## COVENTRY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

# Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 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.
	Mrs Pamela Gainer (PG)	Coventry Trades Union
	Mr Alan Yates (AY)	Campaign to protect Rural England
	Cllr Roger Horsfall (RH)	Baginton Parish Council
	Cllr Trevor Wright (TW)	Warwick District Council
	Mr John Astle (JA)	Stoneleigh & Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council
	Pam Redford (PR) (PP Trevor Wright)	Warwick District Council
In Attendance:		
	Andy Hixon (AH)	Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager
	Richard Pace (RP)	Coventry Airport, Oversight Director
	Richard Seal (RS)	Rigby Group, Real Estate Director
	Tracy Sweeney (TS)	Coventry Airport, Scribe
Absent:	Paul Brown (PAB)	Coventry Airport, Manager Air Traffic Services
	Peter Jones (PJ)	Vice-Chairman Coventry Airport Tenants and Users Association (CATUA)

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#### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was declared open at 1600 hours by the Chairman

#### 2. Apologies:

Paul Brown (PAB), Peter Jones (PJ)

#### 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest raised.

#### 4. Minutes of meeting on 24 August 2017:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

#### 5. Matters Arising:

No further matters arising relating to the accepted minutes.

#### 6. Airport Update:

RS Update;

- Gateway planning Application to be submitted this week.
- Airport Impact Demolition of;
  - Anson House, Hangar 1, Site 18, Fuel Farm, Railway museum.
- New Road doesn't run parallel with Bubbenhall Road.
- If application passed, planned works to commence next spring. There will be some investigation work carried out at the Sewage works on Rock Farm Lane before then but should cause no disruption.
- Aeros have relocated to Airport House in preparation for the loss of Anson House.
- Almat are still occupying Anson House but will be relocating to Dakota House but will leave it till as late as possible as there are still some issues with parking and visitor accessibility that need to be addressed. RS is working with them to resolve the issues.
- There is currently no solution for the Air Cadets to relocate on the airfield.
- Red and White electrical hut at the side of Anson House (Airside) needs expert attention for relocation etc.
- All plans have been safeguarded through Cyrrus as part of the application process.
- Utilities to be explored once the road in under construction.
- CAA compliant fencing will be put in place around the new airport boundary once road works commence making it a landside development.
- Access to the West will be maintained throughout the construction works.
- Existing Bubbenhall Road is not affected.
- Any traffic modelling will be published in the public domain with the planning application.
- Any future applications relevant to the airport will be brought to this committee.

#### RP Update;

 Airfield Flight Information Service went into operation on 6<sup>th</sup> February operating Tuesday to Friday 0900 – 1700 with 1 hour of Air Ground Communication Service 1230 – 1330. Saturday to Monday 0900 – 1700 is Air Ground Communications Service. This will be initially for 6 weeks to get through a period of 'Greenfield' whilst the current

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Manager of Air Traffic Services is validated. He will then be training the rest of the Air Ground staff to AFISO's which would give us AFIS 7 days a week. The target for this to be complete is April 2018. Increasing the airport operating hours will be looked at in line with this.

- Circuit traffic has been increased from 1 aircraft to 4, there have been no issues raised from pilots with the service provided.
- RNAV Application still going through, there will be no alteration to the current flight paths etc. The new road does not have to be lowered with the current VFR operations of the airport. RNAV will be on the 23 approach only. Timescale end of 2018 dependant on CAA approval.
- Aeros have moved their fleet from Wellesborne and are occupying the Bravo Apron bringing in more revenue for Coventry.
- We will not be handling large volumes of Jet Traffic at Coventry. The designated XLR Jet Centre in Birmingham will handle anything outside of our 10 tonne limit.
- The runway will not be shortened. All safeguarding has been conducted on the existing runway and there is no effect on the new developments.
- Fuel will always be available in some form which may be a mobile unit as it wouldn't be economically viable to build a complete new fixed facility.
- Largest aircraft Coventry can accept is 10 tonnes, maximum take-off weight.
- Social media campaign to take place in June to promote Coventry Airport as a GA hub.
- The rebrand is almost complete with the new RCA group airport logo.

#### 7. Any Other Business:

PB would like RW to remain as a member of this Consultative Committee regardless of his resignation as the Chair of the Tenants and Users Association. Everyone was in agreement.

Noise complaints are dealt with directly by the airport authority and the process of filing these complaints through the website form is still in operation. There have been no complaints received by the airport for quite some time.

#### 8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on <u>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</u> at <u>4pm</u> at Coventry Airport (building to be confirmed).

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 17:02 hours.

Thank you all for your attendance.