

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Present: J Gilbert (Convenor), P Sawers, L Gordon, G Paton, C Yule,  
I Frier

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

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

**1. Apologies**

W Thompson, A McArtney

**2. Links Superintendent's Report**

J Gilbert said that the work on the 7<sup>th</sup> Burnside and the 11<sup>th</sup> Championship had been very good and asked A Reid to pass on their thanks to Steven Sutherland.

J Gilbert asked how many man hours were still required for work to be carried out outside the Golf Centre. A Reid was unsure but said that it was less work than initially thought. J Gilbert asked A Reid to provide details in his next report.

**3. Winter Work Updates**

**Championship**

J Gilbert said that the removal of the Astroturf path from the 12<sup>th</sup> tee was a great improvement.

C Boath said that a successful visit took place at Burnside school and that the children would be on site in mid April. He would speak to F Mann for the coaching set up and he would let the PR convenor know the date so that a report could be provided for the press.

### **Burnside**

J Gilbert commented that the Burnside greens had been superb all winter.

A Reid asked that due to the work around the 17<sup>th</sup> green area, the temporary green could be retained in full time use until the end of March.

J Gilbert agreed that this was sensible and the committee approved it.

J Gilbert then asked about the positioning of the 18<sup>th</sup> tee and whether it could be moved to the side of the 1<sup>st</sup> green so that the hole could be retained as a par 4. A Reid thought it may be too close to the 1st green.

J Gilbert agreed but asked A Reid to have a look and see if there are any options available.

### **Buddon**

J Gilbert pointed out that the gorse removal and new plants described in the Environmental section should say LHS of the 4<sup>th</sup> green not RHS.

J Gilbert commented that the new tees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> holes were excellent.

### **4. Plans for 16<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Burnside**

J Gilbert confirmed that the project to re-site the 16<sup>th</sup> green and rebuild the 3<sup>rd</sup> green had already been approved by the full committee.

He asked A Reid to provide a short description on how this would be carried out.

A Reid said that the most effective way of carrying out both of these projects is to build the new 16<sup>th</sup> green first (this coming winter) and sow it with grass seed so that when it has been brought into play (sometime in summer 2017) we can then use the turf from the current 16<sup>th</sup> green on the new 3<sup>rd</sup> green and have it playable in the spring after laying. The turf on the current 3<sup>rd</sup> green is not of good enough quality to re-use. Both greens will require a good few hundred tonnes of good quality sand both in the sub-base and in the root zone and the best sand for this can only really be found on the links. We have options for sourcing it but this would be for discussion at a later date.

He also stated that it would be the intention to start clearing an area on the site of the new 16<sup>th</sup> green this spring in order to store the excess sand, which is of the appropriate quality, from the excavations around the Golf Centre as it is not a good look to have it sitting next to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the Buddon all season.

J Gilbert said it would be useful to retain the original green as this would allow the new green to be rested over the winter following construction.

J Gilbert said that M Ebert would be used to design the new greens.

## **5. Imlay Bridges**

A Reid referred to the plan which had been circulated around the committee. G Paton asked about the height of the bridges which he felt might be too high. A Reid explained that the measurement shown on the plan was 750mm from the bottom but this means it is only 450mm from where you are walking. I Frier asked if they were similar to the ones on the 10<sup>th</sup> Championship. A Reid confirmed that they would be the typical shape of the Imlay bridges but the ones on the 18<sup>th</sup> would be slightly lower. The R&A have confirmed that there are no rules issues with the new bridges. J Gilbert confirmed that approval had been given already for the construction of these bridges and that A Reid should proceed with obtaining planning permission.

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

### Opening of Courses for Summer Play

J Gilbert asked about the date for course opening for summer play. G Duncan said that a request had been received to play the full course on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, so the intention would be to open a day earlier than normal. It was agreed to open all the courses on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. J Gilbert asked that this information be circulated to all the clubs along with the tee rotations for the year.

### New Buddon Cards

J Gilbert asked if the new cards for the Buddon Links with the changed stroke index would be available for the start of the new season. G Duncan said that these had been ordered.

### GUR Areas

J Gilbert asked A Reid if there were any GUR areas on any of the courses at the start of the season. A Reid said that there would be on the left of the 10<sup>th</sup> Championship and there would be drop zones in the semi rough if needed. Also, right of the 17/18<sup>th</sup> Championship.

### Course Guides

J Gilbert asked what the position was with the course guides.  
G Duncan said that an aerial survey had been completed. A Reid said there was still GPS work to be done. J Gilbert asked that, between the Golf

Services Manager, Links Superintendent and General Manager, that this matter be progressed.

### Felling Licence

A Reid confirmed that the felling licence had been applied for and we would be given a 5 month window next winter for the removal of the trees on the 9<sup>th</sup> Championship.

### Sanding and Gorse Cutting

J Gilbert reaffirmed to A Reid and C Boath that sanding could take place until 2 weeks prior to the courses opening. Also that gorse cutting must cease from the 1<sup>st</sup> March due to nesting birds.

### Breeding Bird Survey

J Gilbert confirmed that A Nicolson had been in touch with the Angus & Dundee bird club to carry out a breeding bird survey.

### Winter Local Rules

J Gilbert asked G Paton to review the winter local rules.

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

