

## **GLoucestershire Airport Consultative Committee Meeting**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

*Précis of minutes for publication on Airport website & Airport Notice Board*

Present . 8 members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

Apologies - received from 3 Members + 1 representative of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19<sup>h</sup> May 2016 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record

### **Matters Arising Not Covered by the Agenda & Future Events**

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### **Consultative Committee Matters**

Notification was received of a new member representing Cheltenham Borough Council.

### **Airports and Tenants User Group (ATUG) update:**

The Airport Head of Operations reported no further developments regarding the ATUG funds. A discussion took place on the proposed memorial which is to be part funded by the ATUG funds. The Airport Head of Operations will provide a plan including design, costings and location for the next meeting. It was suggested that April 2018, when the RAF centenary was being celebrated at the Museum, was a suitable date for the memorial to be ready

The member representing Brockworth again mentioned that there are grants available from the Air Vice Marshall and would forward details to GAL.

### **Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Head of Operations reported that the development project is behind schedule due to various factors. The road should be finished within the next 3 weeks. The first hangar is due to be completed early in the New Year. There will be restrictions at the heli-south during this time. The larger hangar being developed will not be operational for another 12 months. There is still high demand for Hangarage

The member representing Brockworth enquired if there was any increase in commercial business with aviation equipment? The Airport Head of Operations that there is very little freight, nothing significant to report.

The member representing the business community enquired if local contractors were being used on the development. The Airport Head of Operations replied some are local, but the road was open to tender.

### **Future Events:**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016 . Meteor Mile Running Race

1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 . Runway Run, 5km in aid of CLIC Sargent

### **Past Events:**

Runway Rumba

Charity open day . 5k people attended and was very successful

Radio Programme . 1 hour programme with Peter Wilson chatting about the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Airport

## **Airport Management – Report of Recent Planning Applications**

There was nothing further to report

## **Environment Report**

No further progress regarding the Green Policy has been made since the last meeting. Co2 data will be reviewed using the DfT guidelines and other greenhouse gasses will be factored in.

## **Head of Operations – Report of Public Noise Complaints**

There were 208 Noise Complaints received during the three monthly periods of May, June and July made up as follows:

- 37 x Bamfurlong Lane
- 135 x Down Hatherley
- 11 x Churchdown
- 7 x Cheltenham
- 6 x Gloucester Road
- 1 x The Reddings
- 1 x Uckington
- 1 x Twynning
- 1 x Wales
- 1 x Longlevens
- 2 x Ashleworth
- 2 x Slimbridge
- 3 x Stoke Orchard

These complaints were from a total of 23007 movements

The member representing Down Hatherley commented that there is a discrepancy with the noise complaints recorded by the Airport and those that have been sent from Down Hatherley. A discussion ensued regarding the origin of the many Down Hatherley complaints and the R27 departure procedures.

The Airport was asked to contact local operators repeatedly featuring in the Down Hatherley complaints. The member representing Down Hatherley enquired if the new Airport Database contained follow up information. The Airport Head of Operations replied that he had not had the time to contact local operators.

The member representing Down Hatherley requested again that the top 9 operators be contacted, re-emphasising the R27 noise abatement guidelines, and reinforcing the guidelines.

The Airport Head of Operations suggested attaching the list of complaints from Down Hatherley to the Minutes and commented that the Airport recognised the problem

The Airport Head of Operations emphasised that the noise abatement guidelines are exactly that, guidelines.

The Airport Head of Operations reported the latest update for private pilots is software called SkyDemon which is a flight planning tool and is proving very popular. The noise abatement procedure has been appended to this and shows the noise sensitive areas. This is another step in attempting to improve the situation

The member representing Down Hatherley expressed an interest in seeing for himself how the complaints database works and what is recorded. He also requested

that the Airport consider how the current rules and guidelines could be better monitored/enforced and provide feedback on possible actions at the next meeting

The Airport Head of Operations agreed and would arrange for the member representing Down Hatherley to come in to the Airport to see the database in operation.

The member representing Down Hatherley asked for a gentle reminder to be issued to Citywing regarding the R27 departure guidelines

The Airport Head of Operations would issue a reminder to Citywing and others, along with a request to refer to ~~5~~ SkyDemonq

The member representing Down Hatherley also asked if there was to be an increase with Military flights. The Airport Head of Operations explained these were on GPS and ILS training exercises from Brize and would be infrequent. These short flight from Brize to Gloucester were beneficial for training purposes

The Airport Head of Operations stated that out of hours flying was no different from previous years

### **Airport Security Situation**

A Water Bowser was stolen from the road construction site; no other incidents have been reported

### **Any Other Business**

The member representing the business community wished to congratulate the Airport Head of Operations on his performance on the recent radio programme; it was exceptionally informative and very well done.

The member representing Gloucestershire County Council confirmed the local plan and JCS will be at the end of October

JAM: The member representing the Jet Age Museum reported that an outline planning application for an extension to the Museum has been submitted, this will be changed to detailed planning and will double the size of the business, providing an extended main hall, larger cafe and archive space

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that the aim is to raise £1million, grant funding has been requested. The museum cannot charge for entry but money is raised from membership, shop sales, donations and the cafe etc. The museum is open on weekends and bank holidays, during the school holidays is open one day during the week

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1800 hrs at the Jet Age Museum