

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 16th February 2017

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Present – 12 members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

Apologies - received from 1 Member + 1 representative of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

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

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th November 2016 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record

Matters Arising Not Covered by the Agenda & Future Events

Memorial project: Funds have now been transferred to GAL and are ring –fenced for the Memorial project.

The GACC Vice Chairman is now chairing the Memorial Project and will report back to each GACC meeting. The location of the Memorial will need to be agreed soon to enable other tasks such as obtaining planning permission, fund raising and identifying costs to take place. It is expected that the Memorial will be in place by March 2018.

It was agreed that no names would be listed on the Memorial and it was for ‘past, present and future’ personnel. It was also not to be referred to as a ‘War’ Memorial.

Consultative Committee Matters

There were no Consultative Committee Matters to report

Airport Management Matters

The representative from GAL reported that the Airport continues to be very busy with no hangar space available.

The hangar on the former Panex site will be ready for occupation within a few weeks but will not include additional office accommodation at this stage.

The Skypark developments are on track and should be completed by the end of the year

Airport Management – Report of Recent Planning Applications

There was nothing further to report. The JCS has been agreed and is now out for further consultation

Environment Report

Head of Operations – Report of Public Noise Complaints

There were 269 Noise Complaints received during the three monthly periods of November, December and January from a total of 16,360 movements made up as follows:

46 x Bamfurlong Lane
208 x Down Hatherley
1 x Cheltenham
14 x Gloucester Road

The representative for Down Hatherley thanked the representative from GAL for sight of the recent correspondence to the Operators.

The representative for Down Hatherley asked if the amount of circuit flying has been reduced. The representative from GAL replied that the weather conditions had impacted circuit flying.

The representative for Down Hatherley stated that the efforts being taken to reduce noise issues were appreciated. The representative from GAL invited the representative for Down Hatherley to visit the Airport offices to see the Noise Database in operation.

The representative from GAL stated that any further amendments to the noise abatement procedure would wait until the Cheltenham Festival had finished.

The representative for Down Hatherley asked about helicopters circuits. The member representing local interests stated that helicopters cannot go over built up areas and they have to stay away.

The Chairman stated that a number of measures are now in place to help but it will not be possible to eradicate all the noise issues

Airport Security Situation

There have been no reported incidents. Random patrol visits by the police will continue indefinitely.

Any Other Business

The member representing Gloucestershire County Council enquired what was planned for the Airport going forward. The representative from GAL replied that the future of the Airport is secure and is recognised as a valuable asset to the County which we should all be very proud of. Corporate traffic and hangar development are at the core of our growth

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2017 at 1800 hrs at the Jet Age Museum