

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 16th February 2012

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

Present - 11 Members + 2 Representative2 of Gloucestershire Airport

Apologies - received from 4 Members + 1 Representative of Gloucestershire Airport

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Secretary took over the Chair for the annual election of the officers –

It was agreed by all present that the current Chairman should continue in her role and the current Vice-chairman was re-elected for a further twelve months.

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th November 2011 -

The minutes were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising -

1. Airport Tenants and Users Group

It was reported that issues regarding the viability of continuing with the Airport and Tenants User Group (ATUG) were ongoing. The Airport Head of Operations said that an Airport Advice Notice would be issued in an attempt to resurrect this group.

2. Mogas – now to be UL91 Unleaded Avgas

The new pump and hose reel has been installed. The first delivery is scheduled for the first week in March, which will enable commissioning and certification by Trading Standards.

The UL91 will be stored in a tank previously used for Avgas, the fuel is specific aviation grade and the retail price is cheaper than Avgas, there should be significant savings and as the fuel is unleaded will be beneficial for the environment. This fuel is being sold in addition to Avgas, at a later date the sale of UL96 may be provided.

3. Charity Events

The following Charity Events are scheduled for 2012-

The Jet Age Museum has a Fundraising/Vulcan to the Sky open day being held at the Flying Shack on the 9th April 2012

The Airport Open Day is scheduled for the 24th June 2012

The Teddy Boys Charity Ball will take place on the 25th February 2012

Further events will be arranged later in the year

The Chairman enquired if the Airport would be open as normal during the Queens Jubilee Weekend, the reply being - yes the Airport would be open but nothing had been finalized as yet.

4. Junction 10 (M5)

The Chairman enquired if there had been any further developments regarding the work to be carried out at Junction 10 of the M5. It was stated that the Joint Core Strategy Group (JCSG) had recommended the Junction should be upgraded. The Airport management replied that they had no further news to report, although, mentioned that the Council was trying to reduce the length of time of the disruption but also commented that the JCSG was nothing to do with the Highways

Consultative Committee Matters -

There were no Consultative Committee Matters to report.

Airport Management Matters –

i. Airport Development Plan

Head of Operations gave the following updates –

The Runway Safety Project was currently on time and within budget. The Traffic Management System had been partially installed

The ILS will not be installed until end of summer 2012, the final stages of appointing the Contractor to install the ILS is currently underway. Confirmation of the successful contractor will be agreed at the Airport Project Board Meeting being held on the 24th February 2012.

Additional inset runway lighting would be installed on 27. The CAA had been contacted regarding lighting on runway 09.

The RNAV approach would have an upgrade to 27 but the Airport was not in a position to upgrade 09 at the present time due to financial constraints.

The footpath linking Churchdown to the Old Cheltenham Road was opened to the public on 14th February 2012. The Churchdown Tree Warden was impressed with the results of the work carried out on the right of way.

Planning application has been submitted regarding the entrance roads.

SE3 redevelopment is nearing completion and the glass doors have been installed. Interest has been shown from several potential new clients.

A member enquired if there would be any extra car parking spaces for customers of the Aviator - it was confirmed there would additional spaces allocated to the Aviator in the front by the Javelin and there will also be overflow facilities available.

ii. Environment Report

No specific report forthcoming - just previously discussed matters ongoing.

Noise Complaints

It was reported that there had been 34 noise complaints during November, December and January made up as follows:

Bamfurlong Lane 1; Staverton 4; Churchdown 1; Up Hatherley 1; Cheltenham 26 (all from one serial complainant)

Outside the ATZ - Tirley 1

Noise complaints continue to fall against the same period last year.

It was reported that due to European Licensing changes, there would be increased Helicopter activity with pilots renewing their licences before an early April deadline. This would be mainly Instrument training and, additionally, a number of Military Pilots converting their licences before the deadline.

Report of recent Planning Applications

Jet Age Museum (JAM)

An amended scheme has been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC). The new application has a few subtle changes to the size, bays and the entrance. Working closely with TBC has enabled JAM to submit an amended application which is now out for consultation. It was anticipated this would be dealt with by delegated powers as opposed to the Secretary of State.

The potential contractor had assisted JAM and offered some good advice. Entry to the Museum would probably be free and donations accepted instead. VAT zero rated status on certain aspects of the building project could then be enjoyed, releasing around £40k for the project, however additional fundraising may be required to furnish the inside of the building.

A 'buy a brick' campaign will be launched, promoted through the JAM website, face book, twitter etc. A PayPal account would be established. The Temporary Hangar which was going to be on loan for 2 years is currently on hold.

Wind Turbines

Strensham - No further updates available

Alney Island - No further updates available It was mentioned this was in the Gloucester City Council budget for next year

Forest of Dean – No further updates available but it was confirmed there were no technical problems with this application for the Airport

Airport Security Situation

No security report was available

Any Other Business -

A member & the Airport MD had recently attended a JCS meeting and were surprised by the ignorance and lack of understanding of the Planning Officer at the meeting. The member thought it was important to continue publicizing and promoting the Airport, especially with the presentations that the Airport Management Team had conducted on previous occasions.

A copy of the Economic Brochure and the response to the JCS would be issued to all Consultative Committee Members with the Minutes from this meeting.

Head of Operations stated that with the Airport, Bamfurlong Industrial Estate, Staverton Technology Park, Ashville Business Park, Aerotech Business Park, Meteor Business Park, Anson Business Park, Dowty etc over 4.500 people were employed in the immediate vicinity of the Airport. The Airport effectively forms a growing and important cluster of aviation-related and other economic activity within Gloucestershire. This clearly underlines the Airport is a clear centre for jobs/growth.

The Airport Chairman mentioned that other Industrial Estates did not have the kudos of having an Airport location

A member enquired if arrangements were in place regarding the Olympics, controlled airspace etc the reply being that the Airport may attract displaced traffic and parking. Oxford Training traffic may also be interested in coming here during the Olympic period. Decisions will be financially driven

The meeting closed at 19.00

Date of next meeting: Thursday 17th May 2012 at 6 pm