

Minutes of the CGLMC Ltd Greens Meeting held in the Committee Room at 20 Links

Parade on 23rd January 2017

Present: J Gilbert (Greens Convener), L Gordon, I Frier, G Paton, C Yule, A McArtney

In Attendance: G Duncan, A Reid (Links Superintendent), S Mitchell, (Head Greenkeeper Buddon)

Meeting began at 1900 hours.

1. Apologies

P Sawers

2. Declaration of Interest

There were none.

3. Action Points

Out of Play Area to be put on website - J Gilbert asked if this was once the course was opened, A Reid clarified that this was actually an update of the winter works and that it was already on the website.

Wooden Bridge – J Gilbert asked if we are waiting on Fairhurst, A Reid said the material is now here and the workshop team will schedule the work shortly.

4. Links Superintendents Report

A Reid presented his report to the Committee. J Gilbert enquired as to how the member of staff was after the incident reported. A Reid replied he was alright.

5. Monthly Maintenance Forecasts

Championship

J Gilbert said there is a lot of work detailed in C Boath's forecast, which will now be 6-weekly rather than monthly. A Reid said he didn't have anything further to add to the forecast and said everything is going according to plan. He also added that the fibre optic installation may have commenced prior to the next greens meeting.

Burnside

S Mitchell said work was taking place to level off the 17th tee.

Buddon

I Frier asked if the winter works at the 9th green was referring to where the old bunker used to be. S Mitchell explained that it was and they will be reshaping the green. J Gilbert said he thought it was a good improvement and asked if it was complete. S Mitchell replied that it was. He also said they are planning to experiment with a bit of winter seeding on a couple of greens with the hope of earlier germination.

J Gilbert said well done to all Greenkeeping staff, saying that there has been an exceptional amount of work done to a high standard.

6. Minutes of Meeting with Greens Convenor, General Manager and Links Superintendent

J Gilbert explained that this was an ad-hoc meeting that he was hoping to have every 3 weeks. He felt the new arrangement for 6-weekly Greens meeting were perhaps not regular enough, and this would give a chance for more information.

Open Championship Works

I Frier asked where the netting would be that is suggested. J Gilbert explained that it a netting for the mounds at the practice ground and in theory is a surface that allows balls to roll without manual labour.

Other Items

G Paton said the pitch marks are back. He counted 14 on the 10th on Championship. L Gordon agreed. G Paton also mentioned that the bunkers are not being raked by golfers, L Gordon suggested it could be dog walkers.

7. Strokesaver

J Gilbert said that last year the format of the Strokesaver was changed but he felt that the old format was better. It was also agreed that the original hole descriptions on the old Strokesavers were preferred. It was easier to see hazards and the majority of the caddies use the Strokesavers in the old format. J Gilbert produced a copy of the old and new format. He explained to A Reid that the eye level feature was helpful but perhaps there was too much other information. I Frier agreed and said it would be much easier to identify. A Reid said they would need to be updated anyway as the 3rd on Championship will need to be changed on them. A Reid agreed to arrange a meeting with C McLeod and C Sinclair to discuss.

8. Any Other Competent Business

Services to Golf Centre

A Reid explained to the Board of a potential disruption in play as there may have to be an upgrade of water and or gas supply. This will be across the 1st tee Championship and behind the 18th Green. A Reid has said he would like this to be before 31st March 2017 as he doesn't think it would be acceptable during the playing season as this will definitely affect the ground. He would also prefer it was not done next winter. Ideally the fibre optics could be done at the same time as it would be using the same trench. The problem could be with suppliers committing to a time. He doesn't know yet if it will be going ahead or when, but he asked for support from the Committee. J Gilbert said he has 100% support. A Reid and G Duncan agreed to meet to discuss.

Attendance at Greens Meeting

I Frier asked on behalf of P Sawers about C McLeod attending the Greens Meetings. C Yule said he can discuss with C McLeod about the minutes without him having to attend the meetings. J Gilbert suggested and it was agreed that if C Yule was unable to attend, that C McLeod would attend in his place.

Dog Walkers

A McArtney said that a Taymouth member who lives near the 3rd Hole on Burnside has informed him that a dog walker has been walking his dog at night on the course, hitting a golf ball with a club. A Reid said there are rules about dogs but suggested it might just be a winter problem when it is dark. G Duncan asked if A McArtney could get further information regarding the times this is happening and he will look into it.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930 hours.

ACTION POINTS

Course Guides – A Reid to progress with C McLeod and C Sinclair – A Reid