

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting
held at 20 Links Parade Office on Monday 20th May 2013**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens convenor), G Wilson, A McCartney, P Sawers

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

1. Apologies

S Brown, L Gordon, C Yule.

2. Links Superintendents Report

J Gilbert enquired to whether Grant Moir of the R&A highlighted any Local Rules that need to be changed on his visit to the course. A Reid advised that he was visiting to give a presentation on hazards and refereeing. This was mainly a talk on technical points and was very beneficial.

G Wilson advised the committee that he has witnessed players chipping balls at the area between the Golf Centre and the Black Slab. He has already asked the tee head starter to advise players not to use this ground, but suggested that a sign be erected also. J Gilbert enquired to whether this ground belonged to CGLMC Ltd, he was advised that it does. A Reid suggested that he would like to place flag poles in this area to suggest an 'entrance' to the course. P Sawers suggested that these poles would have to be easily dismantled. A Reid advised that the poles can be dismantled and are not particularly expensive, but the flags can be an ongoing cost. After discussions, the committee agreed to erect a sign advising players not to play off of this ground. The committee will consider a flag pole for the future.

A Reid advised that he would like to place some large stones at the entrance to the area discussed above, next to the Black Slab, to discourage people driving over the grass. He suggested that they would be in-keeping with the stone used on the Golf Centre. The committee agreed to place the stones in the short term, but in the long term the whole area needs looked at as it is becoming untidy.

J Gilbert advised that in his opinion, the new mounds at the right of the 9th hole Championship are a great improvement. A Reid advised that work is still ongoing on these mounds.

3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship Course

A Reid advised that the work will start on the 1st tee starters' box on Monday. A digger will be working in the back corner. The committee agreed that they were glad the work was going ahead, but it was a shame that it was not happening out of season. P Sawers enquired to how long this work is likely to take. A Reid advised that DB Christie had estimated 6 weeks, but in his opinion, this is being over cautious. A Reid is meeting with D Wren tomorrow and will clarify then. He will ask that the work widening the gate in the wall behind the 18th green Championship be worked on at the same time as the 1st hole.

It was enquired to why the drainage at the 10th hole cannot be done in the winter. A Reid advised that the water table needs to be at its lowest, therefore it needs to be done in the summer months. This work will mainly take place in the rough, and it may need to be done in stages. It will not be particularly disruptive to play.

Burnside Course

J Gilbert enquired to the size of the sold tines. C Law advised that they were 6mm pencil tines and they should disappear after 2 days.

J Gilbert advised that the deep coring in low lying areas lasted for a lengthy period the last time they were done. C Law advised that the planned work is using much smaller holes and will not be nearly as disruptive to play.

In regards to raking the weeds out of the burn at the 3rd and 4th holes, J Gilbert advised that he was under the impression that J Riddell was going to be carrying this work out. C Law advised that J Riddell will be maintaining the burns, but in the first instance a few staff are required to clear the initial batch of weeds.

Buddon Course

The greens will be over-seeded, but this will only encompass certain sections of greens which require the work. The areas around the greens will also be seeded.

The disc seeding will only be done in one direction, which reduces the impact on play.

A Reid asked for committee approval for S Mitchell to close the Practice Green until 1.00pm to carry out intense maintenance. The committee agreed as it is an important feature and this area needs to be looked after.

4. Summary of STRI Visits

A Reid and C Law both agreed that R Windows was very happy with both the Championship and Burnside course conditions.

A Reid advised that there are a few issues on the Burnside course that have to be dealt with and some bespoke treatments will be carried out to individual greens.

A Reid advised that the next two STRI visits are due to take place on the Buddon Links course. He suggested that in future, the Buddon Links and Burnside courses should be visited alternately but tests taken on both courses every time. This would incur an extra charge of £500.00 per visit for the tests. G Duncan advised that this can be managed within the budget. The committee then agreed that as long as the budget allowed, A Reid should set up what he feels is the best arrangement with R Windows.

