

## **GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

#### **Members Present**

Dave Haines (DH)	Chairman
Phil Mathews (PM)	representing fixed wing schools
Tony MacKinnon (TM)	representing Jet Age Museum
Harold Symonds (HS)	representing Business Community
Jennie Lyons (JL)	representing Local Interests
Scott McNeill (SM)	representing Brockworth Parish Council
Neil Marshall (NM)	representing Badgeworth Parish Council
Shaun Painting (SP)	representing Down Hatherley Parish Council
Alex Rose (AR)	representing Private Pilots
Martin Courage (MC)	representing Business Aviation on behalf of Peter Earp

#### **Representing Gloucestershire Airport**

James Head (JH)	Operations Director
Peter Hibberd (PH)	Chairman of the Board

#### **Minutes**

Clare Shepherd	Landside Operations and Security Manager
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#### **1. Apologies**

Tim Harman	Cheltenham Borough Council
Robert Vines	Gloucestershire County Council
Stephen Wall	Churchdown Parish Council
Peter Earp	representing Business Aviation

#### **2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting**

CS to amend the previous minutes as the watermark 'draft' remained on the final version. It was also noted that the stats show December twice and no January.

#### **3. Matters arising – not covered by the agenda**

The car park was raised in the previous meeting that there were occasions whereby pedestrians are forced to walk in mud when the car park is busy. Cones have been put in place however a more permanent structure would be beneficial. JH to look into and update at the next meeting.

#### **4. Consultative Committee Matters**

Dave Allard has stepped down as the representative for Private Pilots and Vice Chair. The group would like to record their thanks to Dave for all of his contributions and for being instrumental in erecting the memorial.

We welcome Alex Rose as the new representative for Private Pilots.

#### **5. Memorial Update**

Memorial update – The unveiling ceremony was penciled in for the 16<sup>th</sup> April, however this was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. There is currently no rescheduled date planned. There will be a thank you plaque erected in the terminal building.

## 6. Gloucestershire Airport Ltd report

### JH gives updates as below:

- **Airport Management & Staffing** – Managing Director, Mark Ryan is no longer with the business. James Head and Karen Taylor remaining as the Executive team with James Head taking accountability.

MC enquired as to whether the Safety Officer who initially had a direct line to the board was to be replaced. JH advised that there is no intention at this time to replace however the entire structure is under review.

DH asked if Air Traffic Control were still short staffed. Jh has informed the group that the Tower is fully staffed with reserves due to recruiting controllers with less rating. The head count stands at 8 with 1 part time. There is a controller due to retire but currently have a member of staff in training. MC wishes to know who so he can congratulate them but at this time whilst they are still training the name will not be shared.

HS reminded that Mark Ryan was keen with local enterprise. JH informed that KT works closely with the GFirst Lep and fully recognises the value of the partnership. PH advised that although Mark Ryan was Chairman of the Transport Group the group had stopped functioning.

MC asked for an update on how the grant money from the Lep was used as was questioned in the February minutes. PH explained that the 1<sup>st</sup> use was for the road that leads to Skyborne and Skypark hangars and the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be to open-up the North side.

- **Airport Developments** – We are in an interesting period with our paved infrastructure works progressing with the plans to repave 09/27 and repair 04/22. 18/36 will be reopened as of the 14<sup>th</sup> August but will be permanently closed towards the end of the calendar year. This will be costly therefore to achieve this there will be a development of commercial properties on the northside.

AR asked if flying schools feel this is a negative or a positive. PM offered his opinion the losing any runway is always going to be bad news but losing 18/36 hurts less than losing 04/22. JH advised that there is a possibility that there will be a gap between 18/36 closing and 04/22 reopening and that he will be reviewing the options as to whether 09/27 has night possessions or is a hard closure but the decision will not be made at this point.

The grass runway will still be in use. MC asked if the 90m extension plans had been shelved, even though it is low cost, simple and quick. JH has advised that the benefits do not balance out the work that would need to go into the extension, such as a Change Management Review, CAP791 Part 1 and 2, changes to AIP, levelling, reseeding. It is quite a lot of work therefore will not go ahead.

- **Noise Complaints and Environmental Issues** – There appears to have been a large increase with Helicopter movements and JL enquired as to whether this was related to covid efforts. JH advised there has been a lot less training when we were restricted however, we were able to issue strict guidelines and allow front line operators to continue.

