

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Précis Minutes Thursday 5th December 2019

Present - 11 members, 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL) + Minutes Secretary

After an amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as a true copy.

Consultative Committee Matters

New representatives joined the meeting representing Brockworth Parish Council

Airport Memorial Update

The memorial is now complete and on display in front of the terminal. Thanks were shown to all involved in the project especially the Vice Chairman who was instrumental in pushing this project forward to completion.

Airport Management Matters

The representative of GAL gave the following updates:

1. Noise abatement – no further progress to the Noise Steering Group, however this will take more of a priority going forward.
2. Radar update – full approvals have been received however the technical infrastructure is still problematic. Parts are difficult to source. Controller revalidation is on hold.
3. Airport closures – these have improved of late with successful re-validations of controllers on Tower and Approach. A new ATCO has joined the team.
4. Runway state – 22/04 and 18/36 are currently closed due to their poor surface. The surface condition is unsatisfactory and patch work repairs are causing further damage. Inspections have been carried out in all areas, core samples have also been taken for analysis. Once received, options will be considered. An airport closure on 30/11/19 was due to a pothole repair that had taken longer to cure. There was confirmation that if needed in an emergency, 22/04 would be available. Confirmation was given that 22/04 or 18/36 could not be used unlicensed. Members stated that communications regarding the runway were very poor. The representative from GAL took these views on board.
5. Communications – it was reported by several members that radio performance is often poor. This is due to an aging antenna.
6. AANs – the group asked if AAN notices could be published on the website. The representative from GAL would look into this for the future.

Environment

A trench is being dug around the airport to allow for replacement of a high voltage cable.

Noise Complaints

August 2019	37 Complaints
September 2019	11 Complaints
October 2019	8 Complaints

A meeting had taken place between GAL and the representative from Down Hatherley.

Security

There was a report of theft of engine heating oil

Airspace

A drone had been sighted on the ATZ and tracked to Bamfurlong Lane. The Police were informed.

AOB

Nothing to report

The Jet Age Museum

EU funding is being considered to fund some future project.
Engineering is now housed in the new building