

Minutes

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| Meeting | Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee | | |
| Held on | Thursday 29 th November 2018 | | |
| Time | 1430 hrs | | |
| Venue | Imperial Room, Departures Building | | |
| Attendees | 1. | Mr P Thorne (Chair) | Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Com |
| | 2. | Cllr Mrs J Jones (Deputy) | Hurn Parish |
| | 3. | Cllr A Biggs | Verwood Town Council |
| | 4. | Cllr W Dow | New Forest District Council |
| | 5. | Cllr M Farrell | Poole Borough Council |
| | 6. | Cllr B Goringe | East Dorset District Council |
| | 7. | Mr J Hosker | Dorset Federation of Residents' Associations |
| | 8. | Mrs J Hudson | Broadstone Residents' Association |
| | 9. | Cllr Mrs B Manuel | West Parley Parish & Deputy East Dorset District |
| | 10. | Cllr N Penman | Hampshire County Council & New Forest Nat Park |
| | 11. | Mr B Riddle | Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce |
| | 12. | Cllr P Russell | Crowhill Res' Association / Burley Parish Council |
| | 13. | Mr D Skillicorn | Prestige Holidays |
| | 14. | Ms A Warner | Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry |
| | 15. | Ms R Osborn | Secretary to Consultative Committee |
| In Attendance | Bournemouth Airport Authority: | | |
| | 1. | Mr T Brogden | Customer Services Manager |
| | 2. | Mr H Greenman | Estates Manager |
| | 3. | Ms D Mitchell | Environment, Health & Safety Manager |
| | 4. | Mr M Twomey | Head of Technical Services |
| | 5. | Mrs C Willoughby-Crisp | Air Traffic & Operations Manager |
| In Attendance | Department for Transport: | | |
| | 1. | Ms S Stolworthy | Airspace Modernisation Policy & Project Manager |
| Apologies | 1. | Cllr T Cordery | Ferndown Town Council |
| | 2. | Cllr M Iyengar | Poole Borough Council |
| | 3. | Cllr Mrs P Jamieson | Christchurch Borough Council |
| | 4. | Cllr Mrs M Phipps | Dorset County Council |
| | 5. | Cllr C Rochester | Bournemouth Borough Council |
| Meeting dates: | (All Thursdays at 1430 hrs in the Imperial Room) | | |
| | → 7 th March 2019 | | |
| | → 4 th July 2019 | | |
| | → 28 th November 2019 | | |

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 19th July 2018, were approved by those present.

2. Matters Arising / Actions

ACTION In the Aircraft Noise Report, the Airport to include the particulars of each non-complaint aircraft (identified as a result of a complaint), including aircraft, area overflowed and reason for non-compliance. CLOSED

ACTION The Chair and Deputy Chair to investigate the point of contact at Christchurch Council for the Airport's Community Fund and to write to them to request that the area of eligibility be extended to outside of the Christchurch boundary, covering specific areas affected by Airport activity. Update 29/11/2018: ONGOING

3. Presentation – "DfT Guidelines for ACCs – Review of Community Engagement Mechanisms"

- 3.1 The Chair welcomed Ms Stolworthy to the Bournemouth Consultative Committee Meeting.

- 3.2 Ms Stolworthy advised that she anticipated that the Green Paper would be published in December. The Guidance for Consultative Committees (as below) would not be reviewed, just supplemented.
- 3.3 The Guidance was, “ACCs were structured forums that provided an opportunity for the exchange of information between airports and interested parties. They made recommendations to the airport management and other bodies when appropriate, as well as being a place where there was an opportunity to reach common understanding between interested groups about the nature of the aerodrome operation in the hope that issues could be resolved amicably.”
- 3.4 This guidance was not only for ACCs to make recommendations to the airport but also to promote engagement.
- 3.5 A discussion took place on ACCs in general and the Bournemouth Airport meeting in particular. Ms Stolworthy thanked Members for their views, which she would take back for consideration in the review.
- 3.6 The Chair thanked Ms Stolworthy for attending the meeting and for her most informative and knowledgeable presentation.

4. **Airport Update**

- 4.1 Bournemouth Airport welcomed a new Managing Director in October. Steve Gill was previously Chief Executive of Doncaster Sheffield Airport and Durham Tees Valleys Airport. He will be responsible for strategic development, as well as general management under Regional & City Airports, part of the Rigby Group.
- 4.2 Passenger performance for the year 1st April to 31st October 2018 stood at 511,651 against a budget of 510,601, which was in line with expectations. Passenger performance by airline was shown, with all load factors within expectations.
- 4.3 With regard to external influences, whilst the current roadworks on the A338 were a major issue for many motorists, the Airport did not appear to have been directly adversely affected to a great extent. A Traffic Alert was displayed on the Airport’s website advising passengers to leave plenty of time for their journey. As reported previously, the off-site parking had ceased (BOMO) and the Airport advised that Car Park 1 occupancy was now within forecast parameters.
- 4.4 News: Ryanair had reintroduced services to Dublin (4 times a week) and Prague (2 times a week), both of which had proved to be very popular routes. These were on the back of the twice-weekly Paphos introduced for this winter and likely to continue for summer 2019. TUI had added Kefalonia, Crete and Antalya to their operations for 2019. Flights to Jersey (3 times a week) and Guernsey (Saturdays only) were scheduled for April to October by Scottish airline Loganair, the carrier’s first operations from Bournemouth. The route will be served by Loganair’s 37-seater Embraer 135 jet, with the Jersey flight time at approximately 45 minutes and around 40 minutes for Guernsey. Members were reminded about routes on sale for this winter and for summer 2019.

