

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting held in the Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday
11 May 2015**

Present: P Sawers (Chairman), W Thompson (Vice Chairman), G Murray,
L Gordon, G Paton, J Gilbert, J McLeish, A McKeown, A McArtney,
H Oswald, W Bowles, I Frier, A McColgan

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent),
C McLeod (Golf Services Manager)

Meeting began 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

C Yule, R Gillespie

2. Any Additional Agenda Items

There were none

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none

4. Approval of Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Meeting of Monday 13 April 2015

Approved: G Murray

Seconded: A McKeown

a) Matters Arising Therefrom

Golf Centre Development

P Sawers provided an update on the two meetings she had had with officers of Angus Council.

She said she had met with Moira Naulty, Public Relations Manager, and also with Alan Hunter of the Planning Department.

She referred the trustees to the two papers which had been supplied to the meeting and said these described in detail the discussions that had taken place.

She advised that the trustees should consider whether to now make a formal planning application as the next stage of the project.

J Gilbert said that these decisions could have significant impact on golf in Carnoustie for the next 50 years and therefore it was important to take the appropriate amount of time before coming to a decision as to what to do.

A McKeown pointed out that landlords consent was different from planning permission and that both would be required. It was a different process in each case.

H Oswald asked that due consideration should be given to the work which was currently being undertaken outside the golf centre and that any modifications would not impact on the improvements which were in the process of being completed.

W Thompson said it was extremely important that a detailed feasibility study be carried out to ensure that all aspects, including financial sustainability, were properly investigated.

The trustees agreed that further discussion should take place at the major projects meeting of May 25 and a recommendation should come forward from that meeting which would be considered at the June full meeting.

5. Greens Business

a) Approval of Minutes of Greens Meeting of Monday 20 April 2015

Approved: A McArtney

Seconded: I Frier

b) Matters Arising Therefrom

Burnside closure

J Gilbert brought forward the recommendation from the greens meeting that the Burnside course would not open for play until 8.30am on one Monday and one Wednesday a month. He asked A Reid to expand upon the reasons for this proposal.

A Reid said that the reasons were covered in the greens minute and explained that increased amount of play on the Burnside early in the morning was causing difficulty for the greenkeepers in carrying out specific jobs.

P Sawers said she thought it was too soon after introducing the 2 course season ticket to be considering a change of this nature. J Gilbert asked for clarification on the rounds played on the Burnside since the introduction of the 2 course season ticket. C McLeod said there would appear to be no significant increase however there was play very early in the morning. A Reid said this was the significant factor as it was not the number of golfers but the time when the first group of golfers caught up the greenkeeping staff that was the issue. He also said that on a number of occasions golfers would cut over, primarily from the 1st hole to the 5th hole, which meant they came upon the greenkeeping staff even earlier.

Following discussions the trustees agreed that

1. The Burnside course would not open for play until 8am on one Monday and one Wednesday a month. Dates would be specified by the Links Superintendent well in advance to inform the season ticket holders.

2. Signs would be erected on the Burnside advising golfers playing before 9am that it was not permissible to cut across the course missing out holes.

Water Fountain

J Gilbert asked for an update on the new water fountains which were to be installed on the courses. A Reid said that, due to a strike by port authority workers in the United States, the fountains had not left the USA on time. They were now at sea and were expected to arrive in this country on 14 May.

It was agreed that in the meantime 2 temporary fountains should be put out so that water was available as soon as possible.

Course Protection prior to the Amateur Championship.

A Reid said he has discussed course protection with other venues and a method using course mats had been deemed to work well. A Reid explained that a number of mats were scattered in the landing zone area of holes which were designated as requiring protection. The player then used the nearest mat to his or her ball and then left the mat for the next group.

Queries were raised as to whether this would allow competitions for handicap adjustment to be played. G Paton advised that a mat was in fact designated as a preferred lie, so as long as the appropriate dispensation was obtained from Angus County Golf Association, then handicap adjustments could be made.

6. Finance Business

a) Approval of Minutes of Finance Meeting of Monday 27 April 2015

Approved: A McKeown

Seconded: P Sawers

b) Matters Arising Therefrom

G Murray asked for approval that the visitor green fee for the Championship course be increased from £160 to £165 for the 2016/17 season and that the fees for other courses shown on the price proposal report were also to be approved.

The trustees agreed to approve the recommended increases

7. Pro Shop Business

There was none

8. Major Projects Business

There was none

9. Tournament Business

A McCartney advised the trustees of the winner of the PGA 4 ball event which took place over the Buddon Links. He said that the professional golfers involved were very complimentary about the course condition and that an email had been received from Ronan Rafferty thanking the organisers for hosting the event.

A McCartney gave details of the Cant Cup competition, he said 122 players had taken part and he gave details of the winners of the Cant Cup and the handicap award.

A McCartney said he was pleased to see a significant increase in the entry for the ladies links tournament for 2015.

10. PR Business

L Gordon asked the trustees for permission to make a formal announcement on the charitable applications position and this was approved.

L Gordon said an information sheet on the impact of the British Amateur to season ticket holders had been produced and would be posted on the website with copies in the starter's box and golf clubs.

She said a letter had been produced which would be sent to local residents advising them of any traffic restrictions which would be in place.

11. Season Ticket Business

There was none

12. Environment Business

J Gilbert said the Dundee and Angus Bird Club were currently undertaking the bird survey and would report in due course.

13. Charitable Applications Business

H Oswald said the PR convener was dealing with the statement advising the public of the charitable applications program.

14. General Managers Report

Tom Watson

G Duncan advised the trustees of the wording which had been approved by Tom Watson's management company with regard to a plaque on the 16th, Championship. It was confirmed by the trustees that this was approved.

External Work at the Golf Centre

G Duncan said some finishing work remains to be done on the road surfacing for the entrance road and this work had commenced on May 11. It would take approximately 2 weeks.

Commemorative Stone

G Duncan said that the ceremony took place on April 25 and was very well attended. A letter has been received from the British Legion thanking the trustees for all their help and co-operation.

Amateur Championship 2015

G Duncan said a full meeting had taken place with the R&A which had covered all the areas of the Championship.

A course review had also taken place when Peter Unsworth and Grant Moir of the R&A walked the course with J Gilbert, A Reid & C Boath. Course review notes had been produced and J Gilbert confirmed the R&A were delighted with the condition of the golf course.

W Thompson said he would like to review the Risk Register, as he felt some improvements and adjustments were required. A McKeown said he would discuss this with Janine Wilson and see if she was able to assist.

15. Golf Services Manager Report

Season Ticket Update

C McLeod reported on the season ticket movement for this year.

Golf World Top 100

C McLeod reported that the Championship course had maintained its position at no.6 and that the Burnside course had moved up 26 places to no.64. He also informed the trustees that the Buddon Links is on the next 100 courses list and that this information will be shown in the next edition of the Golf World.

16. Companies House Matters

There were no Company House Matters.

17. Health and Safety

There were no Health and Safety Matters to report.

Meeting ended 20:00