

COVENTRY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 1630 hours via
Microsoft Teams, 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.
	Cllr Roger Horsfall (RH)	Baginton Parish Council
	Peter Jones (PJ)	Chairman Coventry Airport Tenants and Users Association (CATUA)
	Mr John Astle (JA)	Stoneleigh & Ashow and Bubbenhall Parish Council
	Mr Alan Yates (AY)	Campaign to Protect Rural England
	Cllr Trevor Wright (TW)	Warwick District Council

In Attendance from Coventry Airport:

Andy Hixon (AH)	Coventry Airport, Operations Accountable Manager (Scribe)
Richard Pace (RP)	Coventry Airport, Oversight Director

In Attendance from Rigby Real Estate:

Mike Murray (MM)	Rigby Group
James Walters (JW)	Rigby Group

Absent/ Apologies:

Cllr Ram Lakha (RL)	Coventry City Council
Paul Brown (PAB)	Coventry Airport, Manager Air Traffic Services
Tracy Sweeney (TS)	Quality System Manager
Mr Larry Coltman (LC)	Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce
Mrs Pamela Gainer (PG)	Coventry Trades Union

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1. Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was declared open at 16:38 hours by the Chairman.

2. Apologies:

Cllr Ram Lakha - Coventry City Council

Paul Brown- Coventry Airport

Tracy Sweeney - Coventry Airport

Mr Larry Coltman - Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce

Mrs Pamela Gainer - Coventry Trades Union

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest:

There were no declarations of conflict of interest raised.

4. Minutes of meeting on 3rd March 2021:

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

5. Matters Arising:

None

6. Airport Update:

RP handed over to MM.

MM:

- Explained the consultancy process (and showed a slide show), planning application will be submitted in July.
- No definite size can be given for the building as this would depend on the tenant.

TW:

- The final structure of the Gigafactory is not in place and no operator has been identified.
- Airport is in greenbelt.
- Other sites have been considered.
- Outline planning is the only thing that will be submitted.
- The application will need to be presented at a special case to be taken out of greenbelt.
- WDC are against it coming out of greenbelt to stop other use (Greenbelt can be used for specific use).
- If the Airport were unviable, it is a huge piece of land that would be considered for better use.

AY:

- Proposed footprint discussed but not height.

MM:

- This will be worked out based on other Gigafactory's but could be up to 30m high in areas.

PB:

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- One area of concern, what will happen to tenants and users? What timeline do they have?

MM:

- Rigby Group will have separate conversations with operators about leases.
- At the earliest outline planning could be granted in January 2022.
- It will be 2023 before the site will be closed as an airport if successful for building work to start in 2024.

RH:

- Concerns over health and safety issues of chemicals coming from the site.

JA:

- Commented on height of buildings; higher parts being further away from the village.

RP:

- Commented on the remit of the CACC to challenge future of the tenants and users.

TW:

- Reiterated that all "hands" will be reviewed through the planning application and all points.
- What will not be considered is the tenants and users of the airport's future.
- What is available to rehome the tenants?

MM:

- Willing to come back to update at a later date when things change.

7. Any Other Business:

RW:

- Commented that the airport hadn't had a flight safety meeting for a while, and previous meetings being cancelled.

8. Date of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held in 3 months' time unless otherwise stated. Teams invite will be issued with confirmation date.

The meeting was closed by the chairman at 17:40hours.

Thank you for your attendance.