

## COVENTRY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 1600 hours.

<b>Present:</b>	Mr Peter Burns MBE (PB)	<b>Chairman</b>
	Mr Ron Walker (RW)	<b>Based operator Midland Air Training and Airpark Flight Centre and vice-chairman of the CACC.</b>
	Cllr Roger Horsfall (RH)	<b>Baginton Parish Council</b>
	Mr Alan Yates (AY)	<b>Campaign to Protect Rural England</b>
	Cllr Ram Lakha (RL)	<b>Coventry City Council</b>

### **In Attendance from Coventry Airport:**

Mr Richard Pace (RP)	<b>Coventry Airport Oversight Director</b>
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### **Absent/ Apologies:**

Mr Andy Hixon (AH)	Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager
Mr Steve Lindon (SL)	Senior AFISO
Mr John Astle (JA)	Stoneleigh & Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was declared open at 16:00 hours by the Chairman.

### 2. Apologies:

Mr Andy Hixon (AH) Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager  
Mr Steve Lindon (SL) Senior AFISO  
Mr John Astle (JA) Stoneleigh & Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council

### 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest raised.

### 4. Minutes of meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

### 5. Matters Arising:

RW: The Tenants and Users Association (TUA) has been dissolved and remaining funds have been donated by the former TUA Treasurer to The Air Ambulance Service (TAAS).

PB: Noted that no representative from Warwick District Council. RP will write to the clerk to confirm who their representative will be. Also, that Rugby Borough Council had requested representation. RP will write and ask for the name of a representative.

RW: Landing fees for touch and go's are too high compared to other local airfields who offer a service 7 days per week. RP will review to see if any changes are possible but not guaranteed.

### 6. Airport Update:

RP: Above and Beyond flying school has relocated to another airfield.

There has been increased movements from other based operators and visitors and the airport averages circa 2000 movements per month.

Night flying commenced at the end of October and will run until February, so the operating hours are 0900 – 1800 local Tuesday to Friday.

Greenpower Park was launched in March as a Centre of Electrification in Coventry. The West Midlands Gigafactory is planned to be the anchor tenant of a larger project called Greenpower Park, the UK Centre for Electrification and Clean Energy, a joint venture between Coventry City Council and the owners of Coventry Airport.

RW: The Prospectus and the advertising boards depict the redline boundary for the Gigafactory as the whole of the airport site which is different to the drawing provided as part of the planning permission. This point has previously been raised with Estates. RP will raise again with Estates.

**7. Any Other Business:**

RW. The rates bill for Air Park are being increased significantly to unsustainable levels.

RP. This is not a matter for the Airport but for the Valuation Office and Warwick District Council.

RW. Vehicles from Carousel have previously damaged the boundary wall of Air Park. Cov staff had helped in repairing the wall.

RP. If future incidents occur these should be reported to Estates and via OSHENS.

AY. New homes are being built close to the airport will this affect the airport?

RP. The airport is a statutory consultee for planning applications and any such application would undergo a safeguarding assessment to determine if there was an issue for the airport.

**8. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held in May. An invite will be issued with a confirmation date.

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 16:45

Thank you for your attendance.