

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links

Parade on Monday 20th November 2017

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

In Attendance: A Reid (Links Superintendent), S Mitchell (Head Greenkeeper Buddon)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

A McArtney

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Action Points

J Gilbert said all action points had been taken care of.

4. Links Superintendents Report

A Reid presented his report, he said bulk of the gorse removal has been done and the areas where gorse can be replanted have been identified. J Gilbert said he is accepting that there is The Open coming up and that gorse has to be removed but he is also pleased there is replanting planned.

J Gilbert said huge congratulations to CGLMC for being shortlisted again for the Environmental awards, and said it was very good PR.

5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert said lots of people are talking and he agrees that the Championship is looking exceptional. A Reid said there has been great progress with the bunkers with lots of support from teams on the other courses.

Burnside

P Sawers said she had noticed the work had started on the 14th walkway, A Reid explained that it wasn't in the winter work programme as it was an outstanding project from last year.

Buddon

J Gilbert asked where the heather behind 6th green was from, S Mitchell said it was from the left of the 13th but it will regenerate.

S Mitchell said he is very happy with the greens, the grass is a lot finer since last year and said minimal will be happening from now.

6. Open Championship 2018 Update

J Gilbert asked if the plans for the new mounding could be distributed. He added that in terms of publicity it might be better with a photo of work in action, to show the project is well under way rather than showing people the drawings.

A Reid to liaise with K. Allardice regarding this.

J Gilberts asked if we should publicise that the R&A are paying for this, P Sawers said yes. A Reid said work will slow down after this week, he said that work on the roads start next week and it would look like a lot of jobs are open at once and that daily tasks will be decided by the weather. He said after excavation, the rubbish will go to the mounding at the 18th.

I Frier asked how players will walk off the existing 12th green, A Reid said they will walk off the back right and will be crossing the spectator crossing. He added that after The Open they will need to plant gorse to stop our own players exiting this way.

I Frier asked if there was any plans to recycle the demolition crush from the Burnside Practice Ground, A Reid said yes it will be going under roads etc.

J Gilbert asked if the proposed course closures document needed to go the committee for approval. A Reid said the initially proposals have been previously approved and that this proposal had less impact to golf. He said the original was to close for two weeks in March but it didn't make sense for the course to be closed when the Golf Centre is opening. J Gilbert asked to change Tuesday 27th March - Thursday 29th March to 4 pm. P Sawers said she was unaware the Burnside and Buddon were closing the week prior to The Open, A Reid said it is in the agreement with the R&A and J Gilbert added that is what happened in 2007.

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A Reid said that on Monday 23rd July all 3 courses will be closed. J Gilbert said season ticket holders were allowed to play then in 2007. A Reid agreed but that it was in the afternoon and there was no ballot.

P Sawers said Patrons use it in the morning if the tournament had not over run. She asked if we can keep course set up as per The Open for longer. A Reid said we will try to keep Sunday pin positions for as long as possible.

C Yule asked when the Buddon and Burnside will lose any holes. A Reid said the 1st hole on the Buddon will be shorter but no date yet for grandstands. C Yule asked if we will know for the start of the season as it may affect club competitions. A Reid said we await a build a schedule.

J Gilbert asked for subject to change to be added at the bottom of the document. A Reid said N Cunningham will update and J Gilbert asked if this can be passed to K Allardice. Who will update social media and newsletters and circulate to clubs. C Yule asked for an electronic copy also.

7. Any Other Competent Business

J Gilbert said the tea hut was closed at 1.30pm on Sunday 19th November. P Sawers will look into this.

G Paton said he is disappointed to see divots on the Buddon. J Gilbert asked if there any active Rangers, S Mitchell suggested it could also be the crows removing replaced divots. P Sawers asked if it would be worthwhile to have Rangers there on an ad-hoc basis, C Yule agreed. S. Mitchell enquired into the possibility of having golfers play from their own mats when using an iron from the tee. It was agreed to look in to the logistics of this for next winter.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1930 hours.