

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Committee Room  
at 20 Links Parade on Monday 13 October 2014**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), I Frier, G Paton, P Sawers, L Gordon, C Yule,  
W Thompson, A McCartney

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head  
Greenkeeper, Championship Course)

Meeting began 1900 hours.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Links Superintendent's Report**

J Gilbert supported A Reid in his recommendation that the two new holes of the Buddon Links be closed over the winter in order to rest them.

After discussion, it was agreed it would be better to provide a 16 hole circuit, with the holes retaining their full length, rather than split two holes to make 18 holes.

That proposal would normally be approved at Full Board but due to the timing constraints, it was agreed that the Greens Committee could make this the formal decision.

W Thompson said that from the last Full Meeting, it had been the view of the directors that drinking fountains should be upgraded so that they were of a standard expected at a venue like Carnoustie. The Committee agreed with this and asked A Reid to investigate various options and come back with proposals.

**3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

C Boath described the two areas which he would like to introduce into the Operation Pollinator Programme and referred the directors to the map that he had included in his report.

The directors felt these were both excellent locations and agreed to recommend that they be given over to Operation Pollination project. C Boath also explained that he would be getting in touch with the local school eco groups (Burnside Primary, Woodlands Primary and Carologie Primary) to help out with the overseeding of these areas. This would be an ongoing project as the children would return to see if they could identify any wild flowers growing in the locations. The directors also felt this was an excellent initiative and agreed to recommend all of these points to the Full Board.

J Gilbert asked about the tining of greens on the Burnside to ensure that the holes were not of a size that would remain throughout the winter and into next season. A Reid said there were small tines which would be repaired by top dressing.

#### **4. S T R I Agronomy Report**

J Gilbert said that once again this was an absolutely first class report and congratulated the Links Superintendent, Head Greenkeeper Championship and all the greenkeepers for the excellent work that had gone into producing the course at this standard.

This was supported by all members of the Greens Committee.

#### **5. Dunhill Tees**

J Gilbert asked if it would be possible to retain the tees used for the Dunhill Links competition on the Sunday following the event in order that Season Ticket Holders could play from the same tees as the professional players. A Reid said this would be no problem and could be implemented for next season.

J Gilbert also asked about the positioning of the ladies tees for the Dunhill Links because he had received comments that the course was too long for lady golfers. P Sawers said that she had not heard any complaints either from Dunhill competitors or from local lady golfers with regard to the length of the ladies' course on the Championship. She accepted it was a difficult golf course but this was part of the challenge which the lady golfers enjoyed.

J Gilbert said he had raised the point because it had been brought his attention but he was quite happy to leave the course unchanged.

#### **6. Any Other Competent Business**

J Gilbert asked G Duncan for a report on the work done following the energy audit and any improvements which had been achieved, G Duncan said that electricity use had been reduced by 4% and the cost by 7% over the last 12 months although cost was not necessarily an indicator of improved performance.

Usage of gas in the Golf Centre had been down 2% with a similar 2% cost reduction and as yet there had been no reduction in water usage but that was still being worked on.

J Gilbert asked G Duncan to ensure that the course closure dates had been sent round all the golf clubs so they were aware of those dates for the winter.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19.30 hours.