

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links Parade on 14th November 2016

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

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head Greenkeeper Championship)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were none.

3. Action Points

All action points from the previous meeting were reported on and resolved successfully.

4. Links Superintendents Report

i) Geo Re-certification

J Gilbert thanked A Reid for the time and effort he had put in, in order to obtain the re-certification. He said it was a very high point in the year. L Gordon said it should be in the Guide and Gazette.

ii) Boardwalk

J Gilbert said that regarding the removal of the board walk, it should have been brought to the committee, as that is the agreed procedure and this should be followed. J Gilbert said if only for information and discussion. A Reid said he understood and will follow procedures in future.

P Sawers asked what kind of path it would be. A Reid said a fine gritty quarry dust.

iii) R&A Visit

J Gilbert asked if the Health and Safety policy was in place for the R&A projects. A Reid said it was and that M Ebert had sent the Health & Safety plan for verification.

J Gilbert asked if the sand that is to be removed from left-hand side of the 1st green Buddon Links is of high quality, and should we be storing it for future use. A Reid agreed and said although it would cost to store, it is of very good quality. J Gilbert said to store it and perhaps ask the R&A to cover the costs. A Reid said budgets may have all been agreed, but he would find out.

J Gilbert asked if the reconstructed 18th green Buddon Links will be of sufficient height to see the sea. A Reid said he would speak to Martin Ebert to ensure that this would happen.

5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert said that contractor work using a heavy machine to remove gorse should go through committee. He said it will be approved but needs to come to committee, as that is the correct procedure. A Reid said it was brought up at a previous meeting, and offered to show the plans. As work has commenced it would be too late to cancel. A Reid said that the main affect would be a track cut between 9th and 12th Championship rather than a large clearance. He also said it was similar to jobs requested by the R&A, so the use of the machine will save winter work for next 2 years.

J Gilbert asked if Bob Taylor of STRI has agreed the work. A Reid said he had approved the work in line with the overall gorse policy. J Gilbert asked if all the Committee were happy, and all agreed the work should go ahead.

Burnside

J Gilbert asked when the 14th would be fully in play. A Reid said the start of June 2017.

Buddon Links

J Gilbert asked what Sophie Vukelic recommends regarding the pond at the practice area. C Boath replied that she said to carry out maintenance in parts.

J Gilbert asked if it was acceptable to spray glyphosate in winter. A Reid said not normally, and he would check on this, as it was possibly carried on from previous months' report.

5. STRI Report Buddon Links

J Gilbert said thanks and congratulations should go to S Mitchell and his team for an excellent report. He said the only problem identified was the Fairy Ring, but solutions have been offered. A Reid said for 2017 each of the 3 golf courses would be applying wetting agent at different rates to see what the effect would be on Fairy Ring. It would then be possible to compare results.

A Reid said the Buddon visit is more a course walk than doing measurements etc. He said that this does give the opportunity to discuss issues and S Mitchell feels he gets more from this approach.

P Sawers asked if STRI were pleased with new holes. A Reid said the STRI were happy with their progress.

7. Any Other Competent Business

Spoil Heap

J Gilbert enquired about the spoil heap at practice ground, A Reid said no more material would be added and that it was an area that was out of the way. It has recently been lowered at the request of a local resident.

14th Tee Championship

G Paton said the new turf on the 14th Championship hasn't knitted very well, J Gilbert agreed and asked if we could move the tee. C Boath agreed and said he would look for an alternative area.

Greens Definition

G Paton asked if the 12th green Buddon Links could be marked with dots to establish the start of the green, C Boath agreed and said also the 3rd green Championship approach would also be marked.

G Paton said that he recently played behind 22 local players and doubted if any one of them repaired their pitch marks. He then suggested the wording for a sign to say that the green is out of play due to pitch marks and to allow recovery the hole will be closed. A Reid agreed and asked for a copy of the suggested wording from G Paton. J Gilbert agreed. A McCartney asked what the costs would be to supply pitch mark repairers. J Gilbert said there was no point as this has been tried before.

Environmental Awards

C Boath said Carnoustie Golf Links is through to the final of the Environmental Awards. J Gilbert enquired who was going to Harrogate. C Boath, A Reid and G Duncan are attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1940 hours.

ACTION POINTS

14th Tee Championship – C Boath

18th Hole Buddon Links – A Reid