

## COVENTRY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1600 hours at  
Anson House, Coventry Airport

<b>Present:</b>	Mr P 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>
	Mrs Pamela Gainer (PG)	<b>Coventry Trades Union</b>
	Peter Jones (PJ)	<b>Chairman Coventry Airport Tenants and Users Association (CATUA)</b>
	Cllr Ram Lakha (RL)	<b>Coventry City Council</b>
	Cllr Trevor Wright (TW)	<b>Warwick District Council</b>
	Mr John Astle (JA)	<b>Stoneleigh &amp; Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council</b>
	Mr Alan Yates (AY)	<b>Campaign to protect Rural England</b>
<b>In Attendance:</b>		
	Andy Hixon (AH)	<b>Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager</b>
	Richard Pace (RP)	<b>Coventry Airport, Oversight Director</b>
	Tracy Sweeney (TS)	<b>Coventry Airport, Scribe</b>
<b>Absent:</b>		
	Paul Brown (PAB)	<b>Coventry Airport, Manager Air Traffic Services</b>
	Mr Larry Coltman (LC)	<b>Coventry &amp; Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce</b>
	Heather Timms (HT)	

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### 1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was declared open at 1600 hours by the Chairman

### 2. Apologies:

Paul Brown (PB), Heather Timms (HT)

### 3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest raised.

### 4. Minutes of meeting on 17 July 2018:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

### 5. Matters Arising:

RW picked up on a point in the minutes from the last meeting saying that 'there is no reason why the hours can't remain the same as in winter'. The hours have changed for the winter.

RP stated that the demand for the 1800 opening isn't there but if there is suddenly an increase in requests for flying after 1700 then the hours will be reviewed. The extra hours on Thursday until 2000 should have an indication as to the demand so it will be monitored.

### 6. Airport Update:

- Winter operating hours as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 – 0900 – 1700 Friday to Wednesday and 0900 – 2000 Thursdays.
- RNAV is still going ahead under the former Air Space Change Process initially started on. There is a slight increase to fees by £7,000 which takes the remaining costs to £57,000 which has been approved by the Rigby Group Board. RP has no definitive timescale for completion of this but feels that the general feel from the CAA is likely to be by the end of 2019. A third party company had been appointed (OSPREY) to complete the necessary paperwork for submission to the CAA so this will be done as soon as reasonably practicable. RP will update on the process should there be any significant changes and a timescale for completion will be relayed as and when it is known.
- There is no requirement for planning permission for RNAV as it is a GPS system so no physical equipment needed on the airport site for this.
- RP looked into relocating the NDB on site at the airport but the cost to do this is around £40,000 so this will not be a priority.
- RW stated that after some consideration for this it may not be a better solution to locate on the field due to Birmingham restrictions.
- Movements for 2018 up to the end of October are 26,311 which is only 274 movements short on 2017 with 2 months still to go. The first 7 months of 2017 also had full Air Traffic Control.

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### 7. Any Other Business:

- Gateway South – outline planning application has been submitted and is awaiting approval. RP predicts that once approved the airport should have 12 months to get all necessary arrangements completed i.e. relocation of fuel farm and fencing etc.
- The airport initially submitted an objection to the battery park planning (on the old railway museum ground) due to insufficient bird management they had in place. This has been resolved and objection withdrawn.
- RW has received an email from a new based operator saying that he will be setting up a website to generate GA at Coventry. RP knows nothing about this. RW has passed the email to RP to look into.

### 8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held around the week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Final date to be confirmed, at Coventry Airport, Anson House, CV8 3AZ.

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 1648 hours.

Thank you for your attendance.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.