

**Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens & Environment Meeting held as a Course Walk Tuesday  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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

**In Attendance:** C Boath (Links Superintendent), K Stott (Deputy Links Superintendent)

Meeting began at 1300 hours.

**1. Apologies**

A McCartney, E Davie, M Wells (Chief Executive)

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Introduction**

The Links Superintendent welcomed and introduced R Windows (R&A Agronomist) to the Greens Sub-Committee. The Links Superintendent said the objective of today's meeting was to give the Sub-Committee a better insight into the reasoning for agronomic decisions on the golf courses rather than just reading this through a report.

The Links Superintendent then passed over to R Windows who gave a brief explanation on his role as R&A Agronomist and his key priorities from now up until the Women's Open at Carnoustie Golf Links.

**4. Action Points**

The Links Superintendent highlighted he would like to arrange a one-off meeting with the Greens Sub-Committee to discuss one potential topic from M Ebert's report, with the aim of seeking approval from the Full Committee. N Cunningham to contact Greens Sub-Committee with possible dates.

## **5. Links Superintendent**

No matters arising.

## **6. Championship Course Walk and 7. Explanation of Data**

Course walk began on the Putting Green at Links House. R Windows gave a brief overview of the objectives that are required for hosting an R&A tournament, including desired grass species, firmness properties and moisture content.

The group then walked up to the first green of the Championship Course, where R Windows discussed the impact of footfall in and around the green area. R Windows expressed how extremely beneficial the frost policy and the resting of greens had been to help establish the finer grasses, that had been sown out the year before. R Windows reiterated that everything the greenkeeping staff do is driven towards sustainability and helps towards creating a better environment for the courses.

R Windows was very positive about the condition of all three courses and spoke very highly of the hard work carried out by the green staff, especially over such a harsh year.

## **8. Q & A with Richard Windows**

The Chairman asked R Windows to clarify the dominant species of grass the R&A are looking for on the Carnoustie Courses. R Windows replied that they were looking for a nice blend of fine grasses i.e., fescue and bent which benefit from lower inputs but produce higher consistency for playing performance. R Windows also commented that the overseeding programme that has been taken place over the last 18 months has been very beneficial in increasing the fescue content in the greens.

## **9. Any Other Competent Business**

It was raised by a Trustee if there was any possibility of looking into methods to help golfers step out of bunkers more easily. The Links Superintendent said he would look into the matter.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 1415 hours.