

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 10th February 2014**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens convenor), L Gordon, A McArtney, C Yule, W Thompson, P Sawers, G Paton.

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), C Boath (Championship Course Head Greenkeeper).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

K Sampson.

2. Links Superintendent's Report

J Gilbert advised that there is much good work happening on all 3 courses.

The bunker rebuilding work is of a very high standard.

J Gilbert advised that the bunkers of the 2nd hole of the Burnside Course look first class, and they are much better than the previous bunkers. J Gilbert asked that C Boath pass this comment on to C Law.

Page 2 of the report under 'Other work included', sentence 'Mound to left of 12th tee...' should be amended to 'Mound to **right** of 12th tee...'.

3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship Course

Environmental Business:

J Gilbert reminded C Boath that all Gorse work needs to stop at the end of February. Any works needed after the start of March will have to be agreed by the Greens Committee.

J Gilbert enquired to whether the new ladies tee at the 16th hole will be completed this season.. C Boath advised that there should be enough turf left over to cover the work needed on this tee.

Burnside Course

P Sawers asked J Gilbert to confirm the trees that were to be removed from the 16th hole. J Gilbert advised that eventually, all trees will be removed, apart from a few good specimens.

Buddon Links Course

Winter Works:

In answer to a question from P Sawers regarding the bunker on the 4th, J Gilbert advised that the reason for removing this bunker is that the best line for the drive is down the left hand side of the fairway. It also looks better aesthetically and will encourage players to aim left, away from the Championship Course once the new bunker has been built on the right hand side. P Sawers said that the committee had to be cautious about removing bunkers which had only recently been created.

G Paton suggested that if the bunker of the 4th fairway is to be filled, then the bunkers on other holes should also be reviewed.

4. Committee Remits and Convenors Duties

W Thompson requested that the line in the 4th paragraph '... of CGLMC Ltd shall elect a Vice-Chairman...' should be amended to '... of CGLMC Ltd shall elect a **Greens Convenor**...'

W Thompson also suggested that a paragraph should be added advising that the Greens Convenor should advise the Finance Convenor when the budgets are being set. The committee agreed.

5. Opening of Courses for Summer Play

J Gilbert enquired to whether preferred lies would be used. C Boath advised that they will only be used on the 2 new holes on the Buddon Links Course.

C Boath advised that there is still some top dressing to be carried out.

C Boath confirmed that all bunkers will be in play.

J Gilbert advised that the hoops can be used up until the end of April. After April, Committee approval will need to be sought. C Boath advised that the greenkeepers will be using as few hoops as possible.

J Gilbert asked that G Duncan or C McLeod liaise with the Head Greenkeepers and organise for the tee rotas to be distributed to the match secretary's.

P Sawers asked that the Ladies card be made available to the Ladies Club. G Duncan will organise this. A temporary standard scratch has been given to the course. The official assessment will take place later in the year and may change from the temporary standard scratch slightly.

6. Any Other Competent Business

Christmas and New Year Openings

J Gilbert advised that after the Carnoustie Golf Club meeting, he had been asked to enquire to why the courses were closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. G Duncan advised there is a traditional rule that when there are no staff on duty, the courses are closed. G Duncan advised that in the past, Season Ticket holders were allowed to use the course on these days, but the courses started to get abused with non Season Ticket holders playing, and players not using mats. It was suggested that the pins be removed from the courses in future to prevent people using the courses on these days. Some people ignore the fact the courses are closed and still play. J Gilbert advised that the Head Professional was seen playing the course on New Year's Day, and he asked G Duncan to bring this matter to the attention of the Head Professional. The committee agreed to keep the current policy in that the courses are closed when there are no staff on duty.

P Sawers then suggested that the Buddon Links course be left open similar to in the past. J Gilbert suggested that this still leaves the course open to abuse if there are no staff to supervise the players. The committee agreed to keep the course closed on Christmas and New Year's day. C Yule enquired to whether many people played without mats, and he was advised that there are divot marks showing there is a problem.

Rolex Clocks

J Gilbert enquired to whether there was any progress on the Rolex Clocks. C Boath advised that a representative is visiting the course again at the end of March.

GEO Accreditation – Energy Consumption

J Gilbert advised that in line with the GEO Accreditation, CGLMC Ltd have to be seen to improve and reduce the power consumption of the organisation. A survey has already been carried out by the Energy Savings

Trust. G Duncan advised that CGLMC Ltd are aware of the need to improve and this is constantly ongoing. P Sawers enquired to whether J Gilbert would like to make this a performance indicator, J Gilbert confirmed that it should.

Scoops on Buddon Links course

J Gilbert asked what the position was with regard to scoops at the ponds on the new holes of the Buddon Links course. C Boath advised that there are no scoops at the existing ponds on the 9th and 11th holes. After discussions the committee agreed that there was no need for scoops at the ponds, only at the burns.

Tree at 9th Hole, Championship Course

J Gilbert enquired to why this tree had been removed. C Boath advised that the tree was split and a danger to the public.

Dogs on the Courses

J Gilbert advised that a meeting has been organised next week with Andy Nicholson in regards to the dogs on the Courses policy.

Solar Panels Report by C Boath

J Gilbert enquired to whether C Boath had produced this report. C Boath advised that he is currently working on it. J Gilbert advised that C Boath has the authority to seek a consultants help.

A McCartney enquired to why solar panels were not used on the new toilet block. He was advised that the Architect had said that there was not enough roof space for the number of panels required to power the building.

Pin Position - 13th Hole Championship Course, Sunday 9th February

W Thompson advised that this pin was right on the back left of the green, 3ft from the edge. He suggested that it was excessive. C Boath advised that the whole area of the green needs to be used, especially in the winter, but in future, it will not be made this difficult. J Gilbert agreed with C Boath, but advised that the holes need to be playable.

Pitchmarks

L Gordon advised that there are many pitchmarks on the courses which are not being repaired by players. She enquired to whether signs could be erected advising players to replace pitchmarks. P Sawers suggested that a notice be sent out to the clubs. J Gilbert suggested that the Rangers, Head Greenkeepers and CGLMC Ltd staff be advised that they have the authority to enforce the rules that players must repair their pitchmarks. G Duncan advised that this will be reiterated to the staff.

Championship Course Winter Play

C Boath enquired to whether the committee were happy with the decision to retain the normal layout for winter play. The committee agreed that the normal layout had worked well. P Sawers advised that there is a lot of wear coming onto the 3rd tee. C Boath advised that this is due to spraying of the area to remove ryegrass.

Gate at Burnside Carpark

A McCartney advised that when coming off the course at the 14th hole, signs direct golfers to the Burnside car park via a gate that is chained up (to discourage dog walkers from coming onto the course). He suggested that the signage be changed to take golfers to the car park another way. The committee agreed.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1930 hours.