

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

*Précis of minutes for publication on Airport website & Airport Notice Board*

**Present** - 15 Members + 1 Representative of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Apologies** - received from 3 Members + 2 Representatives of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 -**

The minutes were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman.

**Matters Arising -**

**1. Airport Tenants and Users Group**

The Chairman reported that the ongoing question over the continuation of the Airport Tenants & Users Group has been resolved with a successor to take over the running of the group now in place. She duly introduced him to the Committee as the new representative for the group.

**2. UL91 Unleaded Avgas**

This is now fully operational and sales are better than expected, already a second delivery has been ordered.

**3. Charity Events**

The Teddy Boys Charity Ball (25<sup>th</sup> February) was a great success and the Jet Age Museum open day (9<sup>th</sup> April) was well attended raising over £1000.

Future events for this year are -

The Airport Open Day is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

A Charity BBQ Flying Open Day is being organized in conjunction with the Airport for July 21<sup>st</sup> 2012.

**4. Junction 10 (M5)**

There was no further news to report

**Consultative Committee Matters -**

There were no Consultative Committee Matters to report.

**Airport Management Matters –**

**i. Airport Development Plan:**

The Runway Safety Project is progressing well and is on target to be within budget. The new access road has now been opened and will be monitored accordingly. Further work will be carried out on the car park and completion of remedial work on other areas that have arisen from the defect report

Tewkesbury Borough Council Planning Dept. refused our application to retain the road in its current form. This is despite support from the local community and the Chief Fire Officer at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS). We will continue to work with the Planning Authority in order to retain the surface. GAL, therefore, has 12 months in which to comply with the planning condition of removing the tarmac. There had only been two objections to the entrance road being left as it is.

It was suggested to use 'grasscrete' as an alternative to the tarmac as this is more visually attractive and quotes are currently being sought for the product however, GFRS are against the use of grasscrete on an emergency access route as it's friction values are much less than tarmac and given the incline would not be a suitable surface for responding appliances. Meetings with the local MP and local Councillors was suggested.

The ILS has been ordered and is due to be commissioned by the end of September. The revised declared landing distance is hoped to be 1150 metres.

## **ii. Environment Report**

The campaign to have a new bus route through Bamfurlong lane continues with support from the Airport and Dundry Nurseries. Stagecoach has agreed to a route and the results from canvassing the local community for their support will be forwarded on to Stagecoach.

The Airport has recently hosted a resource efficiency club; this was organized by Sustainable Direction whose aim is to reduce utility and other resource costs. The club is free and the next meeting has been arranged for the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 in the Aviator Meeting Room with further meetings to follow.

The Airport Director was pleased to report that the electricity costs at GAL have been reduced by 9½% and they are now analyzing the water usage with a view to reducing annual consumption.

The collection of rain water from hangars (Grey Water Scheme) can only be used for flushing toilets and is not suitable for use elsewhere.

Solar Panels had been considered but the Company that had approached GAL to provide a quote had not responded further, due to complex connectivity issues. It was also pointed out that not all the Hangars on the aerodrome belong to GAL.

A member enquired about Broadband connectivity, the Airport replied that it was cost prohibitive at the present time. BT and Virgin have been asked to investigate a suitable solution.

A new operator is currently investigating installing broadband and there may be an opportunity at that time. The Airport was confident that a good broadband service would be available in the future.

### **Noise Complaints**

It was reported that there had been 63 noise complaints during February, March and April made up as follows:

Churchdown 1; Badgeworth 1; Bamfurlong Industrial Park 1; Longlevens 1:

Plus the following from Regular Complainants –

Bamfurlong Lane 4; Boddington 10; Cheltenham 39; Staverton 6: 1

The member for Down Hatherley mentioned that a resident from Down Hatherley was compiling a log of aircraft flying over Down Hatherley Church and is lobbying the local council to present a case. He claims 70% of flights pass over the Church.

A member mentioned that whilst he was at Kemble Airfield, complainants were invited to the Airport to alleviate their concerns. The Airport Director replied that this has happened on numerous occasions at Gloucestershire Airport as well.

It was mentioned that Down Hatherley had previously had several meetings with The Airport and Operators for local residents to discuss their concerns and suggested that maybe another meeting could be arranged.

### **Report of recent Planning Applications**

Hangar SE3 – New Tenants have been agreed

Hangar SE4 – Occupied by RGV

Hangar SE13 – This will be demolished and a new modern Hangar built

### **Jet Age Museum (JAM)**

Progress was continuing with fund raising for the Jet Age Museum, with £160k currently banked and a further £90k promised. The first phase is anticipated to commence in June.

The ‘buy a brick’ campaign has been well supported; the closing date for applications is the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

### **Wind Turbines**

Strensham; Alney Island; Forest of Dean; – All no further updates available

### **Airport Security Situation**

The following Airport Crime and Incident Statistics were provided by Gloucestershire Police for the period from 1st November 2011 to 31st March 2012 –

Gloucestershire Airport - 2 reported crimes; 1 reported incident of note (Laser light shone at an aircraft); 15 miscellaneous reported incidents:

Anson Business Park - 1 reported crime; 2 miscellaneous reported incidents:

Bamfurlong Industrial Park / Staverton Industrial Estate - 2 reported crimes; 5 miscellaneous reported incidents:

Meteor Business Park - 3 reported crimes; 3 miscellaneous reported incidents:

### **Any Other Business**

#### Fuel Prices:

A member thanked Airport Management for reducing the cost of fuel mid-month, this was appreciated by all. The Airport replied that it recognised the effect the high cost of fuel had on businesses and reductions in price would be implemented whenever possible

#### Olympics:

There may be disruptions to traffic and surrounding communities during the Olympic Torch Relay on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012. It may be prudent to plan any journeys during that period.

The Airport was anticipating attracting General Aviation aircraft that will be temporarily displaced from their normal airfields during the Olympic period.

Oxford Aviation Academy has confirmed their intention to operate out of Gloster for the Olympic period operating 6 twin-engined Seneca aircraft for training.

The Chairman thanked the retiring representative of the Tenants & Users Group for his help and support on this Committee and for resurrecting the ATUG - In response he thanked the Committee and replied that he had been a member of the Committee since 1996 and hoped it would continue to move forward

The meeting closed at 18.30

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 6 pm**