

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting  
held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

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

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent),  
S Mitchell (Buddon Links Head Greenkeeper).

Meeting began 1900 hours.

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Links Superintendents Report**

Mound at 4<sup>th</sup> Tee

J Gilbert suggest that the lowered mound beside the 4<sup>th</sup> green looks a little odd. A Reid advised that it is still to be completed and will eventually be covered with some rough turf.

L Gordon enquired to why the mound was lowered, A Reid advised that this was to improve the traffic flow. J Gilbert added that the turf in this area was bad. The two bunkers in this area will be connected into the lowered mound. G Wilson advised that this will give spectators better views. J Gilbert commented that this type of work was successful on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, but is less successful on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole. A Reid advised that these amendments will spread footfall more successfully.

Buddon Links and Burnside Works

J Gilbert advised that the raising of the bank on the Burnside course looks good, along with the work at the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> holes of the Buddon Links course, in particular the contours.

12<sup>th</sup> Tee Burnside

A McCartney enquired to whether the rough on the temporary winter 12<sup>th</sup> tee of the Burnside course could be smoothed or a mat be laid. A Reid advised that all works on this area should be complete by Christmas, and the committee agreed that there would be no need for any improvement work for such a short period of time.

Mats missing from Championship Course

It was advised that there are mats missing from some of the par 3 holes on the Championship course, in particular the 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. A Reid advised that there is enough turf at the 8<sup>th</sup> hole to leave the mats off, but will put one out on the 13<sup>th</sup> tee.

Links Superintendent's Trip to Germany

A Reid advised that he had an informative trip to Germany. He advised that CGLMC Ltd do not currently stock any items by the supplier he went to visit, but it was good to see their range and meet their representatives. They will be a company to keep in mind for the future.

### **3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

#### Championship Course

J Gilbert suggested that all works were routine and have been approved by the Greens Sub-Committee and full board previously.

#### Burnside Course

J Gilbert enquired to whether the Burnside course was the only one still doing verti-draining. A Reid advised that it was the only one as it is running slightly late due to frost over the past few weeks.

G Wilson suggested that the sentence 'Rake weed from burn' be amended to 'Scrape weed from burn'.

The recommended trees to be removed from the 16<sup>th</sup> hole will be discussed at the next Environmental meeting before being removed.

J Gilbert enquired to how the work at the new toilets was progressing. A Reid advised that work started last week and there will hopefully not be much disruption to play. The committee agreed that a little disruption was understandable. The joiner will be on site in January to start the structural works.

#### Buddon Links Course

J Gilbert noted that the changes to the course look extremely good. He advised that a representative from the Scottish Golf Environment Group visited the course and was impressed.

P Sawers enquired to what leaning trees were to be removed. S Mitchell advised that they are all young trees from the nursery area.

K Sampson enquired to how many holes were having the irrigation upgraded. He was advised that from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> holes will be upgraded.

J Gilbert enquired to when the sprinkler heads would have the yardages put on them. S Mitchell advised that some have already been done but all of them will be replaced when all of the sprinkler works have been completed so that one large order can be made.

S Mitchell advised that he was pleased with how the winter works were going and is particularly happy with the 10<sup>th</sup> hole.

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

The plans drawn up by A Reid and C Sinclair were viewed by the Committee.

P Sawers enquired to the yardages of the holes, and she was advised they were mostly between 50-70yds, but the 4<sup>th</sup> hole will be around 40yds.

G Wilson ask for confirmation that there would be no mounding. A Reid agreed.

G Wilson enquired to whether the area would be turfed, or whether there would be any artificial surfaces. A Reid advised that the whole area would be turf initially, but this would be monitored and artificial services could be laid if necessary. There is more flexibility with grass.

P Sawers enquired to whether this area would be available for visitors to use. The committee agreed as per

discussions at the last full meeting that it would only be for use by Juniors. Visitors will be allowed to use the old 1<sup>st</sup> green for practice. This green will have 3-4 flags.

J Gilbert asked for a reminder of why the nets were to be moved. A Reid advised that in his opinion it would give a better traffic flow onto the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, plus would improve the welcoming vista onto the course. These nets would play towards the golf centre.

G Wilson enquired to whether a sign would be erected to advise that the warm up area is only for junior use. It was agreed that a system would need to be put in place where the flags could be put out when the area is open. Players would be advised that it is for junior use.

K Sampson enquired to whether a junior would have to be a season ticket holder or club member to use the area. He was advised that this is not a requirement. K Sampson advised that Gullane and North Berwick both have similar junior areas and they are well used.

P Sawers enquired to whether the practice nets will be more exposed to the weather in their new positions. A Reid advised that they may be a little more exposed, but he has new nets to put on once they have been moved.

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

### Dog Walkers

A Reid presented to the committee the updated Canine Capers leaflet. He advised that Angus Council are also keen to come on board with this document and may even help fund the printing / distribution of it.

J Gilbert advised that there is a problem with dog walkers not keeping control of their dogs on the courses. He advised that this will be discussed at the next Environment committee meeting and suggested that some directors could help support this through their other roles in the community.

C Yule suggested that the rules of dog waking on the course should be stressed in this leaflet. P Sawers agreed and advised that enforcement of these rules need to be undertaken.

K Sampson enquired to what time of the day the problem is worst, and he was advised that it is bad all day, but early morning was the worst.

G Duncan advised that if the committee or CGLMC Ltd were aware of a particular Season Ticket holder who was breaking the rules specified on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, CGLMC Ltd would have the right not to renew their Season Ticket. Although this would be quite a severe step, it was the only sanction that was available. P Sawers suggested that this would have to be publicised before going ahead due to PR reasons. P Sawers asked whether photographic evidence was required to report someone breaking the SOAC rules, and she was advised that only a witness is required.

A McCartney enquired to whether a dog who picks up and runs off with a golf ball is technically stealing, A Reid advised from the flyer that this is classed as interfering with play and technically is breaking the SOAC rules.

S Mitchell suggested that the Rangers should be asked to police these dog walkers, and it was also suggested that they be given the Canine Capers leaflets to hand out.

After discussions, the committee agreed to discuss this further at the Environment committee meeting then at the full meeting. It was then proposed that Angus Council and CGLMC Ltd directors will be asked for support.

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Rangers will be given the responsibility of approaching dog walkers and advising them of the rules and the threat of non-renewal of Season Tickets could be used.

A Reid thanked the committee for their support and investment in machinery and winter works over the past year. He also thanked all staff and advised that the courses are in great condition with the winter works starting well.

J Gilbert then thanked the committee for their work over the past year and advised that he was sorry to see G Wilson step down from the committee, as he has been a great help over the years.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 19.40 hours.

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