

COVENTRY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 17th July at 1600 hours at Anson House, Coventry Airport

Present:	Mr P Burns MBE (PB)	Chairman
	Mr Ron Walker (RW)	Based operator Midland Air Training and Airpark Flight Centre and vice-chairman of the CACC.
	Mr Alan Yates (AY)	Campaign to protect Rural England
	Cllr Roger Horsfall (RH)	Baginton Parish Council
	Cllr Trevor Wright (TW)	Warwick District Council
	Cllr Ram Lakha (RL)	Coventry City Council
	Mr John Astle (JA)	Stoneleigh & Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council
In Attendance:		
	Andy Hixon (AH)	Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager
	Richard Pace (RP)	Coventry Airport, Oversight Director
	Paul Brown (PAB)	Coventry Airport, Manager Air Traffic Services
	Tracy Sweeney (TS)	Coventry Airport, Scribe
Absent:		
	Peter Jones (PJ)	Chairman Coventry Airport Tenants and Users Association (CATUA)
	Mrs Pamela Gainer (PG)	Coventry Trades Union
	Mr Larry Coltman (LC)	Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce

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1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was declared open at 1700 hours by the Chairman

2. Apologies:

Peter Jones (PJ), Pamela Gainer (PG), Larry Coltman (LC)

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest raised.

4. Minutes of meeting on 20 February 2018:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

5. Matters Arising:

RW wanted clarification as to why there is a 10 tonne max weight restriction of aircraft on the west and not 9 tonnes as in the 106 agreement. AH explained that this was the maximum weight that the airport can accept with commercial passengers, anything over needs to conform to NASP procedures (unless it is operating as a private flight) which we cannot provide for. It was reiterated that all flights are subject to RFFS category restrictions also.

6. Airport Update:

- Full AFIS 7 days a week.
- Airport hours now 0900 – 1800 7 days a week.
- Currently training new FISO's for extra resilience in times of holiday and sickness.
- There is no reason why the hours can't remain the same in winter with perhaps 1 day per week staying open until 8pm to accommodate night rating (as we did last winter).
- There has been a change for the RNAV (GPS approaches) in the fact that 15 months ago the consultation was completed but with the sudden change to the operation of the airport going through redundancies etc. the process was paused until we reengaged at the beginning of July. We are waiting for confirmation from the CAA to see if we can essentially pick up where we left off or if we have to go through a new process which would mean another 2 years before we see any significant developments.
- RW – It has been mentioned that the CT NDB currently at Coombe Abbey could be repositioned on site at the airport and used as a locator beacon; this would be a huge advantage to pilots and the airport.
- RP – Will put the request to the RCA Air Traffic Engineering Manager whom he has already tasked with putting a report together of the equipment at Coventry and repair/ replacement/ maintenance costs.
- We have had circa 3,300 movements in June which is 30% favourable to what was budgeted, which essentially fulfilling what we set out to achieve.
- Fees & Charges have been reduced to conform to other similar GA airfields so our tenants and users are paying the right amount for the level of service they are receiving.
- We are continuing to attract more GA and business traffic with our hangars filling up with new tenants coming from Wellesborne mainly.
- Adverts are in pilot magazine for free landing promotion for July and August.
- The Oak pub is offering a special menu which are pilot friendly.

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- Fuel price is competitive and in line with Wellesborne.
- Airport website has been updated and includes the minutes of this meeting.

7. Any Other Business:

PB – RAF 100 event at Coventry was not mentioned to any of the committee and so were unaware this was happening at the airport at all.

RP – Can only apologise and state that it wasn't originally planned to have any display at the airport and so no formal invites were sent to any delegates.

Whitley South development – Significant increase in bird activity. Extra mitigations are in place and will continually be reviewed until the excavation has completed.

ID Passes – RW raised concerns that he is manually overriding his access system in order to let his members still have access to their aircraft etc. but it is not ideal. A temporary procedure should be agreed between the Airport and RW at Airpark.

We are going to continue to issue our own ID passes and the process for this will not change even though we are no longer regulated under the NASP. We are going to upgrade/ replace the current system which has failed and all sponsors will be informed once we are fully operational again with this.

Peter Jones has sent a statement to PB which was read out during the meeting.

Planning application for Gateway South is in the public domain and remains unchanged from the original account RS made at the last meeting.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19th November at 4pm at Coventry Airport, Anson House, CV8 3AZ.

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 18:11 hours.

Thank you all for your attendance.