

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held via Video Link on
Wednesday 3rd February 2021**

Present: J McLeish (Greens Convenor), C Yule (Chairman), I Frier (Vice Chairman), L Gordon, K Daly, E Davies

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. Introduction

CGLMC's newly appointed Greens Convenor (John McLeish) opened his first meeting by welcoming and introducing the new Trustees, K Daly, and E Davie to the Greens Sub-Committee.

The Greens Convenor then passed over to the Links Superintendent to clarify how future meetings would be conducted. The Links Superintendent explained that future meeting dates had been circulated to the Trustees but for the Green's meetings these dates are likely to change, as he suggested that future meeting dates align with visits from R Windows (R&A Agronomist) and Dr B Taylor (Ecologist). The Links Superintendent reiterated, that involving experts in their field would give the Trustees a further professional understanding of what is happening on the courses.

The Links Superintendent encouraged the greens sub-committee trustees to become more involved in the work of the greenkeeping department out with scheduled sub-committee meetings, to increase engagement, understanding and knowledge of the agronomy and turf care on the Links. He also suggested that some meetings could take the form of a course walk rather than in the meeting room.

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4. Action Points

The Links Superintendent highlighted that a couple of the action points had not been achieved due to the ongoing situation. It was confirmed that on course water storage in conjunction with the irrigation project and the cleaning of the ponds on the Buddon, will be looked at in the future. The Links Superintendent confirmed that sleeper bridges are now in place on 12th fairway of the Buddon. The Vice Chairman thanked the Greenkeeping staff for providing this solution.

5. Links Superintendent

On the back of the Links Superintendent report, the Chairman asked for clarification on the meaning of 'raising irrigation sprinklers'. The Deputy Links Superintendent explained that the ground around the sprinkler builds up over time with organic matter and continual top-dressing. To maximise the performance of the sprinklers, this process is carried out every few years.

The Chairman asked the Links Superintendent to explain to the Greens Sub-Committee on how the new John Deere GPS sprayers will work. The Links Superintendent described the sprayer as modern technology and one which would help with precision spraying and in-turn help to reduce time and the volume of products used to manage the courses, in-line with our sustainability value.

The Chairman enquired if the Championship closure scheduled for the end of February were full day closures. The Links Superintendent confirmed they were.

The Vice Chairman asked the Links Superintendent to provide more information relating to disruption and potential damage caused by the Seagreen cable project. The Links Superintendent stated he would come back with an update on ongoing works in due course, but assured the trustees that the condition of the ground and management of habitats was being closely monitored by CGLMC's agronomy and ecology consultants (STRI).

6. Seagreen/Buddon Update

The Links Superintendent confirmed there was a slight delay on mole ploughing works, apart from that everything appears to be on schedule.

7. AIG Women's Open 2021 Update

The Links Superintendent said due to ongoing travel restrictions, The R&A were conducting most interactions with CGL remotely, but there had been some visits prior to the Christmas break.

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The Chief Executive confirmed that The R&A were working to 3 possible scenarios in terms of spectator attendance at the event, which would be led by government guidelines. The scenarios are:

- No Spectators
- Limited Spectators
- Tournament to proceed as normal

8. Any Other Competent Business

None

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1420 hours.