

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links Parade on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 14<sup>th</sup> Tee Championship

G Paton said the new turf on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> green Buddon Links could be marked with dots to establish the start of the green, C Boath agreed and said also the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**14<sup>th</sup> Tee Championship – C Boath**

**18<sup>th</sup> Hole Buddon Links – A Reid**