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**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held via Video Link on Wednesday 4th November 2020**

**Present:** I Frier (Interim Greens Convenor),P Sawers (Chairman), C Yule, L Gordon

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

Meeting began at 1400 hours.

**1. Apologies**

A. McArtney

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Action Points**

The Interim Greens Convenor asked whether there was any update from SEPA, following a recent incident where the Barry Burn had been subjected to pollution from a farm upstream of Carnoustie. The Chief Executive explained that the situation was under SEPA jurisdiction and therefore CGL were comfortable with the investigation findings. The Chairman suggested that this maybe something we revisit in the future to establish what measures have been implemented to stop this issue reoccurring.

The Interim Greens Convenor enquired as to the proposal for re-building the 17th tee on the Buddon following the Seagreen project. The Links Superintendent stated that the plan was to reinstate the tee back to its original position and this was something that would be facilitated inhouse. The Trustees agreed.

**4. Links Superintendent Report**

The Interim Greens Convenor requested that the sub-committee agree in principle the Championship Course’s second winter closure week. The Deputy Links Superintendent stated he would like it to be Monday 22nd to Friday 26th February for all day closures.

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The Trustees agreed and this would be recommended to the full board at the next meeting in December.

**5.** **Greens Convenor Role**

The Links Superintendent explained his current thinking for the Greens Convenor role going forward. The Links Superintendent explained that he would like to have Richard Windows, Agronomy Service Manager from The R&A and Dr Bob Taylor, Ecologist, reporting to the sub-committee twice a year after their course inspections, while still maintaining a Greens Convenor to chair meetings and be the key link with not only the Greens Sub-Committee but the wider board of trustees. The Chief Executive supported the principle of involving professional agronomy and ecology support within the greens committee, which would be consistent with the board’s strategic direction of travel. The trustees discussed this, agreeing that it was important for the sub-committee and greens staff to be provided with the best information available.

**6. Seagreen & Buddon Update**

The Links Superintendent provided an overview of the tree removal on the cable route and confirmed that the mole plough is due to be on site 23rd November and is confident that the project will complete on time.

**7. Winter Maintenance Programme**

The Deputy Links Superintendent explained the main focus for this winter season is bunker building and verti-draining.

**8. R&A Agronomy Reports**

AIG Women’s Open 2021

The Interim Greens Convenor highlighted the reports recommendation for some areas of the rough with significant ecological value to be protected in the lead-up to the 2021 AIG Women’s Open. The Interim Greens Convenor advised that there would be no harm in allowing the Deputy Links Superintendent to rope off these areas to enhance the rough playing qualities.

The Interim Greens Convenor stated that the report also commented on the impact rabbits were having on the course. The Links Superintendent confirmed that vermin control was in place.

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**9. The R&A/STRI Ecological Report**

The Links Superintendent summarised the reports for Trustees.

The Trustees highlighted there were a few projects contained in the report and asked that the Links Superintendent select three or four key projects and bring them to the sub-committee for approval. The Interim Greens Convenor asked for this to be made an action point and a report to be written on course enhancements.

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

The Chairman enquired whether repairs had started on the walking bridge on 1st tee of the Buddon. The Links Superintendent explained that due to the ongoing situation this had been postponed for now.

The Interim Greens Convenor asked if a bridge could be put in place on the 12th fairway of the Buddon over the ditch. The Links Superintendent said he would investigate this.

The Greens Convenor commended the greens staff on all their hard work during the recent flooding.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1451 hours.