

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting  
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

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

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

Meeting began 1900 hours

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Links Superintendents Report**

J Gilbert said that the area at the Burnside starter's box looks much better now that the rockery is removed. The committee agreed.

J Gilbert advised that he hoped the Willow cut off's at the 5<sup>th</sup> hole will not be removed by vandals as was done before.

**3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

Championship Course

J Gilbert enquired to the work being carried out on the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway. C Boath advised that sand was being added to raise the fairway, reducing flooding risk.

Burnside Course

In regards to the removal of the marked trees, J Gilbert asked that this be postponed until the Environmental meeting in early December. A Reid advised that it was not planned that this work would take place this month anyway, it was only in the forecast as a note for the coming months.

L Gordon advised that in her opinion, it was an excellent idea to form a mound at the back of the 17<sup>th</sup> green to reduce the risk of flooding. P Sawers advised that it had been suggested that this would improve drainage.

A Reid advised that the vertidrainage may start earlier than the course closing if machines become available. There will be a little disruption to play. J Gilbert advised that this has already been approved as winter works.

Buddon Links Course

In regards to the removal of the 5 trees on the left hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> hole, J Gilbert asked that this be postponed until confirmation has been sought from Fred Connacher that these Birch trees need thinning. The committee agreed that if approval is received from Fred Connacher, J Gilbert can visit the site and approve on behalf of the Committee.

**4. 1<sup>st</sup> Hole Buddon Links**

A Reid circulated a sketch of the proposed area to be used. J Gilbert suggested that A Reid liaise with C

Sinclair to produce detailed plans. The committee are also welcome to contribute ideas. G Wilson advised that it has been discussed previously that this site may be too close to the public right of way. It was hoped that as this area has always been used for golf and is now to be used for shorter shots rather than tee shots, it would be safer rather than more dangerous. Angus Council and the R&A will be contacted to ask their opinion of the works. The area will be risk assessed using the PGA templates. A Reid advised that there will be no structural change to the area, only the cutting definition will change.

P Sawers enquired to where the practice nets would be situated. She was advised that they will be placed on the grass between the Golf Centre and the beach.

G Wilson asked that both the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and practice net area be marked out with paint.

A McCartney enquired to the committee's position should there be an objection. C Yule advised that no planning permissions were required. Should a public complaint be placed, the committee will deal with it appropriately at the time. The committee agreed that A Reid and C Sinclair produce proposals for the next Greens committee meeting for discussions.

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

J Gilbert advised that the Burnside Greens are the best he has ever seen them at this time of the year. The committee agreed.

J Gilbert asked that in regards to the temporary greens, the proper procedures be followed for de-icing paths. This will be the same as last year.

A Reid advised that the normal 3<sup>rd</sup> green on the Burnside course will be used, as opposed to the winter green, in the winter if there is a hard frost.

A Reid advised that the work being carried out at the west end of the practice ground is by DJ Laing. They are fine screening the soil that has been removed from the new holes which will be used on the rest of the courses over the coming year or more. The re-using of this soil will produce a saving on both compost and sand purchases for the next year.

L Gordon enquired to the plans for the waste ground at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole of the Buddon Links course. A Reid advised that it is currently being used to store waste from the course, and this will then be levelled and then turfed. The Commonwealth Games organisers will be using this ground next year.

J Gilbert advised that there are no markers on the tees to tell the distance or stroke index on the Buddon Links. A Reid said this would be dealt with this week. A Reid is to chase up the standard scratch score for the Buddon Links course. G Duncan advised that the course guides and score cards are ready to be ordered, once the standard scratch has been confirmed. G Duncan advised that the company who normally provide the course guides have gone out of business, and another supplier is being sought currently.

A Reid advised that he has been in contact with Carnoustie Canine Capers who are currently trying to promote responsible dog ownership. They have produced a leaflet in conjunction with A Reid. He advised that they would like to hand out these leaflets, but they could be left in a holder at the starters box etc also. The committee will look over this leaflet and amend or approve at the next Greens committee meeting. This is a way in which CGLMC Ltd can be seen to be proactive in promoting responsible dog walking on the course. A Reid will circulate the leaflet to Greens committee members.

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C Boath advised that inserts were placed in the holes of the Championship course at the weekend to protect them after vertidrainning, and he asked for feedback from the committee to whether they were noticeable.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1925 hours.

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