid advised that this is only a temporary measure to give variety.

S Brown advised that the 8<sup>th</sup> hole on the Championship course is getting a lot of traffic. A Reid advised that the area is being monitored. If it becomes slippery with the frost, it will be gritted. A Reid advised that this area does take the wear ok and shouldn't require a diversion.

**3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

Championship Course

A Reid advised that along with turfing over the slabbed area at the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, he would like to extend the tee forward (presuming there will only be 2 tees). This would mean that all gents tees would play off the top tee. This was approved.

Trees at 9<sup>th</sup> Championship considered for removal should be marked for approval.

P Sawers enquired to whether the bridge at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole Burnside is to be replaced. A Reid advised that this has been started, but he would like to wait until the turf is down and established before continuing. Gabions were put in last year at the burn entrance, and he would like to put in stone to match and build up the bank. This was approved.

A McCartney enquired to whether any changes had been made to the blue water pipe at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. A Reid advised that he is not sure what is in the pipe. He advised that he is aware it should be a mains water pipe, but is not sure where it has come from. A Reid advised that the pipe will, in due course, be raised and moved.

#### Buddon Course

The 4<sup>th</sup> hole will be remodelled as part of the winter works.

#### **4. Tee Head Furniture**

J Gilbert advised that 3 options had been put forward for the new tee head furniture:

1. White and red tees – Granite, combined tee (yellow) – Stick
2. White tee – Granite, red and combined tee (yellow) – 2 pegs.
3. White, red and combined tee (yellow) – Granite.

J Gilbert proposed that all tee markers to be made of granite (option 3). A Reid advised that the new stone is not actually granite, but is very similar. They will be slightly lower in height than the white tee markers. Bespoke stones can be ordered for awkward tees such as 11<sup>th</sup> hole. A Reid is to try and get samples of the stones for the next Greens Committee meeting.

A Reid proposed that the new combined tee be a yellow tee. And that 3 pairs of ball markers be used instead of the discs.

J Gilbert proposed that the ladies tee be referred to as the red tee from now on. This would mean that gents would feel more comfortable moving forward to play a shorter course. There will be space on the scorecard to put a red course showing its stroke index for men if the yellow and green tees are combined.

P Sawers raised concerns over offering the red tee for men. She suggested that it may cause confusion and may not be used by any men. C Yule stated that this simply gives men the option of playing the red course, which they may have felt they would not be allowed whilst it is named the 'Ladies' tee. This will be put to the full meeting for approval.

#### **5. Any Other Competent Business**

J Gilbert enquired to whether it was worthwhile to continue with winter closure for the Buddon Links and Burnside courses. A Reid advised that the closure helps the greenkeepers to get the whole of both courses aeriated/verti-drained without any disruption from players. He suggested that perhaps they could be closed for only 1 week each, and that the Buddon Links course should be closed first to receive slightly warmer conditions for a change. A Reid advised that some temporary greens may still need to be used during this period. The committee agreed that any way of keeping the courses open longer is a bonus. This will be put to the full meeting for approval.

J Gilbert ask the club representatives to enquire of their clubs whether players would prefer to play the Championship course in the normal hole order rather than the current way in the winter. This was done in the past to spread wear, but is now not necessary. Club representatives are to report back to the committee.

C Law asked for approval to make the 2 bunkers on the left hand side of the 12<sup>th</sup> green on the Burnside course into one bunker as there have been problems with drainage in this area. The bunker would be made smaller than the 2 currently there and would be brought in to a more centralised space. J Gilbert advised that he would like to view this site, and it will be discussed at the next Greens committee meeting.

A McArtney advised the committee that he witnessed some players taking their caddy cars around the edge of the winter green on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole of the Burnside course. Some of the cars were being pulled over the green. A McArtney enquired to whether a sign should be erected advising player to keep caddy cars off the greens. C Law advised that this is not a common occurrence and would not merit signs.

A Reid advised that after approval from the full meeting to employ someone to clear the burn, he would like to put forward a seasonal member of staff who is due to retire at the end of May, but would like to stay on at CGLMC Ltd and take on the burn clearer position. A Reid advised that the employee knows his way around the course and can use the relevant equipment. The committee agreed.

P Sawers enquired to whether any apprentices were being taken on by CGLMC Ltd. A Reid advised that there are no vacancies at the moment.

J Gilbert thanked all committee members and staff for their contribution over the year.

The meeting was then closed at 1935 hours.

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