

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

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

**Present** - 12 Members + Minute Secretary + 2 Representatives of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL) + 1 Representative of Gloucestershire Police

**Apologies** - received from 2 Members + 1 Representative of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

The GFirst Annual Event took place in June with over 200 business leaders attending the event and is the most successful event to date.

The Eastgate Cycle event took place after hours on the runway with 140 cyclist taking part in the endurance event.

The Flyer Magazine fly in event took place in June with over 50 aircraft flying in and very good positive press received after the event

Project Propeller event took place at the Jet Age Museum Saturday 14h June with over 160 World War 2 veterans attending the event and 102 visiting aircraft. Project Propeller stated it was the best of the 15 events held.

The Open Day took place Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July with an estimate of over 3,000 people attending the event. The busiest to date with over £1,300 raised for the charity, fly2help.

33 Pleasure Flights were carried out on the day and 8 trial lessons

**Future Events for 2014**

The Meteor Mile will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> September with 125 runners entered to date.

**Consultative Committee Matters:**

All members present confirmed they had received the Department for Transport new guideline.

**Airport Tenants and User Group (ATUG)**

The member representing local interests had contacted the ATUG Chairman, who confirmed that after an email was circulated to all ATUG members, no objection had been raised to the ATUG funds being used to help setup funding for a War Memorial. The member representing local interests proposed opening a bank account to manage funds

for the project, which will be a 'past, present and future', aviation related, memorial. The project will be discussed further with the Airport Head of Operations.

### **Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Director gave the following update –

Aircraft movements between January and July are down by 4% on last year with 42,641 with 44,556 last year.

Instrument approach flights are up 56% against the same period last year.

The Citywing Isle of Man route has 66% load factor which is the highest since 2009. The Jersey route was down slightly with a 59% load factor, but still broke even.

Fly2help Scholarship week will take place in October with 10 students, aged 14-18, being chosen shortly from the applications. The week will consist of visiting airport companies as well as other non airport based aviation industries.

The Airport Director explained that the York Aviation report had been commissioned by shareholders and work was at the next stage. The first report confirmed the airport was an asset to the county. The next stage is to decide the best way forward for the business and governance arrangement for the board of directors. York will be talking directly to tenants and plan to deliver the report to the shareholders.

The Chair of the Airport Board of Directors further explained that the first stage of the York report was a study on the future of the airport. This second stage focused on work done on governance arrangements and business planning. It would determine the ways board could work effectively and was going through process of being implemented with possible changes in the way the board is made up.

### **Environmental Update**

The Airport Director gave the following update -

- Solar panels are still being investigated for the car park
- Stagecoach bus service commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.
- Update on Green Policy- The figures are currently being collated for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August.
- Cycle hire set up - a slow uptake to the service

### **Noise Complaints**

During the 3 months (May-July 2014) - 96 noise complaints received of which 67 were from 2 regular complainants

- 43 Bamfurlong
- 24 Cheltenham (Rushworth Close)
- 1 Badgeworth

- 3 Staverton
- 2 Church Road
- 7 Down Hatherley
- 2 Davids Field
- 4 Cotswold Court
- 3 Churchdown
- 1 Barn Owl Centre
- 1 Tetbury
- 5 Unknown

In addition, a resident of Cotswold Court contacted the Member of Parliament for Tewkesbury regarding the increased helicopter activity.

The representative for Down Hatherley stated that a resident from Down Hatherley had been given a flight and that he was expecting a report after the next Down Hatherley Parish Council Meeting. Thanks were given to the member for local interests and the airport for organising the flight. The member for local interests commented that the flight was productive. The passenger also visited Air Traffic Control. The Parish Council thanked the Airport

In addition the member for local interests also gave a flight to a resident of Rushworth Close after he stated that aircraft had been targeting his house.

The representative for Churchdown asked whether it is possible for the airport to produce a map of the noise area.

The representative for Churchdown, regarding the proposed development at Parton Farm, suggested that it needs pointing out that it is a noisy area at the end of the runway. The Airport Director stated that if the development went ahead then it should be made clear to the developer and purchaser.

### **Report of recent planning applications**

Nothing official received in respect of planning applications

No updates on wind turbines

### **Airport Security Situation**

Lowest ever figures were reported by the representative of Gloucestershire Police:

### **Gloucestershire Airport**

Reported incidents = 1

- A cyclist had gained access to the airport taxiway via an insecure gate on the north side of the airfield. The gate has since been improved & a review is taking place on the security of the airport perimeter.

### **Any other business**

The representative for the Jet Age Museum stated that the museum had seen 19,991 visitors since it had opened.

Meeting closed at 1850

**Date of next meeting - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 6pm**