GEO

A Reid advised that he still needs to receive a map to go along with the spreadsheet covering the tree policy. J Gilbert said that CGLMC Ltd should have a map and G Duncan undertook to source a copy for Dr Bob Taylor. J Gilbert suggested that Dr Taylor be given the Energy Report recently carried out on the Golf Centre. A Reid advised that he has not had a chance to find out how other courses are getting on with the GEO, but he will be meeting people in the near future. A Reid advised that CGLMC Ltd need to improve their record keeping as the GEO requires 2 years of information available to hand. He advised that this information is available, but takes some work to compile it. An accreditation will be awarded to the course, and then it is CGLMC Ltd's job to maintain and improve on it.

J Gilbert enquired to whether A Reid is willing to enter Carnoustie into the STRI awards. A Reid advised that Dr Taylor has suggested that an entry should be made for the 'Operation Pollinator' project. A Reid will organise this. It was advised that even if Carnoustie don't win, the scheme will get recognition.

5. Any Other Competent Business

J Gilbert advised that S Brown had originally suggested that the area between the 10th and 11th holes on the Championship course should be GUR. J Gilbert then advised that he had discussed this with S Brown on the course and they had agreed that the area does not need to be GUR as it is in the rough. This area is improving quickly.

It was enquired to whether G Duncan had been in touch with David May of Angus Council. G Duncan advised that he had contacted Mr May, but has not had a reply.

The whole area, including the lake, at the right hand side of the 12th hole on the Buddon Links course will be GUR. A notice will be placed at the 12th tee.

J Gilbert advised that the new Buddon Links course needs to be assessed for Standard Scratch this year. It was advised that the SGU course assessors are visiting the Championship course on Monday and will be asked to arrange a date for reviewing the Buddon Links. CGLMC Ltd will have to decide where the tees are to be placed before this visit.

J Gilbert advised that the flag information for the short holes on the Championship course is out of date as it still shows the green course. A Reid advised that replacements are being produced by Prime Signs in Carnoustie. He is awaiting their arrival and will chase them up.

A Reid is to pass on to C Law, R Reyner's comments in regards to the trip hazard caused by mats discussed at the previous full meeting.

Confirmation has just been received from SEPA that the repair works on the bridge at the car park can go ahead. This work will now commence.

A Reid proposed to the committee that the current practice nets be repositioned to behind the Golf Centre. He also asked for a short game area to be considered as an attachment to the existing putting green, which would all be enclosed behind a fence. P Sawers enquired to whether this would require Planning Permission. She was advised that it would not require it as it is a temporary structure. After discussions, the committee agreed that in the interim, new nets should be placed on the practice nets to tidy them up. The whole area will be considered further down the line along with the other works being carried out in this area in spring 2014.

A Reid advised that there is a problem with visitors standing almost on the first tee of the Championship course prior to play. He suggested that a small fence with removable panels be erected in this area to discourage visitors from spilling out onto the course. It was agreed that a fence may be too intrusive in this area. A Reid advised that the teehead starters' box and the Hogan sign are to be erected in this area very soon, and perhaps this will be enough to discourage players from the tee. The committee then agreed that the area should be trialled with the Hogan sign and the box to see if this helps. The tee head starter will also be asked to advise players to stay off of the tee. This will be reviewed in due course.

A Reid showed the committee before and after sketches of the proposed changes to the 1st tee Burnside rockery removal. It was advised that putting green size will be made very slightly smaller and moved but will still have the same amount of holes. It was advised that the R&A would prefer this layout as they would not have to put their equipment on the green, meaning less repair fees for damage. The pavier blocks would be in-keeping with the 1st hole and would not be as stark as the tarmac. The tee would be re-angled slightly to reduce any risks from a bad shot off the tee. The committee agreed to recommend the plans, and asked that the work will be included in the coming year's winter works.

A Reid advised that the old tee markers are now advertised on the website. A list of the stones that are available, and the ones that have already been sold has been issued.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1940 hours.