

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the Boardroom at 20 Links Parade on Monday 21st September 2015 at 7pm.

Present: J Gilbert (Convenor), P Sawers, W Thompson, G Paton, C Yule, L Gordon, A McArtney

In Attendance: A Reid (Links Superintendent), K Stott (Head Greenkeeper Burnside)

Meeting began at 1855 hours.

1. Apologies

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2. Links Superintendent's Report

Flag Poles

A Reid said that due to the outside of the Golf Centre being quite bare he'd had a meeting and costings from a flag pole company. He said he thought along with others that it would brighten up the area. He said that prices had been quoted for 3 large 8 metre flag poles at the entrance and down to the turning circle and also 6 smaller 6 metre flag poles around the putting green.

L Gordon mentioned that the flags looked great around the putting green during the Amateur Championship and A McArtney agreed with this. A Reid said that it would be on a much smaller scale and that the 3 large poles at the entrance could either be in a row running down towards the Golf Centre or as the company suggested in a line at the entrance to the driveway. C Yule asked what flags would be there. A Reid said he thought the Links flag, Saltire and Union flags but this was only a suggestion. W Thompson said that the centre pole could be taller and have the Links flag on it. He also said that he'd question the installation cost and suggested that A Reid source a quote from a local company for the installation. A Reid explained that the cost was high due to the cost of concrete but he would look into getting a quote from a local company.

G Paton said it shouldn't go ahead until the proposed Golf Centre extension had been decided upon, in case it turns into a building site. A Reid asked the sub-

committee if they supported having flags in both locations. W Thompson suggested getting a breakdown of the cost for the 3 at the entrance and then look at having the housing for the ones around the putting green, so that the option is there for putting up flags depending on which tournament was on at the time.

Championship Course

J Gilbert asked if the piping of the ditch could accept vehicles. A Reid said it could as it was twin wall pipe. J Gilbert asked if A Reid could find out the weight limit for advising the R&A.

Smoothing of Ditches

W Thompson said that the smoothing of the ditches on the 6th was really good. A Reid commented that it was easier for the greenkeepers to clean.

3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert said that Richard Windows was very keen on the Vredo overseeding work. He asked if it would just be one pass. A Reid said it would be, but that you do get more seed in because it is a new machine.

J Gilbert said that the gorse root removal had been approved on the left of the 15th and left of the 2nd and this would be done after the Dunhill.

Burnside

J Gilbert asked if removing the weed was from in play areas. K Stott said it was just down by the 17th to keep it under control rather than remove it.

J Gilbert said well done to K Stott and the greenkeepers on a lot of work being done on the course closure days. K Stott said it had gone very well and it let them be completely focused on it. W Thompson said that he recommended a report be done on it and then look and see if it can be done on a yearly basis.

A Reid said they would be looking at the drainage on the 6th Burnside and 11th Championship and it would be done in October before winter. J Gilbert said that play would be off ladies tees while this was being done.

Buddon

J Gilbert asked if permission from SEPA was granted regarding the spraying of ditch bottoms. A Reid said that he writes to them and gives them details each spring.

J Gilbert asked about the causeway being built on the 8th hole. A Reid said it would be a foot under water just so the tractors don't sink.

G Paton asked if the 10th ditch would be done the same way as the 6th. A Reid said yes but it would need to be built up with rubble crush first. W Thompson asked about the 3rd being done as a smoother type surface would be better, easier to get your ball and also looks better. G Paton agreed it would be great to get the others done.

A McArtney said there had been good feedback from the Tassie competitors with regards to the Buddon Links and also the Championship.

4. Winter Works

Championship

W Thompson asked about the re-shaping of the bunker on the 7th and how it was being twisted. A Reid explained that the nose on the face and back of the bunker would be softened and the bunker turned anti-clockwise slightly to help reduce sand blow.

J Gilbert said he would meet with the head men and go round the courses to discuss the gorse control in October.

