

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Sub-Committee Meeting held in the CGLMC Ltd Office at 20 Links Parade on Monday 18th May at 7pm.

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convenor), P Sawers, G Paton, W Thompson, C Yule, I Frier, L Gordon

In Attendance: G Duncan (General Manager), A Reid (Links Superintendent), C Boath (Head Greenkeeper Championship)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

A McArtney

2. Links Superintendent's Report

J Gilbert said that we should support Peter Ellis by contributing to the associated costs of the purchasing of bird rings and replacing torn nets. P Sawers agreed and said that this also helps us meet our charitable objects. A Reid said he would receive a report from Peter Ellis prior to the environmental meeting in November.

3. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert mentioned the over seeding works and asked A Reid whether this was still worthwhile doing given that recent results had been variable. A Reid said that the principle of encouraging fescue was still worth carrying out and he was looking at reasons why the fescue uptake had not been as good as previous years. A Reid said that Richard Windows of STRI was visiting on Thursday and Friday. J Gilbert said that this would be an ideal opportunity to discuss the over seeding programme. J Gilbert said that the extended use of hoops from normal was approved due to the forthcoming Amateur Championship. He thought that the position of the hoops was very sensible and did not interfere with play. W Thompson asked if the man hours for the work done at the Golf Centre could be quantified as he felt the project had extended into the playing season. All work on the maintenance forecast was approved.

Burnside

A Reid commented that he'd received a complimentary letter from a season ticket holder regarding the excellent condition of the Burnside and this was appreciated by all the staff.

P Sawers said that it was very encouraging to see the Burnside rated 26 places higher in the Golf World rankings.

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Buddon

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4. Martin Ebert Report on the Burnside

J Gilbert said that the report was very comprehensive but was exceeding the brief. J Gilbert said he wanted to concentrate on the 16th green and the 3rd green.

J Gilbert said that Martin Ebert's report had confirmed the position of the green and had also given proposals for minor changes on the 6th hole and teeing areas on the 17th hole. I Frier asked if the ground was to be raised up as it did not seem the best area at the moment. A Reid said that they would strip back the vegetation and build it up with 2 to 3 feet of sand. It would be similar in height to the current 16th green.

P Sawers said this would alleviate congestion at the 15th/16th holes and improve safety for the 17th tee.

J Gilbert said that, following discussions with A Reid, the recommendation was to seed out the green in the spring rather than use the alternative method of extracting cores from existing greens.

J Gilbert said there was no time pressure as we can use the existing green until the new green was ready.

The greens sub-committee agreed to recommend to the full board that:-

- i) the new 16th green be constructed as per Martin Ebert's report.

J Gilbert said that he had met with Martin Ebert, A Reid and K Stott regarding possible solutions for the 3rd hole. However having reviewed Martin Ebert's report he was not convinced that the problem was not being moved on to other holes.

It was agreed that A Reid should mark out the area to show the proposed changes in order that the committee could view them on site. The matter would be discussed again at the next greens meeting.

5. Burnside and Buddon Links Tees During Amateur Championship

I Frier proposed that teeing positions for 4 holes being altered slightly during the week of the Amateur Championship to improve safety for competitors and spectators.

Buddon Links

2nd hole - Blue and white tees moved to current ladies tee.

6th hole - Blue and white tees moved to current ladies tee.

Burnside

6th hole - Blue and yellow tees moved to winter tee.

18th hole - Blue and yellow tees moved to winter tee between burn and 1st green.

These were all approved by the greens sub-committee for the 8 days of the Amateur Championship.

C Boath queried the positioning of the Burnside 10th tee with regard to the possible impact to the 16th tee Championship.

A Reid said he intended to move the tee back as much as possible to assist with safety considerations.

6. Any Other Competent Business

Bench on the 14th Burnside

L Gordon asked why the bench on the 14th Burnside had been moved.

C Boath said that this had been a request of several lady members that it be moved to the tea hut.

It was agreed that P Sawers and L Gordon would raise this matter with the Carnoustie Ladies and Caledonia clubs to identify the preferred location for the bench.

Lateral Hazard on 12th Hole Buddon

G Paton asked whether it would be possible to introduce a small bridge on the 12th hole Buddon to assist golfers who were trying to retrieve their ball from the lateral water hazard on that hole.

J Gilbert said he would look at the area with A Reid and come back to the sub-committee.

Yardage on Sprinkler Heads

J Gilbert asked if the yardages on the sprinkler heads on the Buddon Links could be checked as he was advised that some were missing. A Reid said he would look into this.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 1935 hours.