

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 17th May 2018
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Present – 11 members + 1 representative from Gloucestershire Airport (GAL)

Apologies - received from 2 Members

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2018 were approved and signed as a true copy.

Matters Arising - not covered by the Agenda

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport confirmed they had objected to the proposal by RAF Brize Norton to increase its Controlled Airspace (CAS). Cheltenham Town, Gloucester City & Tewkesbury Borough had also sent objections. The member representing Down Hatherley reported that Down Hatherley Parish Council had also written a letter of objection.

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport confirmed that the rubbish at the western end of the airport had been tidied.

Consultative Committee Matters

A new member joined the committee representing microlight aviation at the Airport.

The new Airport Ops and Compliance Manager will also be joining the committee.

Badgeworth Parish Council will appoint a new representative.

Airport Memorial

The Vice-Chairman summarised progress to date:

- The stone, with plaque attached, has been delivered to the Airport
- Fund raising efforts continue to allow the stone to be sited and landscaping commissioned

Airport Management

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported that a new Commercial Director has been appointed.

Environment Report

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported that helicopter pleasure flying departure routes had been discussed with Operators and ATC. The routes would vary depending on runway in use and local traffic.

Public Noise Complaints

There were 13 noise complaints received for the 3 months: February 2018 - April 2018. Total movements for this period were 17,627. The complaints were broken down:

- Fixed wing: 6; helicopters: 7
- Gloucester Road x 1 (military helicopter)

- Churchdown x 3 (1 jet, 1 helicopter, 1 prop)
- Bamfurlong Lane x 3 (military helicopters)
- Cheltenham x 2 (1 helicopter, 1 prop)
- Longlevens x 1 (1 prop)
- Badgeworth x 2 (1 helicopter, 1 prop)
- Tewkesbury x 1 (1 prop)

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that there is a dedicated MOD complaints department that military helicopter complaints should be referred to.

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that complaints raised during May would be counted in the statistics for the next period.

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported that the Complaints database had been updated to record the aircraft operator's response. This should "close the loop".

The member representing Down Hatherley enquired whether any progress had been made on raising the height of the turn of Noise Abatement Procedure for runway 27 from 600' to 700'. The representative of Gloucestershire Airport stated that this would be reviewed by the new Ops and Compliance Manager.

Airport: Recent Planning Applications

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported on 3 planning applications:

- SE50 to be split into two separate sites (SE50 & SE51) with SE51 hangar: application for change of use to a flight training academy
- SE19: application to demolition and rebuild outbuildings that are used as storage and workshop.
- Memorial: small patio and stone memorial

Airport Security

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport reported that there had been one incident during the 3 month period: an unauthorised vehicle had been stopped when being driven airside. It had followed another car through the main gate. Both drivers were reminded that this is not permitted.

Any Other Business

The member representing the Jet Age Museum reported that they would be applying for almost £1 million from an EU fund. This will provide the JAM with more scope to expand.

The member representing the Jet Age Museum announced that a number of tapestries commemorating 100 years of the RAF will be on display at the JAM on 13th June

The representative of Gloucestershire Airport said that Cheltenham BC had just had their elections and will look to provide a representative to attend these meetings. It is likely that Gloucester City will review their membership as well.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th August at 1800 hrs in the Terminal Building, Gloucester Airport.