

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

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

**Present** - 12 Members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Apologies** . received from 3 Members + 2 representatives of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> August 2014 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters Arising**

The BBC Radio Gloucestershire £Children In Need Charity Cup Cakeevent was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The Airport Head of Operations thanked those who helped with the event, in particular Direct Aviation. 14,392 Cup Cakes were made in total, measuring 885.6 meters long, breaking the world record previously held in Columbia. There was extensive Media Coverage, including a mention on the Terry Wogan show.

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that Aerial Photographs had been taken for Coopers Edge School, Brockworth for their Anti-Bullying Week

14 Veterans who had missed the Project Propeller event in June were invited for another Project Propeller Flying day in September. This generated further publicity for the Airport and The Jet Age Museum (JAM)

The member representing Brockworth enquired if the Stagecoach Bus Service through the Airport was proving successful. The Airport Head of Operations stated that the numbers of passengers have been very encouraging with many Students taking advantage of the Service and also those visiting Dundry Nurseries.

**Future Events**

Santa Flights will be operating between The Terminal Building and the Jet Age Museum on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December 2014 commencing at 11am.

The Travel & Leisure weekend, will take place in the New

**Consultative Committee Matters**

There were no Consultative Committee Matters to report

**Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Head of Operations gave the following update :-

- The York Aviation Ltd (YAL) Report is nearing its conclusion.

- Scheduled Services - from January 2015, Citywing are increasing the Isle of Man rotations to 3 flights per day and from May 2015, the Jersey Service will be operating on Saturday.

The member representing Brockworth enquired if there were any developments regarding services to some of the Scottish Airports. The Airport Head of Operations replied that Airport Management and YAL are exploring other services and further research is being undertaken with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) on other destinations

The member representing the Business Community commented that he had received a survey from the LEP, which had been delivered via their social media outlets

### **Environment Report**

The Airport Head of Operations gave the following update :-

- Solar Panels: Nothing further to report at this stage
- Boundary Walk map is still being developed
- Cycle Hire: This will be promoted further in the summer months, to date there have been two cycles hired
- CO2 calculations are still below the limit and DEFRA have now issued new guidance regarding emissions calculations, which will be used in conjunction with the shareholders to amend our methodology.

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

During the 3 months (August . October) there were 56 Noise Complaints:

- 27 Bamfurlong Lane
- 11 Cotswold Court Park
- 8 Down Hatherley
- 1 Gloucester Road, Staverton
- 1 Lavender Road, Hatherley
- 1 Benhall Cheltenham
- 7 Cheltenham (Rushworth Close)

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that complaints regarding the noise abatement turns of aircraft taken over Down Hatherley have been passed on to Citywing. The member representing Hatherley reported that a complainant from the Village had also written directly to Citywing regarding the flights over Down Hatherley.

The Airport Head of Operations pointed out the difficulty of avoiding Down Hatherley due to the layout of the Village, and the growth of the trees, particularly around the Church, whereas Staverton Village is easier to define due to the Motorway feature. The member representing Local Interests commented that Pilots use Imjin Barracks as a point of reference but this is not an obvious reference point for visiting Pilots.

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that a review of circuits would be discussed at the next Operators Safety Committee in the New Year and review of noise impact would be undertaken.

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that aircraft turns over the Highgrove Estate should be avoided

The member representing Hatherley informed the Committee that further housing development is being pursued around the Longford Lane area. Comments were made that people moving into the area should be made aware of the Airport with increased publicity and general awareness.

The member representing Local Interests reminded the Committee that the Noise Abatement procedures were recommendations only and there is no obligation or legal requirement for pilots, the overriding concern is safety.

The Airport Head of Operations confirmed that TBC have the Noise Contour Data

The Chairman commented that all noise complaints should continue to be acknowledged and monthly updates to continue. The Airport Head of Operations replied that all noise complaints were investigated but it was very time consuming.

### **Airport Management – Report of Recent Planning Applications**

Work continues with the JCS. The Airport Head of Operations confirmed the Airfield Boundary Map has been amended

A flurry of applications for Mobile Telephone Aerials have been received, however these have no bearing on the Airports safety.

There was nothing further to report

### **Airport Security Situation**

There was no Security report available for the meeting

### **Any Other Business**

The member representing the Jet Age Museum (JAM) informed the Committee that the Museum has received over 25,000 visitors with an average of 150 visitors attending on Saturdays and Sundays between the hours of 1000 and 1600. These figures are helping the museum to develop, and Phases 2 and 3 of the Museum are being considered. Fundraising continues with the return of the £buy a brick campaign.

A sealed bid has been put forward for another Javelin (Mark 4) however; there is currently not enough room for this aircraft if the bid is successful as additional hangarage is required. If the bid is successful, this will be the only Museum in the world with two Javelins

The member representing Churchdown enquired if there were any plans for an Emergency Area off the second Runway? The Airport Head of Operations replied that it was not necessary and there were no requirements to provide one

The member representing Churchdown asked if the wildlife walk was proceeding as planned. The Airport Head of Operations replied that this had been deferred until next year although the work had been completed on the Airport side with positive comments regarding the vegetation & habitat.

The member representing Gloucestershire County Council commented that Churchdown Village were delighted with the work undertaken and he had received many positive comments

The Airport Head of Operations mentioned that press releases would continue to be issued with information about other community activities, for instance with schools and Age UK, who had recently visited the Jet Age Museum.

The Airport won the Best GA Aviation Award for the second year in a row. This award is voted for by the AOPA members.

The Airport 5-a-side football team also won the All Saints Academy Division 4 cup

The member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools enquired if the zebra crossings on the Airport service roads would be repainted. The Airport Head of Operations confirmed these will be completed with a line painting machine.

Meeting closed at 1900 hrs

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015