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**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held in the Boardroom of Links House on Wednesday 12th February 2020**

**Present:** J Gilbert (Greens Convener), P Sawers (Chairman), I Wilson, L Gordon, 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**

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**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

Bunker Heights

The Championship Course Manager explained that correcting of bunker heights will be completed at the end of March and bunker levels would then be finalised. The Greens Convenor pointed out that the long bunker left of the 5th is a problem to get out of and needs addressed.

Resting Greens

The Greens Convenor explained that the committee are very supportive of various greens strategies, including the resting of greens. However, during the summer, delaying play should be avoided.

**4. Links Superintendent Report**

The Links Superintendent said that the winter works were going very well but it had been difficult for the staff during the recent gales.

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The Chief Executive commended the greens staff on the excellent revetting of all the bunkers. The Links Superintendent commented that the bunkers on all three courses were very good and built to the same high-quality.

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

Championship

The Greens Convenor explained that on a course walk with the Championship Course Manager they noticed that there were fresh divots on the course.

The Championship Course Manager thanked the committee for agreeing to resting the greens during the winter as this has certainly helped with the improvement to the botanics.

The Championship Course Manager explained that during the course closure at the end of the month, there will be a double overseed.

Buddon & Burnside

The Buddon & Burnside Course Manager explained that the greens on 11th and 18th of the Buddon would be played on temporary greens until the start of the season. He confirmed that the gorse had be cleared and the restoration of the public putting green was going very well and treatment continued.

The Greens Convenor commented that during a visit from Dr Bob Taylor he had pointed out that there was some scope for cleaning out the ponds. This would be noted as an action point.

The Chairman commented on the training that was being carried out with the Greens staff. The Buddon & Burnside Course Manager explained that the entire team would be undergoing refresher training on the educational side of disease and treatments.

**6. R&A Open Venues Report**

The Greens Convenor commented that the report showed that Carnoustie was leading in every area apart from greens fescue content. The Championship Course Manager explained that since overseeding in October, the seedlings are still evident on the greens, which was a good indication for continual success.

The Links Superintendent explained that The R&A would be carrying out an Agronomy visit on the Burnside and Buddon courses this year, which would be carried out by Richard Windows and Adam Newton.

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**7.** **Seagreen Update - Contingency**

The Links Superintendent brought three Buddon contingency plan options to the sub-committee for discussion.

A discussion took place over the three options and after considering health & safety concerns and customer experience, it was agreed by the committee that option 2 was the preferred, but more consideration needed to be made with regards to road/traffic and parking. The sub-committee asked for the option to be expanded with more details regarding road access, parking and starting facilities and then brought back to the committee, for further consideration.

The Chief Executive gave an update to the sub-committee regarding meetings and course walks that had taken place with Seagreen recently.

**8.** **Environmental Update**

The Greens Convenor commended the Greens team on achieving the GEO recertification and commented that it was a very good report.

**9. Resource Opportunity Assessment**

The Chief Executive explained that a full audit had been carried out on the organisation by Zero Waste Scotland, and that measures would be implemented after individual consideration. In particular, composting and solar panels will be looked at first.

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

Essence of Golf in Carnoustie

The Chief Executive explained that he had asked the Links Superintendent and the Championship Course Manager to produce a paper on the Essence of Golf in Carnoustie. This will include the guidelines that are used to produce the quality courses that we have. A working group consisting of the Links Superintendent, Course Managers and the Head Professional would be set up to produce this.

Public Putting Green

The Chief Executive explained that with the improvements being made to the public putting green to bring it back to its former glory, it would be promoted with signage and advertising to encourage everyone in the community to use it.

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Greenkeeping RFP

The Chief Executive covered the RFP update and explained that it was nearing completion after 14 months. The final details will be sent by email to trustees due to time constraints.

Scorecards

The Links Superintendent explained that the new scorecards were ready and he would issue them to the board via email.

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