

**Minutes of CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting Held in the Committee Room at 20 Links Parade on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.**

**Present:** J Gilbert (Convenor), W Thompson, L Gordon, I Frier, A McArtney, G Paton, C Yule

**In Attendance:** A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head Greenkeeper Championship)

Meeting began at 1855 hours

**1. Apologies**

P Sawers

**2. Links Superintendent's Report**

J Gilbert explained that he was in complete agreement with A Reid regarding his proposal to commence the summer season on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. He had spoken to C McLeod who said that the financial impact would be negligible.

J Gilbert agreed to recommend to the full board that:-

i) The summer season commences on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

J Gilbert asked A Reid if he had tried to increase the pressure on the drinking fountains. A Reid explained that they had tried bypassing the pressure regulator but the water had come out far too much and missed the bowl completely. G Paton said that the one on the 15<sup>th</sup> was fine and A Reid said that the one on the 13<sup>th</sup> has poor pressure anyway.

J Gilbert asked if A McRae can have a look at the one on the 13<sup>th</sup> and report back.

W Thompson explained that after the work done on the Burnside last month the experience on it wasn't good. It was very heavy with a lot of sand.

J Gilbert said that S Reid had talked to him regarding the works and he had agreed to it being done.

W Thompson suggested that the management team should have discussions together as to what the greenkeeping plans are and C McLeod's plans with tournaments so that everyone is aware of what is happening and any possible impact it may have. This can then be communicated to the golfers if need be.

J Gilbert said that he would discuss this with G Duncan and A Reid and report back at the next meeting.

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

#### Buddon Links

L Gordon commented that the roughs were bad and 2 people she was with had a bad time at the left hand of the 13th. A Reid said that 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> were an issue but he would look into cutting them back.

W Thompson asked if there can be a formal walk round with A Reid and C McLeod for their input into the Tassie as we need to be careful where we put the tees. A McArtney said that this had already been done and he would get a copy of the report to W Thompson. J Gilbert said that it was usual practice for the Tournament Convenor to discuss tee positions with the greenkeepers.

#### Burnside

J Gilbert said that there was nothing unusual to report.

#### Championship

J Gilbert asked why the bunkers were being rebuilt as it was normally a winter works project. C Boath explained that he wanted to revet bunkers prior to Dunhill in case they are on television.

J Gilbert asked C Boath where he was proposing to remove gorse roots. He replied that the areas were at the right hand side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole and the left hand side of the 15<sup>th</sup> hole. J Gilbert agreed with this proposal.

J Gilbert asked C Boath about the planting of Marram grass at the golf centre and if this was his own initiative. C Boath replied that it was but that it was only small areas. J Gilbert asked him to check with the Chairman before carrying out this work.

J Gilbert said that C Boath under advice from Richard Windows of STRI had been carrying out overseeding where the result was lines on the greens which some visitors had commented on and he had concerns about this before Tassie. L Gordon commented that there had been negative feedback from the Northern Ladies as it affected their putting. A Reid said that the greens were smooth and their putting would not be affected, it was just the appearance of them. L Gordon agreed that it looked bad. W Thompson said that there was a window of opportunity between tournaments where things have to be done and this goes along with my point of having a schedule and discussing it between us.

J Gilbert gave the instruction that no overseeding was to be done on the greens before the Tassie, but other areas were ok.

J Gilbert asked about the divot recovery. A Reid and C Boath agreed that it had been good. J Gilbert asked to pass on his congratulations to the greenkeeper staff for an excellent report.

#### **4. Any Other Competent Business**

##### Proposed Extension

J Gilbert asked A Reid about his meeting with David Wren regarding his concerns of the upper floor on the proposed extension casting a shadow over the 18<sup>th</sup> tee. A Reid said that David Wren was fairly confident that it wouldn't cause a problem but that if it did adjustments could be made to the roof.

A Reid explained that it is in the winter when the shortage of daylight may not melt the frost that is his concern.

J Gilbert said that G Duncan was to chase up David Wren regarding the 3D image showing the shadow of the building.

##### Yellow Markers

J Gilbert asked why some of the yellow markers were missing. C Boath explained that they were in the line of play off of the white markers on those certain tees.

##### Buddon Strokesaver

J Gilbert asked A Reid if they would be ready for the Tassie. A Reid explained that they wouldn't as he still had to meet with C McLeod and the company which was to take place after the Open. J Gilbert asked A Reid to chase this up.

##### Course Guide

J Gilbert said that caddies had mentioned that the golfers like to look through the course guide before their tee time. He asked if W Thompson and I Frier could look into getting them handed out at check in rather than by the Tee Head Starter. W Thompson said they would discuss this as well as the whole visitor experience.

##### Lost Property

J Gilbert said that the way we deal with lost property is very unprofessional, items should be logged and a receipt produced. W Thompson said that I Frier and himself would look into this.

### Buddon Sprinklers

C Yule said that a sprinkler on the Buddon had gone off during the Pringle Trophy. A Reid said that it had been a computer error.

### Sign on Championship

G Paton said that a sign on the 13<sup>th</sup> Championship has been returned with the same wording Ladies Tees This Way, it should say Red Tees This Way. A Reid will see that this gets changed.

### Bench for 16<sup>th</sup> Tee Burnside

G Paton asked if a bench could be put on the 16<sup>th</sup> tee Burnside for golfers waiting. A Reid will look into this.

### Bollards

G Paton asked if there were more bollards than anticipated next to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee Championship. A Reid explained that they were on his plan and they were to guide traffic around so that dog walkers and public don't walk across the grass. It was a traffic issue rather than golfer issue.

### Toro Meeting

W Thompson said that himself and A Reid had met with Toro to review the contract and to receive information regarding asset management. He explained that we should look into a whole package with them with the option of rental rather than buying and also hosting events for training, management opportunities and apprenticeships. It would be good PR and see if we can get good value from it.

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