

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Boardroom of Links House on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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

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

Meeting began at 1405 hours.

**1. Apologies**

C Yule (Vice-Chairman), Ian Frier

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

J Gilbert asked if we were any further forward with the Landscape Character Assessment (LCA). M Wells explained he had written to both Dundee University and Abertay University to see if any of their students would be interested in assisting on this project as part of their course and he was now waiting on responses.

**4. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts**

**Championship**

J Gilbert commented that he had noticed a bit of disease on some of the greens. C Boath agreed but said he was not overly concerned and a recovery plan was underway, also the frost would help.

C Boath explained that the winter works were progressing, even with the wet weather we have had.

M Wells asked if C Boath had spoken to S Roberts from Golf Operations with regards to the visitor experience at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. C Boath said he had a discussion with him as to what he did not want to happen, but he would contact him again for further discussions.

### Burnside

K Stott said the work on the 5<sup>th</sup> green was going well and should be finished by end of next week, weather permitting, and the green would likely be back in play for May 2019.

J Gilbert asked why the 16<sup>th</sup> had been shortened. K Stott said this was due to over-seeding on the main tee and he wanted to give it time to germinate.

L Gordon asked if it was possible to cut back the over-hanging tree on the 17<sup>th</sup>. J Gilbert said it acts as a barrier between 5<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. K Stott said the tree had been trimmed a couple of years ago, but he would certainly have a look and see if he could be trimmed again.

### Buddon

J Gilbert said he and S Mitchell had a walk round on Tuesday and the course was looking good.

M Wells asked if this was a good time for S Mitchell to give an update on Seagreen.

S Mitchell said he had met with Seagreen on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to have look at the locations they had marked for testing and he confirmed that none of the work would interfere with play. S Mitchell stated that Seagreen had already been on site today to build a compound and they would begin carrying out work from next week. J Gilbert said it was important that there would be no deviation from previously planned route for the cable.

## **5. Course Furniture**

C Boath said that we were looking to standardise the tees on all three courses and we wished to propose a change of the tee markers from red to green.

It was agreed by the committee to change the tee markers from red to green in colour.

M Wells suggested that the Headmen liaise with K Spiers with regards to the shade of green to use, to keep in with the branding theme.

J Gilbert asked for an update with regards to forward tees. M Wells said he had spoken to M Ebert who was happy to have a walk round. M Wells asked if a walk round was enough or were we looking to involve M Ebert further. J Gilbert said a day's consultation would suffice and while M Ebert was up he could also liaise with S Mitchell with regards to installation of bunkers at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of the Buddon. M Wells to arrange a date with M Ebert.

## **6. Winter Works Update**

This was dealt with under Agenda Point 4, Monthly Maintenance Forecasts.

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

### **New R&A Rules**

J Gilbert asked if anything was being done with regards to the new R&A rules and was it worth getting G Moir over to help create a set of local rules.

M Wells confirmed that C Sinclair was attending a symposium today on this very subject and meeting with the Tournament sub-committee in the New Year to discuss the changes and thoughts on what local rules we would be adopting. After this C Sinclair would be meeting with the Match and Handicap secretary's of the clubs in February. Thereafter holding rules evenings for Season Ticket Holder at the end of February.

J Gilbert asked that C Sinclair also liaise with the Caddiemaster so that caddies were aware of the local rules.

J Gilbert stressed that any local rules agreed should be displayed on the back of any scorecards.

### **12<sup>th</sup> Green of the Buddon**

J Gilbert made reference to materials deposited at the back of the 12<sup>th</sup> Green and asked if the team could have a look at this to reduce the impact to the landscape.

It was agreed that this would be looked into.

### **Mats**

C Boath highlighted that the semi-roughs were being hacked and asked if we could go back to using mats on the semi-rough. S Mitchell also asked if they could remove the large mats on the tees and have golfers use their small mats on all tees instead.

The sub-committee agreed it was too late in the winter season to change the policy relating to the use of mats. It was agreed however it would be discussed as part of planning for the 2020/2021 winter season, giving us time to communicate our decisions to Season Ticket Holders.

**Sederunt:** During the discussion, L Gordon left the meeting at 1445 hours.

**2019 Committee Meeting Calendar**

M Wells presented a draft committee meeting calendar for 2019, explaining that the structure if approved, would be developed for future years. This will provide clear understandings of full board and sub-committee meeting dates and structure through the calendar year.

**Out of Bounds on Buddon**

S Mitchell asked if we could look at making the 1<sup>st</sup> green of the Buddon out of bounds for those playing on the Championship. S Mitchell said he is finding divot's out of the green from golfers playing the Championship and landing on the 1<sup>st</sup> green and playing their shot from there.

J Gilbert asked S Mitchell to produce a report on this for the next greens meeting.

J Gilbert said that this greens meeting would be G Paton's last and thanked him for his time and support on the greens sub-committee over the last few years.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1500 hours.