

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the
CGLMC Ltd Office on Monday 19th January 2015**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), L Gordon, G Paton, C Yule, I Frier,
A McArtney.

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

Meeting began at 1855 hours.

Apologies

P Sawers, W Thompson.

2. Links Superintendent's Report

J Gilbert said he would discuss water fountains as a separate agenda item.

A Reid said that he, C Boath and A McRae had been invited by Hunter Irrigation to attend the Golf Industry Show at San Antonio, Texas in late February. The trip will also include a visit to the Hunter Irrigation factory to view the latest irrigation equipment, research and development.

3. Maintenance Forecasts (Winter works update)

Championship Course

J Gilbert said that the winter works were progressing well.

A Reid said that the work had been very labour intensive and therefore bunker maintenance had been slightly delayed. However work would start very shortly.

J Gilbert asked for an update on the work at 4th Burnside/10th Championship.

A Reid said that the job was almost ready for turfing.

Burnside

J Gilbert commented that the changes to the bunkers on the 4th and 15th were very much in keeping with the rest of the course, similar to the work on the 2nd hole last year.

J Gilbert also commented that the Burnside greens last Friday were as fast and true as he'd ever played during a winter period.

Buddon Links

J Gilbert queried where the gorse removal was happening on the 4th green.
A Reid said that the report should read LHS instead of RHS.

G Paton said that the 4th tee extension seemed to be very close to the 3rd green.
A Reid said that he understood the point raised but felt that when the area is turfed it wouldn't look so close.

A Reid said that work on the 10th green was now complete however he asked that the work to lower the 12th green be postponed until next winter. He explained that the turf was not mature enough to lift as the green had been seeded. Another 12 months would allow the turf to mature properly.
The sub-committee agreed that this was a sensible approach and endorsed the request to delay the work until next year.

4. Water Fountains

A Reid described the 3 alternatives that he had detailed in his report.
After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend option 2 at a cost of £1199 per fountain.
A Reid confirmed that this option had a bottle filling capability and was more sturdy, has frost proof capabilities and was metal and dark green in colour.
There would be 5 fountains replaced and the total cost going forward for approval would be £5995 plus vat.

5. Trees Left Side 9th Championship

J Gilbert said that 39 trees have been marked for removal on the left hand side on the 9th Championship. This work has been supported by Dr Bob Taylor of STRI and Fred Connacher from Angus Council.

J Gilbert asked A Reid to run over the greenkeeping reasons for this work for the benefit of the committee.

A Reid said the removal would allow more daylight through to the 6th Buddon Links, greater air movement which would help the 9th Championship and a reduction in the amount of pine needles on the ground.

J Gilbert said that this work would assist with the long term plans for this area which were to have more indigenous species such as Rowan and Scots Pine.

The committee agreed to recommend this work for approval.

J Gilbert said if this work was approved, a felling licence would need to be applied for. Therefore this work would not take place until next winter.

J Gilbert said that the trees were marked if any of the committee members wished to view the area.

6. Any Other Competent Business

J Gilbert advised the committee that he had met with the General Manager and the Links Superintendent and had agreed an environment budget for next year. He also stated that it would be the intention to construct the new 16th green Burnside next winter. He said this work had already been approved but he would like to recommend that Martin Ebert be asked to design the new green and also review the 3rd green Burnside. The committee agreed to recommend that Martin Ebert be employed for this work.

There being no other competent business, the meeting was then closed at 1915 hours.