

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY 17th November 2011

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

Present - 15 Members + 1 Representative of Gloucestershire Airport + 1 Observer

Apologies - received from 4 Members + 2 Representatives of Gloucestershire Airport

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th August 2011 -

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

Matters Arising -

1. **Car Parking** - An update would be included under Airport Management Matters.

2. **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

3. **Mogas**

Arrangements are being finalized with Total to supply Gloucester Airport Limited (GAL) with Mogas. A bowser has been delivered in preparation for the fuel but unfortunately the fuel could not be accepted at the same time due to a technical error.

4. **Charity Events**

No further Charity events had been held at the Airport since the Open Day held on the 3rd July 2011

Consultative Committee Matters -

There were no Consultative Committee Matters to report.

The representative for Bond Air Services was welcomed and introduced to the Committee.

Airport Management Matters -

i. Airport Development Plan

The Airport MD gave an update on the Runway Safety Project which is currently progressing well.

The ILS will not be installed until end of summer 2012

A member enquired when the new Entrance road would be opened as mentioned at the last Consultative Committee Meeting. The MD confirmed there will be a delay to the actual opening of the road until other planning issues have been resolved. Keeping the existing entrance road as an emergency access route will be pursued with Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) with the support of the local authority services. Alterations to keep the contractors compound as an overflow car park has been approved by Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC)

ii. Environment Report

The Environment Report was issued to Consultative Committee members prior to the commencement of the meeting

The campaign to have a new bus route through Bamfurlong lane continues with the Airport and Dundry Nurseries support. A Business Case for the bus route has been issued to Consultative Committee members; support for this campaign would be appreciated.

Re-cycling wherever possible is undertaken and the collection has been opened up to many of the smaller businesses on the site. The collection of rain water from hangars is being investigated.

Wherever possible, documents are issued electronically.

Noise Complaints

The MD reported that there had been 61 noise complaints during August, September and October made up as follows:

Bamfurlong Lane 36; Staverton 3; Badgeworth 2; Churchdown 9; Longlevens 1; Uckington 1; Cheltenham 3; Innsworth 1;

Outside the ATZ - Tetbury 1, Tirley 1, Tewkesbury 2, Newent 1

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

The representative for Down Hatherley thanked the Airport for the loan of the noise monitoring equipment which he had used on a number of occasions. Although the noise levels were not a particular cause for concern, it was the frequency of low flying fixed wing aircraft over the church that was disruptive, the Airport Head of Operations has confirmed he would investigate.

These findings had been reported to Down Hatherley Parish Council who were now concerned not so much with the noise but the frequency and vibrations of aircraft.

A member commented that pilots of fixed wing aircraft cannot see the church from their seat and may be slightly of course occasionally due to overturning or not allowing for the wind.

It was mentioned that any Military complaints may be sent to an officer at Imjin Barracks who will respond accordingly. Complaints should be directed in the first instance to the airport who will forward these complaints to the officer concerned.

Report of recent Planning Applications

- Continuation of Mine extraction at Stoke Orchard
- An energy waste facility at Javelin Business Park, Haresfield

Jet Age Museum

The lease for the building has not yet been signed but it is hoped this will be finalised within the next few days before the tenders can be formally issued.

The museum representative wished to pass on his thanks to Head of Operations who had offered a great deal of help. The museum had received some advice from a Consultant who has suggested it may be possible to enjoy VAT zero rated status on certain aspects which will release more funds for the project. It was also mentioned that a Jet Age Museum member had gifted NF14 aircraft and a portable hangar which could be used as a temporary structure

Wind Turbines

Strensham, Alney Island, and Forest of Dean – all no further updates received

Airport Security Situation:

No major incidents have been reported but minor incidents have been reported at the Meteor Business Park and Bamfurlong Industrial Park / Staverton Industrial Estate.

Two thefts from businesses on the Airport have also been reported

Laser Pointer incident reported - the Bond Air representative commented that Laser incidents are becoming more of a problem

Members should be aware that catalytic converters are currently being targeted by thieves.

The Airport had invited a member from the Ports Office to attend but due to other commitments was unable to attend this meeting but would endeavour to be present at future meetings.

Any Other Business -

No further business was raised

The meeting closed at 19.00

Date of next meeting and AGM: Thursday 16th February 2012 at 6 pm