

## Gloucestershire Airport Consultative Committee Meeting

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 – 1800

### Final Minutes

#### Member Present

Dave Haines (DH)	Chairman
Phil Mathews (PM)	Fixed Wing Schools
Candia Blenkiron (CB)	Rotary Flying Schools
Graham Howell (Representing Tony Mackinnon) (GH)	Jet Age Museum
Neil Marshal (NM)	Badgeworth Parish Council
Jennie Lyons (JL)	Local Interests
Phillip Drew (PD)	Down Hatherley Parish Council
Simon John (SJ)	Staverton Parish Council
Scott McNeil (SM)	Brockworth Parish Council

#### Representing Gloucestershire Airport

Harry Harrad	Head of Operations
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#### Also in Attendance

Manpreet Shergill	Secretary – Safety Officer
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#### **1. Apologies**

Harold Symonds	Business Community, Vice Chairman
Robert Vines	Gloucestershire County Council
Tony Mackinnon	Jet Age Museum
Mary Jordan	Churchdown Parish Council

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

No minutes were produced for the previous meeting in May. The Chairman listed topics that were debated at the May meeting, and they were discussed at this meeting. These included:

Net Zero policy, radar, ATC staffing, security, helicopter training

#### **3. Matters Arising – Not covered by the agenda**

N/A

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

No changes to report

### **5a. Airport Management/Staffing**

HH stated that Manpreet Shergill is the new security officer and Tilly Richards will be the new compliance officer from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept giving a full staff Operations team. Air Traffic Control had completed interview last week for 2 more controllers which will hopefully join in 6-7 months.

PM asked, 'Tower only?'

HH responded 'Yes, initially'

### **5b. Airport Developments**

HH updated about the Radar project stating they went to Cambridge as a management team. DH questioned 'I thought the Airport Management team also visited Bournemouth?'

HH mentioned that the CGX project needs to progress first then the radar project can start, but they are doing research in the background. HH further stated that RW09-27 Re-opened May – Snagging List down to 10 – monitoring levels of behaviour – 1 afternoon in June of downfall of rain – assessed drainage- was good

HH – 6 months' time will check how areas are behaving

HH – 27 yellow line in the Turning Circle at 27 end is incorrect according to pilots, but had confirmation it is correct

HH – 04-22 Shoulders not in good condition, meeting with CAA – Authorisation for repairs, shoulders are colour coded and other areas we can leave for 8-12 areas – *STAGED APPROACHED* – CAA has accepted of it

### **5c. Noise complaints and Environmental Issues**

HH: Fuel spillage at JETA1 fuel tanks, tanker delivery 38,000L of fuels, sucked it into his truck, caused over spillage – No emergency stop – Environment agency, external services, Severn Trent – Went out to possible areas fuel could have gone and tested areas – Fuel HAD NOT gone into other areas – Investigation conducted externally – Changes made to the procedure and working with environment agency to add further control measures – Lost 3500L of JetA1

JL asked 'Was it tanker driver at fault?' with a response from HH 'Yes'

JL further asked, 'Is the airport in a position to make sure there isn't any expense over fuel spillages', HH stated that it was 'Failure to follow procedure by driver.'

ADD complaint breakdown from February 2022 to July 2022

### **5d. Airport Security**

HH mentioned that an external company has come on site for audit for entire site, covering security officers, checkpoints, access to airside, CCTV, perimeter fence

HH further mentioned we have had 2 unauthorised access to airside due to the fence being chest high – same lady both occasions – Once the report is back, it will be taken to the board

## 5e. Local Airspace Issues

HH mentioned we are receiving lots of noise complaints, recently looked at 18 months of noise complaints and spoke to operators – Operators could not find noise abatement procedures – Not properly followed – Spoke to the chairman

HH asked the ACC if they have seen the current noise abatement procedures? With a response of Yes, and then copies of the procedure were given out by HH, in which the Chairman is involved and supporting it

DH asked if this is a draft? In which HH responded that the final draft going out for feedback – Encouraging staff to give to pilots at front desk – Compliance officer will be responsible for investigating noise complaint- Documented in an investigation report

DH: We've had promises before, positive step

PM noted that on the procedures it needs to be 22 degrees not 10 degrees

JL: Needs to be 20 degrees, Pilots can't see the church, a recognisable building in Imjin Barracks – Don't turn until they've gone past the Imjin Barracks – 20-degree Track change relative to the ground needs to be noted and (adjustment for wind)

PD: New instruction is what it was 5 years ago, much better, its specific

CB: We have specific areas to avoid fixed wings and your areas, they have their circuits documented

*NM mentioned on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June between 9-11pm several hours of circuits, 2 helicopters following each other and similar on the 29<sup>th</sup> – An agreement with castle air out of hours training allowed?*

*4<sup>th</sup> July: 1am-1:30am*

*11<sup>th</sup> July: 21:40 -22:30*

*16<sup>th</sup> July – 10pm – 12am*

HH checks indemnity flights himself and approves of it, but will be investigating the training/circuit flights and will report back to NM

PM stated that Cheltenham Road still is not finished

HH: Issue with drainage which is owned by the council as own drain joins the main drain, the fix is going ahead, Montel is going to repair the drain and then fix the road

**ACTION:** HH agreed to meet with CB to discuss rotary wing circuit patterns

## Electric Aviation/Hydrogen Facility at the South of the Airport:

HH mentioned that Karen, the managing director, is working with external company for electric aviation –for hydrogen facility at South of airport. CGX is still on the market, there is a number of options. DH asked if this is a change to original plan?

HH: No, Karen's looking at different options of what we can do there, but still the original plan, but it is on the market

NM asked Who's responsible for the road outside, with a response from HH saying the council.

## **6. Any Other Business**

JL: We are open copied on the emails, not blind copies

## **7. Date of Next Meeting**

*Next meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022*