

**GLoucestershire Airport Consultative Committee Meeting**  
**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

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

**Present** – 9 members + Minutes Secretary + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Apologies** - received from 4 Members + 2 representatives of Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015 were approved by those present and signed by the Chairman as a true record

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

The Airport Head of Operations reported on the following events

- 22<sup>nd</sup> August The Jet Age Museum opened the Trident Airliner
- 4<sup>th</sup> September - joint venture between Heli-Air and the new Porsche Dealership in Tewkesbury taking place at the Airport.
- 5<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Meteor Miles Raceq- charity race will be taking place on the Airports Runway.
- The Airport Open Days next year will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July 2016

**Consultative Committee Matters**

The Airport Head of Operations stated that advice would be sought from the War Graves Department regarding the position of the War Memorial. As there has been a Remembrance Service held at the Jet Age Museum for the last few years, it seems an appropriate site for the Memorial

**Airport Management Matters**

The Airport Head of Operations reported that the Airport Vice Chairman will undertake the Chairman's duties for the time being. The Shareholders are in the process of altering the structure of the Board. Both Shareholders are very positive for the long term future of the Airport.

**Environment Report**

The Airport Head of Operations reported that there has been an increase in the number of incidents regarding aircraft conflict in circuits and Management have been looking at ways of improving this and have spoken to the CAA. This is reflected on a national scale with the national trend increasing and is therefore not just a local issue.

There is a greater reporting culture and all reports have increased due to a Just Cultureqwhere no one should be blamed for reporting an error but where gross negligence is not tolerated.

A review of circuits is to be undertaken. A survey and Hazop will be undertaken to assess any changes. However, operational requirements will take precedence over noise impact. A review with the CAA will be undertaken with a view to rolling out the changes next year.

The member representing Brockworth Parish Council enquired if it was just local pilots who were responsible. The Airport Head of Operations replied that it was not just local pilots but across the spectrum.

The member representing the Business Community enquired if this was occurring outside of the UK as well but the Airport Head of Operations replied they were focusing on the UK only and it may be due to a multicultural effect. There are no language issues at Gloucester.

The member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools thought raising the circuit height may open up problems as the circuit would go outside of the ATZ. The Airport Head of Operations acknowledged there may be issues and requested feedback

The member representing Brockworth Parish Council suggested that the planning of houses would come into the equation and should be mentioned to the planning department at Brockworth. The Chairman asked if the height was extended, how far out would it extend. The Airport Head of Operations replied that it depended on various scenarios but could push the traffic further west, but from a safety point of view, aircraft would need to be able to glide back to the Airfield.

The Airport Head of Operations replied that it may help with the noise issues at Down Hatherley. The member representing Down Hatherley Parish Council suggested this depended on the climb and the problem with the published departure procedures

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

There were 166 Noise Complaints received during the three monthly period of May, June and July made up as follows:

137x Bamfurlong Lane  
1 x Corse Lawn  
2 x Gloucester Road  
1 x Ledbury  
14 x Down Hatherley  
1 x Staverton  
1 x Newent  
8 x Churchdown  
1 x Cheltenham

These complaints were from a total of 22458 movements and 1307 Instrument Approaches

The member representing Down Hatherley Parish Council requested that the Airport Head of Operations check how the noise Complaints data was being captured, as it appeared that some complaints from Down Hatherley are not getting through. The Airport Head of Operations would follow this up.

The member representing Churchdown Parish Council enquired if the ILS approaches were noisier. The Airport Head of Operations replied that these are recorded separately and do not add any additional noise. The member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools commented that due to their height, these approaches are in fact generally quieter.

The member representing Churchdown Parish Council mentioned that two complaints were made direct to the Parish Council and asked if out of hours flights were on the increase. The Airport Head of Operations replied that the out of hours movements were looked at on an annual basis and that they were generally business flights attending European meetings which would require them to take an early slot as this would have an operational impact on their working day

The member representing Fixed Wing Flying Schools commented that Down Hatherley Church is disguised by the trees and difficult to see, the Noise Abatement procedures state that the Church is to be avoided.

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

Ashville Business Park has applied for planning permission to expand. The Airport Head of Operations commented that the Airport has lodged an objection due to occupied buildings being directly under the flight path on approach to Runway 18. It was reported that Churchdown Parish Council had also strongly objected to the application and commented that there was never a proposal in the JCS for that area to be developed

### **Any Other Business**

The member representing Down Hatherley Parish Council suggested that the Airports Complaints reporting system was not fit for purpose because it is essentially a one-way process as there is no feedback regarding the outcome of the investigation. The Airport Head of Operations stated that he replied personally to complaints.

The member representing Down Hatherley Parish Council requested a response to an outstanding letter from Down Hatherley Parish Council. This was to be followed up by the Airport Head of Operations.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Next Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th November 2015 at 1800 hrs  
The meeting closed at 1900 hrs