# GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 19th May 2016

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

**Present –** 10 members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Apologies -** received from 3 Members + 1 representatives of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record

### Matters Arising Not Covered by the Agenda & Future Events

There were no matters arising from the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

The Airport Director gave details of the following events:

- 24<sup>th</sup> 26th May 2016: EBACE The European Business Aviation Convention & Exhibition takes place in Geneva where GAL staff will attend to promote the airport
- 24<sup>th</sup>June 2016: The Runway Rumble cycle event will take place during the evening.
- 1st 3rd July 2016: AeroExpo at Sywell, Northampton attended by GAL staff
- 1st & 2nd July 2016: Cool Aeronautics celebrating 150 years of the Royal Aeronautical Engineering Society, supported by Messier-Dowty-Saffran, Dowty, GE Aviation, Triumph Actuation Systems, Jet Age Museum and GAL. This event will be held at the Museum
  - Day 1 This day is for Key stage 2 primary children highlighting a range of activities.
  - Day 2 Open to the public
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016: BMW Arrive and Drive Weekend
- 16th/17thJuly 2016: Airport Charity Open weekend.

The member representing Brockworth Parish Council offered a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemorative plaque to GAL

#### **Consultative Committee Matters**

The member representing Gloucester City Council informed the Secretary that he has stepped down from the Committee and will no longer represent Gloucester City, a replacement will be appointed in due course

#### <u>Airports and Tenants User Group (ATUG) update:</u>

There was discussion regarding the funds held, which are to be used to contribute to a war memorial at the airport. It was proposed by the Airport Director, subject to ratification, that monies could be transferred from their current account to a GAL Charity Account and 'ring fenced' for the memorial project. It was clarified that the ATUG funds would be a contribution to the war memorial, rather than the sole source of funds.

The Airport Head of Operations will be asked by the Airport Director to issue a project plan for the memorial to include funding sources, design, cost and location.

## **Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Director gave an update on Airport staffing and Airport Board membership and other airport issues:

- Contracts have been awarded for the developments in the South East area of the airfield and work has started on the new access road.
- A new corporate Logo has been designed and is now being used
- The new Airport Website has been redesigned and is due to go live imminently
- The interior design of the Terminal Building is being considered for improvements and a fresh design

## <u>Airport Management – Report of Recent Planning Applications</u>

- Twigworth Breakers: Planning approval has been given for the change of use for a caravan business
- SE21 has been demolished and an application has been submitted for a new Aircraft Hangar
- Car Park: An application has been submitted for a change of use for the car park at the rear of the existing car park for use for secure parking.
- Two Portacabins have been purchased and will be used for Offices, one for the Maintenance Dept. and the other rented out.

## **Environment Report**

## **Head of Operations – Report of Public Noise Complaints**

There were 113 Noise Complaints received during the three monthly periods of February, March and April made up as follows:

- 34 x Bamfurlong Lane
- 61 x Down Hatherely
  - 7 x Churchdown
  - 2 x Cheltenham
  - 8 x Gloucester Road
  - 1x Slimbridge

These complaints were from a total of 20,209 movements and Instrument 543 approaches.

The member representing Down Hatherley gave a copy of a list of complaints that were reported from Down Hatherley Residents to the Airport Director and suggested that commonly reported aircraft owners were contacted.

The Airport Director mentioned that the new Noise Complaints Database is now in place. He reiterated that all complaints were passed on to the operators of the aircraft.

There was a detailed discussion regarding current procedures for R27 and R04 departures.

The Airport Director confirmed that the CAA review took place in March.

A Guide to Flying at Gloucestershire Airport can be downloaded from the website and includes a section on the noise complaints procedure

The Chairman requested that regular transgressors of the departure procedure should be contacted. The Airport Director confirmed this action was already in place.

## **Airport Security Situation**

There are no reports of any crime on the Airport or Business Parks

## **Any Other Business**

The member representing Down Hatherley commented that complaints regarding the Citywing departures, following many previous complaints, had dried up due to the correct procedures now being followed.

The member representing the Jet Age Museum updated the Committee:

- 7/4/16 a time capsule was buried commemorating the first short flight
- 18/06/16 is a celebration of Armed Forces Day
- Visitor numbers to the Museum had exceeded those of last year.

# **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 1800 hrs at the Jet Age Museum