

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held in the Boardroom of Links House on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Present:** J Gilbert (Greens Convener), P Sawers (Chairman), I Wilson, I Frier, A McArtney

**In Attendance:** M Wells (Chief Executive), C Boath (Links Superintendent), K Stott (Championship Course Manager), S Mitchell (Buddon & Burnside Course Manager)

Meeting began at 1330 hours.

**1. Apologies**

C Yule (Vice Chairman), L Gordon

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

**Bunker Heights**

The Championship Course Manager explained, as it was the time for rebuilding bunker's he would investigate this action point further and report his findings back to the Greens sub-committee.

**On Course Water Storage**

The Links Superintendent confirmed this was still an ongoing action and he was holding off until a decision had been made with regards to our irrigation system.

**4. Links Superintendent Report**

**Forward Tees**

The Links Superintendent confirmed the forward tee yardages had now been finalised and Strokesaver would be onsite over the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of November to produce the stroke index. The Links Superintendent confirmed that Scottish Golf would be contacted in due course with regards to various matters.

### Community Benefit

The Trustees congratulated the Greens Department on being shortlisted for the Nature of Scotland Awards.

### **5. Course Maintenance Reports**

The Greens Convenor asked the Course Managers why there was no mention of gorse maintenance within their reports and asked what their plans were for the winter season.

#### Championship

The Championship Course Manager confirmed there would be a bit of trimming but there were no plans to remove any gorse this winter. The Championship Course Manager stated the only gorse removal would be on sight lines from the tee for health and safety purposes.

The Greens sub-committee asked if the Championship Course Manager, along with the advice of Dr Taylor (STRI) would produce a report for future gorse removal.

#### Buddon & Burnside

The Buddon & Burnside Course Manager confirmed with regards the Burnside course, this would just be a tidy up. As for the Buddon, gorse would be removed from the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> mounds to promote rough grasses and coppicing of gorse on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> as per last season's discussions.

### **6. R&A Agronomy Report** (Richard Windows)

The Greens Convenor indicated the report raised two recommendations for the Championship course which would help increase our botanical scores, which due to high volumes of traffic on the course is an area we do not score well in.

The first recommendation was the resting of 6 greens once a week and placing the pins on winter greens. The Championship Course Manager confirmed this recommendation was necessary to give the fescue time to colonise and highlighted we would be looking to run this recommendation for possibly the next three seasons.

The Greens sub-committee approved this recommendation.

The second recommendation was to delay play in the mornings one day every fortnight to allow for overseeding.

The Greens sub-committee agreed that further discussion on this recommendation was required and that the Links Superintendent would produce a further considered report on this point.

## **7. GEO Update**

The Links Superintendent said that he had nothing further to add than what was already stated in his report and would hope by the next meeting we would be GEO re-certified.

## **8. Seagreen Update**

The Chief Executive confirmed he and the Chairman are due to meet with Angus Council to discuss Seagreen matters but wished to emphasize that our objection was still in situ and the route was the same as previously discussed.

The Chief Executive indicated that Seagreen were keen for Trustees to attend an inspection of a cable installation site over a golf course, in order that we can review what legacy the installation may leave at Carnoustie. It was agreed that the Chief Executive and Links Superintendent would organise a deputation of Trustees and Green staff to attend a course visit. It was decided the Greens Convenor, I Frier, Links Superintendent and Buddon & Burnside Course Manager would attend.

## **9. Environmental Update**

The Greens Convenor commented that the environmental projects we are engaged in seemed to be in decline.

The Links Superintendent confirmed that we are still involved in several projects, but this year we had decided that GEO re-certification was the most important thing and we had put a lot of our effort into this.

The Greens Convenor suggested a meeting to discuss future environmental projects should be had.

## **10. Any Other Competent Business**

### **Garden at Burnside Box**

The Trustees asked if something could be done with regards to the small garden at the Burnside Starters box. The Buddon and Burnside Course Manager stated he was looking to plant heather or something equally low maintenance. Greens Convenor suggested this might be a possible school project.

### **Pond Management**

The Trustees had enquired if there were any plans to clean out any of the ponds on the Buddon through the winter. The Buddon and Burnside Course Manager said if there was time in the winter maintenance programme then this would be addressed.

World Golf Awards

The Trustees wished to pass on their congratulations to the Greenkeeping Department after winning World's Best Golf Course at the recent World Golf Awards.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1435 hours.