

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

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

**Present** – 9 members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Apologies** - received from 4 Members + 1 representatives 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 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record

**Matters Arising Not Covered by the Agenda & Future Events**

The member representing Down Hatherley thanked the Airport Director for replying to the letter from Down Hatherley Parish Council.

The Airport Director gave details of the following future events:

- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016: The Airport will be celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Jet Flight
- 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016: The Runway Rumble cycle event will again take place this year during the evening.
- 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July 2016: Airport Charity Open weekend. The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Airport will be celebrated

The Airport Director confirmed that the Charity supported by the Airport for 2016 will again be £ly2Helpq

**Consultative Committee Matters**

The Airport Director reported that there was no further progress regarding the Airport Tenants User Group account. It is anticipated that the funds in this account will contribute to the planned memorial, which along with donations from others will enable the War Memorial to be put in place.

The Airport Director informed the Committee that it was with great sadness to report that Bill Whelan had recently passed away. Bill was a great supporter of the Airport as well as the local community and will be sadly missed, condolences to his family and friends

**Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Director gave an update to the Airport Board membership as well as ATC staffing.

The development proposed for the South East area of the Airfield is due to commence soon and tenders are close to being issued for other developments for the road/hangar constructions. The Project Manager has been in touch with Churchdown Parish Council.

**Airport Management – Report of Recent Planning Applications**

- GCHQ have applied to build a 3 storey extension in their car park which may have a slight impact on operations due to crane activity although there will not be any impact on the ILS

- Change of use at Twigworth Breakers has been permitted by Tewkesbury Borough Council

The member representing Churchdown Parish council mentioned that an extension to the Land Rover HQ at the Ashville Business Park has been agreed by Tewkesbury Borough Council. Churchdown Parish Council had objected to this development and the Airport Director confirmed the Airport had also objected as new building developments directly under the flight path are not generally recommended

### **Environment Report – Report of Noise Complaints**

There were 76 Noise Complaints received during the three monthly period of November, December and January made up as follows:

52 x Bamfurlong Lane  
16 x Down Hatherley  
1 x Churchdown  
2 x Cheltenham  
5 x Gloucester Road

These complaints were from a total of 14,323 movements and 1068 Instrument approaches

The Airport Director had received detailed aircraft information from a Down Hatherley resident which was very helpful although some of the information related to the end of January/early February which are not reflected in the Noise Complaints mentioned above. There was discussion regarding noise complaints in general. The Airport Director confirmed that information is forwarded to operators for investigation and it was up to them to take appropriate action.

The member representing Down Hatherley re-stated that some pilots are not following the recommended noise abatement procedures. The Airport Director reported that a meeting is taking place with the CAA to discuss circuit flying and safety. All operators continue to be reminded of noise abatement procedures but a degree of patience is needed while discussions with CAA take place. A new software system is being implemented to assist with recording and analysing complaints.

The member representing Down Hatherley would pass the feedback to Down Hatherley residents and explain the complaints procedure is still under review

### **Airport Security Situation**

There are no reports of any crime on the Airport or Business Parks

### **Any Other Business**

The member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools asked about the situation with the UL91 fuel pumps. The Airport Director mentioned that due to falling sales the continued availability was under review.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 1800 hrs at the Jet Age Museum. Meeting closed at 1900 hrs