

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Training Room of the Greenkeeping Sheds on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Present:** J Gilbert (Greens Convener), L Gordon, I Frier, G Paton,

**In Attendance:** M Wells (Chief Executive), A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head Greenkeeper Championship), K Stott (Head Greenkeeper Burnside), S Mitchell (Head Greenkeeper Buddon)

Meeting began at 1100 hours.

**1. Apologies**

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**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

J Gilbert said C Sinclair has spoken to the Tea Hut with regards to opening times, and that arrangements are now in place. J Gilbert said however he feels this still doesn't look after the locals and the issue is not so much in the summer months but in the winter. M Wells said he had not received any external complaints with regards to opening times and that he had looked at the contract and unfortunately there is no set hours.

J Gilbert confirmed that C. Sinclair had put measures in place to monitor and respond to security concerns now that we no longer have full time rangers on the course, the committee discussed whether this was enough. M Wells suggested that as we now have fibre optic cables round the course perhaps we could install CCTV in areas around the course. A Reid asked if this would require a power supply. M Wells said we could get battery operated cameras. M Wells to look at the cost of CCTV.

**4. Links Superintendents Report**

J Gilbert said he had no questions with regards to A Reid's report and asked if anyone else had questions.

A Reid said he had one point in regards to the 7am Tee Time on the Burnside and Buddon on the Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, and proposed that the first Tee Time be 9am. He feels 7am is too early to make a judgement as to what holes they can open and delaying opening until 9am would give them a bit of breathing space to evaluate the infrastructure still in place and the condition of the course. Sub-committee were all supportive of A Reid recommendation and J Gilbert said there might even be a health and safety issue with vehicles still being on the Burnside Course. A Reid would raise this at the Full Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May.

L Gordon asked if this should be communicated to the Clubs. A Reid said he was due to meet C and S Rhodes tomorrow with regards to grandstand build schedule and after this meeting he would pass all necessary information to K Allardice to distribute to the Clubs.

## **5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

### **Championship**

J Gilbert said that C Boath's report had all good comments.

M Wells asked as the protection zones were due to come into force on the 21<sup>st</sup> May, had this all been communicated to the clubs. Sub-Committee confirmed this had happened. A Reid confirmed that signage will also be placed at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and on each protection zone areas where mats would also be placed for use by any golfer who lands in them.

L Gordon asked if you were allowed to play out of any areas that were roped off in the rough. A Reid confirmed that play is permitted in these areas and that any GUR area has a sign indicating so.

I Frier asked if there was a problem with the 17<sup>th</sup> Green as it appears to have a different surface to the rest, it is sticky and patchy. C Boath said it is due to the strong fescue on that green combined with higher early season mowing heights.

### **Burnside**

J Gilbert asked K Stott to confirm that preparations were in place to accommodate infrastructure. K Stott confirmed he was and that it was due to take place sometime in Mid-May.

M Wells mentioned the area of the road that runs up the side of the Burnside Course and asked if there was any plans to surface the area or erect a fence. A Reid said he was working on having it surfaced but a fence was definitely going up and work on this is due to start this week.

J Gilbert said he had noticed that the sleeping policeman at the bridge had disappeared. A Reid said they decided to remove it as they had widened the road and it no longer served its purpose, people were just driving around it. J Gilbert said he would like something to go in

as it is the area where the public come off the bridge. A Reid said if anything he would like to put down something non-permanent, like the plastic speed bumps.

### Buddon

S Mitchell asked if during the Links Championship Qualifier he could use the back tees on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. J Gilbert approved this.

## **6. Open Championship 2018 Update**

A Reid said he did not have much information at the moment to pass on, but is due to have a grandstand meeting tomorrow. A Reid said trackway was due to come in next week over the putting green of the Burnside, build of the merchandise shop is due to start at the back of Links House and the Black slab from 7<sup>th</sup> May was no longer in use. A Reid said there was still a lot of fibre optics and water pipe installation to take place.

M Wells asked A Reid if he was concerned at all about the new turf laid around Links House with all the infrastructure going on in the area. A Reid said that the turf he had chosen for around Links House was of a hardy composition. A Reid said they had not yet completed the area near the sea side, as trackway is due to be laid for a period of five weeks to help with the build of the merchandise shop and therefore he did not want to lay the turf until after this had been removed.

M Wells said still a lot of work going on near the practice nets and ask for confirmation of the plan to have this area fenced off and direct visitors and members to use the path that runs between the putting green and the Carnoustie Hotel. This was confirmed.

## **7. Any Other Competent Business**

G Paton asked if we could remove the litter that appears to be mounting in the Burn between the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee of the Buddon and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tee of the Championship beside the wooden bridge. C Boath said he had this in hand.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1125 hours.