

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Boardroom of Links House on Monday 20th August 2018

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

In Attendance: A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head Greenkeeper Championship)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

C Yule, M Wells (Chief Executive)

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Action Points

J Gilbert asked S Reid how discussions were going with M Wells regarding Scorecards, Tees etc. going forward. S Reid said that now The Open is over this will be looked at along with yardage stones, not just on the Championship but over all three courses as part of the rebranding of the Links. J Gilbert thought there was no need to have two types of scorecard, P Sawers agreed. S Reid will discuss the situation with the Senior Management Team going forward.

J Gilbert spoke about the BREEAM update and said that things were still on-going.

4. Links Superintendents Report

J Gilbert asked how recovery was going after The Open and if the bare patches would come back. C Boath said that with the excessive heat and dryness, overseeding would need to be carried out.

J Gilbert asked how things were with the 18th of the Burnside and enquired if mounding should be reinstated between 1st and 18th holes. S Reid said that at this time it would be best to keep it flat but that the R&A are still to come for their restitution visit to assess any

damage throughout the whole site. S Reid suggested that a low-lying bunker could be put in to break

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up the area. He also added that this whole area will be overseeded and suggested that the 1st and 18th holes be played as a par 3 through to the start of the next season to aid recovery. Making the two holes a par 3 would also let staff work in the area safely. J Gilbert and the rest of the committee agreed to make the 1st and 18th par 3s for the remainder of the season. P Sawers suggested that this is emailed to all the clubs along with any G.U.R. areas.

An action point was made – communication to all clubs.

J Gilbert asked that any gorse maintenance be added to the Winter Works Programme.

5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert asked if the overseeding on the greens would have any effect on the Tassie, C Boath replied that surfaces would be fine by then.

Burnside

S Reid said that the ~~holes~~ tines used for overseeding were going to be thinner than usually used.

L Gordon asked if anything can be done with the weeds in the burn at the 3rd Burnside, S Reid said restrictions from SEPA makes it difficult to carry it out quickly and safely.

Buddon

J Gilbert asked how things were on the Buddon after the recent dry spell. S Reid said things were good and S Mitchell was able to overseed greens during The Open closure.

6. Post Open Championship 2018 Update

J Gilbert asked to pass on his congratulations on behalf of the greens committee to all staff for the work on all three courses in the lead up, during and after The Open.

J Gilbert said he could see that the clear up was still ongoing, but things were slowly getting back to normal.

8. Any Other Competent Business

J Gilbert enquired about the Tee Head Starters box, S Reid said that he hoped to secure the portable unit currently in use from the R&A and to vinyl wrap it to make it look more presentable.

J Gilbert asked if the white discs were going back out at any time. C Boath stated that the discs would be going back out after the Paul Lawrie Salver on the 27th August. S Reid stated

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that the discs will be going back out again on Monday 27th August and proposed that visitors be allowed the option of playing from them as a trial. P Sawers asked if the granite yardage stones would be going back out. S Reid said that this is being looked at by the Senior Management Team as part of the branding review.

P Sawers enquired about the stroke indices on the Buddon and if they were needing redone. G Paton said that they were checked again for the second time two years ago.

C Boath said that he was a bit disappointed that the Dalhousie Club Championship Final never went ahead as planned for the second year running as he could have been overseeding that week and it delayed the whole operation. G Paton thanked C Boath for his concerns and asked him not to adjust his plans around the event.

C Boath asked if the Tassie Qualifying could be played over the Buddon and Burnside in 2019 as the Solheim Cup is on that week and it would be a chance to gain extra visitor income. P Sawers said she would take that to the tournament committee.

J Gilbert enquired about the Landscape Character Assessment Survey and if the STRI had sent a draft. S Reid said that M Wells had received the survey but was leaving it until after The Open to assess. J Gilbert suggested that this be made in to an action point.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1950 hours.