P Sawers asked about the timing of the Imlay Bridges. A Reid clarified the construction would take place in early November and that it would be quicker than the ones on the 10th as metal structures made off site are to be used to build on top of. He said the stonemason and blacksmith had been on site and it should be completed by Christmas. A Reid said that the 18th would be played to the winter green whilst it was being constructed for safety reasons.

G Paton asked if the walkway would be a sleeper bridge on the 6th. A Reid said it would be piped and turfed for a track.

Burnside

J Gilbert said that work can go ahead with the thinning of the trees on the left hand side of the 5th after a site visit from Fred Conacher, Angus Council tree officer.

J Gilbert asked if raising the back of the 15th and then extending it back was a safety issue. K Stott said it would resolve a flooding problem. W Thompson said to build the 16th green first and then leave the options open and variable. C Yule asked if the same turf would be reused when building the new 16th green on the Burnside.

A Reid said that he would hollow core the rest of the greens and use that with some

more seed so that it would hopefully replicate the rest of the Burnside greens. C Yule asked when it would be playable. A Reid said sometime in 2017. J Gilbert said that Richard Windows is very keen on it being done this way, as it has been carried out on other courses which have had great feedback.

P Sawers asked when the sand removal on the 14th would start. A Reid said that the sand would be moved before Christmas. J Gilbert said it would be good to get it done while the course was closed so that it didn't disrupt play.

J Gilbert asked if all the gorse would be removed on the right hand side of the 10th. K Stott said it would just be the area to the right where the plantation used to be.

Buddon

A Reid said he wanted to point out that these works were a 2 year proposal. The 1st tee construction may happen this year depending on what the R&A requirements are, but if not this year then it will be done next year. J Gilbert said that there was a limited budget and the R&A may or may not ask for adjustments. A Reid said it was tough to put a costing on it but hopefully after the R&A visit this could be done.

W Thompson said that A Reid just needed to concentrate on the labour and time and if funds were an issue then to come back to the Finance Sub-Committee.

P Sawers asked why the wood lining in the ditch banks on the 3rd were being removed. J Gilbert said he was very supportive of this as it was very good for the environment and the wildlife and Bob Taylor of STRI would also be supportive. G Paton asked if the 12th green was the same plan as last year but wasn't carried out. A Reid said that both the left and right bumps were to be flattened.

J Gilbert said that contractors were to be brought in for pond maintenance but that they would be supervised by A Reid for removing the reed and rush between the 8th and 9th holes.

5. Winter Course Closure

A Reid explained that they would be alternating the closure dates between the courses to make it fairer, as the 2 weeks in December isn't as good a time as the others.

The winter closure dates for 2015 are as follows:-

Championship

Mon 2nd November to Fri 6th November

Mon 9th November to Fri 13th November

Buddon Links	Mon 16th November to Fri 20th November
	Mon 23rd November to Fri 27th November
Burnside	Mon 30th November to Fri 4th December
	Mon 7th December to Fri 11th December

6. Any Other Competent Business

Visitors Cutting Across Course

W Thompson said that there has been a couple of occasions where he has witnessed visitors, who do not have caddies, cutting across from the 7th to the 13th and walked across the 8th green with their trollies. He wanted to recommend that each 4 ball has to take at least a four caddie minimum. J Gilbert and A McArtney expressed a declaration of interest. W Thompson said it would help with the pace of play also. P Sawers said she felt that there are 4 balls who would definitely not need a caddie and she wouldn't like this if she had to take a caddie while visiting other courses. C Yule suggested a qualifying handicap and anything above has to take a caddie. It was agreed to discuss this at the next Green's meeting.

Tee Markers

G Paton said he'd asked before regarding having the same tee markers, either both to be balls or both be flat. A Reid said if this could wait until next season as they were thinking about changing them all anyway. A Reid will bring back a proposal before next season. This was agreed.

Local Rules

J Gilbert said that G Duncan is going to prepare a sample of the local rules for winter play.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1950 hours.