

Gloucestershire Airport Community Committee

The AGM of the above committee took part on 17.02.22. The current Chair and Vice Chair were duly re-elected for 22/23.

It was reported the memorial which has been at the planning stage for some time is now complete and there will be an unveiling ceremony on Friday March 7th time tba.

The Head of Operations is no longer in place. It was stated he felt he would' be better placed elsewhere'. He has been replaced by a temporary Head until a permanent person is appointed. The MD is currently recovering from surgery and will shortly start a phased return to work. As the HofO has only been in post for 4 weeks his knowledge was slightly limited .

CGX Connect Development.

The current work is running to schedule and is due to be completed by the end of March. Work will then start on the other side of the road.

There are no firm plans as to who will occupy the business park when complete but aeronautical link isnt a necessity, it will be open to any businesses although buildings will have to comply with height restrictions/safety requirements owing to the proximity to the runways.

Runway Improvements.

Work to the runway improvements is on schedule and is due to be completed by the end of April. Runway 1836 is now closed completely.

Runway 0422 is partially resurfaced either side of the crossover to enable the main runway to continue to be used.

Work on the main runway has started. Improvements to drainage are being put in place and groundwork for runway lighting is being installed.

Attempts are being made to improve the visibility in poor weather so that all of the runway can be used hence increasing the efficiency.

Complaints

It was stated there had been an increase in helicopter related complaints in January the majority of which were over Cheltenham. An attendee asked for the term Cheltenham to be defined as this covered a huge area.

A member commented on training exercises involving engine failure on take-off. This involves a simulation as soon after take off as possible between 200-500 feet. The member represented Down Hatherley and he said the area was adversely affected by these exercises. Head of Operations and Head of Security stated that new builds in Innsworth/Twigworth areas was having an impact on areas they can use as the exercise has to take place over open fields which are becoming less available.

Security

A security review is due to commence in March . It is a statutory requirement and will take approximately 4 months. Work is commencing to replace part of the security fencing near Skyborne.

When this is complete work to replace fencing in the area of the Jet Age Museum will commence but consultations need to take place before this happens.

Publicity

It was felt the airport didn't share some of the exciting projects happening and this should be looked at so the public are more aware. It was suggested that various agencies on the grounds should use various mediums to reach as many residents as possible and this would be looked in to.

Jubilee Beacon

Head of Security stated as the lighting was within 'closed' hours there would be minimal impact but it was essential to register the event so passing traffic can be warned/informed.
Details to be forwarded.