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**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held via Video Link on Friday 12th June 2020**

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

**In Attendance:** M Wells (Chief Executive), C Boath (Links Superintendent), K Stott (Deputy Links Superintendent)

Meeting began at 1000 hours.

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

The Links Superintendent covered the list of action points and explained that the outstanding points such as cleaning of ponds and the Essence of Golf report were delayed due to the lack of manpower during the Covid-19 crisis.

Works on the irrigation system were planned to start at the end of the year, but this spend will need to be reviewed due to the current situation.

**4. Links Superintendent Report/Maintenance Report**

The Links Superintendent explained that it had mainly been cutting and maintenance during the last few months with the reduced amount of staff, although top dressing had been carried out this week.

The Links Superintendent thanked Kevin Stott, the Deputy Links Superintendent and Sandy McCubbin, Head of Maintenance and Estates, for all their help during this difficult time.

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The Greens sub-committee thanked the Links Superintendent and all the greens staff for their commitment during this time and appreciated everything that had been done to keep the courses in excellent condition.

**5.** **Seagreen**

The Greens Convenor asked for clarification on the contingency plans for the Buddon while the Seagreen works took place.

The Chief Executive explained timescales associated with the Seagreen project.

Preparatory works would start on 15th July, which would involve the greenkeeping team. During this time there may be temporary greens in some areas.

He clarified that several trustees working groups have been identified, including one to discuss the ramifications of the Seagreen project to Season Ticket Holders and visitors. He indicated that he wanted these to be created as soon as possible.

The Greens Convenor asked for the following to be considered by the working group. No course closures during this winter and two course season ticket holders be granted access to the Championship course. He added that Seagreen had committed to reinstate the Buddon to 18 holes on completion of the project.

The Greens Convenor asked Chief Executive if he and the Links Superintendent still had plans to look further into the possibility of a driving range on the 1st and 18th of the Buddon whilst these works take place. The Greens Convenor said that a number of items including planning permission, risk assessments, consultations, change of use, fencing etc. would need to be considered. The Links Superintendent is to look into this further.

Other items were discussed, including Covid-19 related golfing matters such as tee time intervals and starting times. The Chief Executive summarised further relaxations of restrictions to golfing facilities which would commence from Tuesday 16th June. These would be communicated to Season Ticket Holders after this meeting.

**6. Rangers on the Course**

The Greens Convenor recommended that rangers are employed to patrol the course, as there are an excessive number of divots, unruly youths causing damage and golfers using the course after closing time. The Chief Executive explained that rangers had been due to start work this summer but due to the current crisis this had not happened. He said that some golf operations staff were patrolling the course from time to time, and on Friday and Saturday evenings staff wearing high vis jackets would patrol on a buggy where possible. He agreed with the Greens Convenor that everything possible would be done to police the course.

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

Rabbits

Rabbits had been causing a lot of damage on the course and Graham Pest control have been asked to attend but due to staff on furlough leave they cannot attend for the time being.

Investigation

The Chief executive confirmed that an investigation was underway regarding an incident during lockdown and will report back once this is concluded.

Golfer Disruption

The Greens Convenor raised concerns regarding a specific walker, who continually walks across the greens while golfers are playing therefore disrupting them, and potentially endangering his own Health & Safety. It agreed staff would speak with the individual and follow up with recommendations by letter. The Links Superintendent will look into what can be done about this issue.

Thank You

The Deputy Links Superintendent passed on his thanks to the greenkeepers as it had been a very difficult time since March and a different style of greenkeeping had had to be adopted during this time.

Community Benefits

The Links Superintendent explained that CGL had helped out Kirriemuir Golf Club with the loan of a roller and that the Links had also helped out Arbroath Football Club with overseeding their football pitch.

He also stated that a container located at the greenkeeping compound would be used by the Bird Ringing Group, to save them costs on monthly rental. These items will be noted in the Value in Kind Register.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1050 hours.