

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 15th February 2018
Précis of minutes for publication on Airport website & Airport Notice Board

Present – 11 members + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

Apologies - received from 1 Member

The current Chairman and Vice Chairman were re-appointed for the next 12 months.

The minutes of the meetings held on the 17th August 2017 and 16th November 2017 were approved and signed as a true copy.

Matters Arising – not covered by the Agenda

The member representing local interests updated the meeting on the application by RAF Brize Norton (and Oxford Airport) to increase its Controlled Airspace (CAS). The Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club (BGGC) website summarises the proposal and has the links to the proposal documents.

The impact for GA at Gloucestershire Airport includes:

- Increased traffic congestion as light aircraft and gliders route around the new airspace
- Increased noise levels on the ground
- Increased workload for Gloucestershire ATC
- A higher risk of a mid-air collision as aircraft are funnelled together
- A greater risk to light aircraft which are flying over the Cotswold hills and under the proposed controlled airspace

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that they would be responding formally to the consultation, having already been involved in meetings. The closing date for responses to the consultation is 5th April 2018.

Consultative Committee Matters

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport will discuss wider involvement of Air Traffic staff in this committee.

Airport Memorial Update

The Vice Chairman summarised progress to date:

- Planning Permission has been approved
- The inscription for the plaque has been agreed and the plaque ordered from a local engraver
- A suitable sandstone block has been found at a quarry in the Forest of Dean
- Fund raising efforts continue

Airport Management Matters

The airport is currently in the process of appointing an Operations Manager and Commercial Director.

Environment and Noise

There were 14 noise complaints received for the 3 months: November 2017 – January 2018. Total movements for this period 15,937

- 4 x Bamfurlong Lane (1 helicopter, 1 Jet, 2 fixed wing)
- 2 x Gloucester Road (2 helicopter)
- 1 x Churchdown (1 helicopter)
- 1 x Longlevens (1 helicopter)
- 1 x Badgeworth (1 helicopter)
- 2 x Down Hatherley (2 fixed wing)
- 2 x Up Hatherley (2 helicopter)
- 1 x Hucclecote (1 fixed wing)

Helicopter Pleasure Flights

A complaint has been received from a Badgeworth resident about the high frequency of helicopter pleasure flights on some weekends with flights over Badgeworth every 10 minutes or so. The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that ATC are in discussions with the helicopter operators to try and see if there are alternative departure routes that would impact less on local residents.

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that changes to the Noise Complaints database were still outstanding and would be followed up with the appointment of the new Ops Manager.

Airport: Recent Planning Applications

The member representing the Jet Age Museum announced that The Jet Age Museum had received £75k from the Gloucester Environmental Trust Company for their proposed extension and that they would be able to start work in May.

Airport Security

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that there were no security issues to report.

Any Other Business

Following a request from the member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools, the representative of Gloucestershire Airport will investigate what can be done to stop cars blocking pedestrian gates on busy days.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 1800 hrs in the Terminal Building, Gloucester Airport