5. **Business Park Update**

- 5.1 Members were advised of current Estate initiatives, a service charge review, Health & Safety review and a facilities review, which was now in-house. With regard to infrastructure, it was a big and aged estate and the systems were dated. There was a need to look at how to provide facilities to businesses on the estate as the occupied area expands. There was now a new website for the Aviation Park (shown to Members) and the tenants’ handbook was on the website.
- 5.2 One of the big successes this year was filling the vacant properties and there was now a real mix of companies. Hangar 12 had been leased by Gama Aviation, who had relocated from Farnborough, and they were undertaking 747 maintenance for BA.

- 5.3 Employee numbers by business type were shown: Airport focussed 1,247; Aviation and Defence (Business Park) 1,477; and General businesses (not aviation linked) 1,609. There was quite a good split between the three sectors, demonstrating the Airport as a good location for non-aviation related businesses, such as distributors Amazon. Employee numbers were shown by sector: Aviation Park East 747 employees; Aviation Park West 3,265; and Southern Sector 321 employees.
- 5.4 The Airport Master Plan was currently being reviewed by RCA, in association with Dorset LEP. A link road between the West and East was under consideration and ecology surveys were currently be undertaken.
- 5.5 A Member asked about the recent electricity failure on the Business Park in the last few days. The Airport replied that one of the substations had experienced a failure, which was not to have been foreseen, and it took time for SSE to isolate and locate the fault. Hence the power was out for 5-6 hours and generators had to be supplied. The Airport advised that the runway and commercial operations had not been affected.
- 5.6 A Member stated that he had attended an SSE workshop and SSE had developed a system by which they could forecast where faults could occur. The Airport advised that they were not aware of this and that some of the issues were due to high winds in rural locations but affecting the Airport site.
- 5.7 The Chair asked how much of the Airport could still be earmarked for development. The Airport replied that on the East, there was approximately 35 acres that could be developed, subject to Planning.

6. Community Fund

- 6.1 The Airport gave a brief on the Community Fund, how it was managed and the criteria for awards.

7. Habitat Management

- 7.1 The Airport gave a brief on Habitat Management at the Airport, on the 300 acres of SSSI land. The Habitat Management Report was part of the high level Stewardship and every year, the council had to respond to Natural England on action taken. There were various works ongoing, mowing, pine tree culling, fencing works etc. There were currently 5 cows grazing the heath and a herd of goats. The Deputy Chair asked if it was possible for Members to get involved in some of the works, for example pine tree culling. The Airport replied that there was a meeting with the Council next week and this possibility would be explored, however, it was important to control access due to it being a SSSI site.

8. Air Quality Monitoring

- 8.1 The Airport gave a briefing for Members on Air Quality Monitoring. This programme had been operating for number of years and consisted of a series air tubes (sample shown to Members) collected from throughout the Airfield site and beyond and sent off to a laboratory for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) testing. All results were in normal parameters and demonstrated that airport operations did not adversely affect the heathland.

9. Noise

- 9.1 There had been 53 noise complaints for the period November 2017 to end of October 2018, from 38 complainants. There was a slight spike in complaints in July but this was felt to be weather-related and not pertaining to any specific flights. There had been 3 non-compliant aircraft during this period, a low flying helicopter and a light aircraft, as well as an aircraft off-track due to requesting an early turn to avoid cloud formation which was approved on safety grounds (aircraft tracking shown). There was no fining process operated by the Airport due to the low level of complaints and non-compliant aircraft. It was confirmed that there were no non-compliant aircraft over the Burley area identified in the last 12 months.

ACTION Number of noise complainants to be shown in brackets on the noise by area slide.

10. Noise Action Plan

- 10.1 Submitted to DEFRA in August, response required for further information to be submitted by 30/11/2018.

11. **Bournemouth Air Festival**

11.1 Members were given a brief on the 2018 Air Festival. Over 1 million visitors over the 4 days and repeatedly voted the best airshow in the UK. Apart from the benefits to the local economy, the Air Festival had raised significant funds for a number of Forces charities: Royal Navy Royal Marines Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, RAF Association and ABF The Soldiers Charity.

11.2 The Airport hosted the majority of participating aircraft, as it had done for the last 11 years and Air Traffic Control again managed the integration of the Festival with the existing Airport traffic in one of the busiest periods of the year. Members were shown visuals of the event.

12. **RAF 100 Event**

12.1 Over the Bank Holiday weekend in August, Bournemouth Airport hosted an event to celebrate 100 year of the Royal Air Force. This was one of a series of events around the Rigby Group, initiated and planned personally by Sir Peter Rigby. Members were shown images of the event.

13. **Any Other Business**

13.1 None

Chairman

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