

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 16th August 2018
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Present – 11 members + 2 representatives from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

Apologies - received from 4 Members

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2018 were approved and signed as a true copy.

Matters Arising - not covered by the Agenda

Application by RAF Brize Norton to increase its Controlled Airspace (CAS). The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that it has gone very quiet and that it is likely that the consultation has been stopped pending further review.

Consultative Committee Matters

Two new members joined the meeting representing:

1. DownHatherley Parish Council
2. Gloucestershire Airport Operations and Compliance

Airport Memorial

The Vice-Chairman summarised progress to date:

- The project been put on hold due to a shortage of funds to complete the project.
- Gloucestershire Airport will take on the fund raising activity to bring the project to completion

Airport Management

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport updated the group as follows:

- Repairs and upgrades to the radar are making progress and should be back on-line mid-September. This will be followed by a period where the ATC controllers revalidate their radar licences.
- The introduction of GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) approaches are making progress and will enhance capability, both vertically and laterally.

Environment Report

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport updated the group regarding recent noise complaints resulting from helicopter pleasure flights. Discussions have taken place with the operator and new procedures and flight profiles have been agreed.

Gloucestershire Airport has introduced a new noise abatement procedure, which removes the 10 degree turn on RWY 27. After much discussion amongst members, the representative of Gloucestershire Airport asked for time for these changes to bed in and then to discuss at the next meeting.

The member representing Down Hatherley again requested that the Complaints Procedure was looked at to ensure responses are followed up as appropriate with operators.

The meeting also discussed a specific noise complaint brought up by the member representing Down Hatherley.

Public Noise Complaints

There were 53 noise complaints received for the 3 months: May 2018 - July 2018. Total movements for this period were 25,692. The complaints were broken down:

- Fixed wing: 19; helicopters: 21; Unknown: 8; Military: 5
- Bamfurlong Lane x 6
- Up Hatherley x 3
- Down Hatherley x 4
- Gloucester Road x 2
- Churchdown x 12
- Cheltenham x 4
- Boddington x 1
- Hucclecote x 1
- Longlevens x 1
- Innsworth x 1
- Badgeworth x 4
- Tirley x 1
- Tewkesbury x 2
- Gloucester x 3
- Blaisdon x 1
- Slimbridge x 1
- Unknown x 6

Recent Planning Applications

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported on the planning application regarding a new student accommodation block has been submitted to Tewkesbury Borough Council as part of the new flight training school, Skyborne.

The member representing Down Hatherley was concerned that this would increase the amount of traffic or out of hours flying. The representative of Gloucestershire Airport replied that the Airport is still very much within the agreed limits and that any additional activity would be marginal. The total number of movements approved as part of the runway safety project was 95,000 per annum, excluding military medical and other emergency related flights. Annual movements are around 80,000 flights. Skyborne's activity will have no material impact on these figures. Furthermore, the modern aircraft they are using are considerably quieter than some of the older single engine aircraft used by other schools. Training will also be done using Simulators. Out of hours flights will not be permitted.

Airport Security

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported one incident where a tenant had given the gate access code out to a delivery driver. The operator has been reminded of their responsibility towards safety and security. The codes were changed immediately.

Any Other Business

The member representing the Jet Age Museum updated the committee on the museums development plans.

Airport Open Day - The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that the Airport was reviewing what can be done to make future Open Days more attractive to visitors. It was acknowledged that more operators need to be encouraged to participate and showcase what we do.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th November 2018 at 1800 hrs in the Terminal Building, Gloucester Airport.