**AR enquired as to what happens with the data the airport captures, if there is no outcome there is no reason to waste time collating data.** JH informed the group that from an authority perspective we want to be a good neighbour and if you look at the developments around us we are being enveloped and we do not want a policy that gives lip service but we need to set realistic expectations to inform. SP remarked as to that's the point, why make the complaint, the response is simply thankyou it will be logged. Also, what is the point of operating times if flying is allowed on indemnity or on extension? A jet took off at 06:30, what consideration does the airport give residents. AR advised that the flight will be operating to a slot. NM remarked that the airport needs all the friends they can get. Website says no out of hours training or circuits, yet a helicopter was doing

circuits at 23:00 last night. JH will look into the helicopter circuit however need to be clear that the jet has a legitimate and authorised purpose to operate at that time, indemnity will continue as it is valuable, we work hard on our noise abatement and for the level of movements versus the amount of complaints the records are not extreme. PM asked if we could show the indemnity numbers moving forward, JH will look into this. NM pointed out the airport Green Policy was last updated on our website in 2012, JH will update.

<b>February</b>		<b>3708</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>		
Bamfurlong Lane	19	7			26	2		
Up Hatherley					0	0		
Down Hatherley					0	0		
Staverton					0	0		
Churchdown					0	0		
Cheltenham			1		1	1		
Longlevens					0	0		
Badgeworth					0	0		
Unknown					0	0		
<b>Total</b>					<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>		

<b>March</b>		<b>4538</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>		
Bamfurlong Lane	12		3		15	1		
Up Hatherley					0	0		
Down Hatherley	1				1	1		
Staverton	4				4	1		
Churchdown	2				2	2		
Cheltenham					0	0		
Longlevens					0	0		
Badgeworth					0	0		
Shurdington	1				1	1		
Unknown				1	1	1		
<b>Total</b>					<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>		
<b>April</b>		<b>674</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>		
Bamfurlong Lane	28		4		32	1		
Up Hatherley					0	0		
Down Hatherley					0	0		
Staverton	1				1	1		
Churchdown					0	0		
Cheltenham					0	0		
Longlevens					0	0		
Badgeworth					0	0		
Shurdington					0	0		
Unknown					0	0		
<b>Total</b>					<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>May</b>		<b>1299</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>		
Bamfurlong Lane	18		2		20	1		
Up Hatherley					0	0		
Down Hatherley	3				3	1		
Staverton					0	0		

Churchdown	1				1	1
Cheltenham					0	0
Longlevens					0	0
Badgeworth					0	0
Shurdington					0	0
Unknown					0	0
Gloucestershire					0	0
<b>Total</b>					<b>24</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>2093</b>					
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>
Bamfurlong Lane	18		1		19	2
Up Hatherley					0	0
Down Hatherley			1	1	2	1
Staverton	2				2	2
Churchdown		3	3		6	2
Cheltenham	1				1	1
Longlevens					0	0
Badgeworth					0	0
Shurdington					0	0
Other	1				1	1
<b>Total</b>					<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>July</b>	<b>6426</b>					
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heli</b>	<b>Jet</b>	<b>Prop</b>	<b>?</b>	<b>Complaints</b>	<b>Recorded</b>
Bamfurlong Lane	42	8	4		54	2
Up Hatherley					0	0
Down Hatherley	1	1	3		5	2
Staverton	3				3	1
Churchdown	1	4	14		19	8
Cheltenham	5		1		6	6
Longlevens					0	0
Badgeworth					0	0
Shurdington					0	0
Other			2		2	2
<b>Total</b>					<b>89</b>	<b>21</b>

- **Planning** – There are development aspirations for the Northside and more can be shared in due course  
MC asked if the car park planning was still ongoing. PH advised that the application had gone in.
- **Airport Security** – Nothing to report on site security.  
We are currently liaising with the CAA in regards to our directed status and asking for potential dispensation to abide by the European baseline for qualifying flights. If this comes to fruition we will be in a position to make some gains. An update will be provided when received.
- **Local Airspace Issues** – No significant update to share
- **Events** – Had planned to organise something on the airfield but was at very early stages, now due to the pandemic there will not be any events this year.

## 7. Any other Business

MC asked whether a decision had been made since it was raised in the December meeting for AAN's to be published on the Gloucestershire Airport website? JH advised that he looked into it and decided that the AAN is to mass communicate to stakeholders and that sharing them is not necessary.

TM gave an update for Jetage museum that they are back open on Saturdays and Sundays between 1pm-4pm and understandably they need their visitor numbers to increase.

Jetage has put in a lottery bid however the lottery is mainly focusing on those affected by the pandemic at this time therefore their bid is £1m to encompass everything that they wish to complete.

**8. Next Meeting**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 – Venue TBC