

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links
Parade on Tuesday 15th March 2016**

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convener), P Sawers, L Gordon, G Paton, A McArtney, I Frier, C Yule

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

Meeting began at 1855 hours.

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were none.

3. Links Superintendents Report

J Gilbert referred to page 1 and asked that the matter of the planting of trees close to 4th green of Buddon Course should have been in the monthly report so that the Greens sub-committee can discuss beforehand. A Reid acknowledged this but explained that he didn't want to wait as it would perhaps be too late to plant them. J Gilbert said he was very pleased with the result of the planting.

J Gilbert is fully supportive of the drop zones proposed on page 2 and the proposed fence at the Hogan tee of the Championship.

J Gilbert asked G Duncan to contact Scottish Golf to check if the mats had to be a particular shape for handicap counting competitions.

L Gordon asked if there will be coarser grass added to the new section on the 5th tee mound on the Championship. A Reid assured her that it will be allowed to grow as rough.

4. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert and P Sawers agreed that the burn was needing weeded as it was very full of weeds. A Reid informed the committee that this was due to the mild temperatures over the winter, which meant the weed did not die back as normal.

J Gilbert said in play areas only should be tackled.

Regarding the cycle path in winter improvements section, J Gilbert agreed it was in need of repair and suggested that G Duncan contact Angus Council and volunteer to repair this as some of the

damage was caused by lorries delivering sand. A Reid suggested waiting until tarring work that has been projected for Burnside course is taking place. J Gilbert agreed.

Burnside

J Gilbert asked if it was possible to seed while coring to minimise disruption. A Reid confirmed that is what is planned.

C Yule questioned whether it was unwanted grass that is being cored. A Reid explained that the cores are used to try and provide a surface for the new 16th green which matches the existing greens as much as possible.

A Reid informed the board that Martin Ebert had visited the new 16th hole today and didn't ask for any adjustments. J Gilbert requested a meeting with A Reid and M Ebert regarding the placing of tees on 16th and 17th. A Reid said M Ebert will be visiting in the summer so a meeting can be planned for then. Also the grass will have developed by then.

Buddon Links

J Gilbert was happy to see the gorse planting

A Reid said the 10th tee mound created is a potential Championship tee.

5. Bird Box Report

J Gilbert thought the report was good and very detailed.

A Reid informed the group that W Spark and G Brand have been assisting C Boath. Some boxes have been moved and trees thinned out to encourage more birds to use the boxes.

J Gilbert suggested this should be an item for environmental news on the website. P Sawers asked if we could ensure that locations of bird boxes not be made public to protect the birds.

6. Ground Under Repair

Various GUR areas were discussed. G Paton confirmed that lift and drop should be used when obtaining relief.

A Reid informed everyone that all bunkers have dried up sufficiently for play.

J Gilbert asked A Reid to inform C McLeod of tee rotations. A Reid has completed this already and the golf clubs informed.

J Gilbert asked K Stott to liaise with C McLeod regarding out of play areas. K Stott informed him this has already been done.

J Gilbert informed the committee he has been able to regularly play on all 3 courses over the winter and found the surfaces magnificent for this time of year. A McArtney agreed. J Gilbert asked that A Reid pass on the appreciation of the committee to his staff.

7. Health & Safety

No incidents to report.

A Reid said he has met with the Head Greenkeepers to remind them of the procedures and duties for Health & Safety.

8. Any Other Competent Business

Energy Report

A Reid advised the board he has commissioned an energy report for electricity usage of the sheds and golf centre. Instead of the usual price of £2500 he agreed that the price would be £1800 by logging the information ourselves. We will translate the data into report format. The report will show where and when the usage is and where changes can be made. The consultant informed A Reid that he felt there would be a quick return. J Gilbert agreed and asked if it can be added to the monthly report.

C Yule asked if this can be revisited in 1 year.

J Gilbert agreed and asked for it to be taken to Environmental meeting.

Ladies Tees

P Sawers was inviting to attend a meeting with C Sinclair and A Reid, after which J Gilbert became aware of the proposal. Members of the Carnoustie Ladies, Caledonia Ladies and Carnoustie Club Ladies will all be consulted also. P Sawers said this consultation will probably run over the summer months too as a decision will not be made prior to this season.

A Reid said he will liaise with C Sinclair regarding the proposals.

J Gilbert strongly recommended that M Ebert be involved also.

A McCartney questioned whether this would mean new scorecards.

J Gilbert requested that this be brought to future Greens Meetings.

New Bunker

A Reid informed J Gilbert that the new grass bunker in front of the golf centre was complete. It is for the storage of golf trolleys. It is sheltered and he felt it was more appealing than a fence. P Sawers questioned if it would be used and A Reid assured her that golfers will be guided there by concierge.

J Gilbert acknowledged that this matter had been discussed with him prior to the work commencing and he had been supportive of the work taking place. However, after reflection, he felt this work should have come before the committee first and he asked A Reid to do this in future.

Pedestrians

A McArtney raised his concerns about the number of pedestrians and cyclists walking on the fairway.

J Gilbert said that golfers should always be checking it is completely safe before hitting the ball.

A Reid assured the committee that there is plenty signage.

The meeting closed at 1930 hours.