



Meeting Wednesday 29th June 2018

Present (Members):-

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| • Andrew Swayne | AS | Chair |
| • Clive Burghard | CB | Lancing Parish Council |
| • Kevin Boram | KB | West Sussex County Council |
| • Brian Boggis | BB | Adur District Council – representing Emma Evans |
| • Mark Milling | MM | Lancing College |
| • John Davies | JD | Rotary wing community |
| • Nick Bentley | NB | Brighton City Airport Manager |
| • Audrey Old | AO | Lancing and Sompting Residents Association |
| • Maurice Pitchford | MP | Shoreham Beach Residents Association |
| • Richard Heywood | RH | SAOTA |
| • James Crabbe | JC2 | Fixed Wing community |
| • Graeme McClure | GM | Environment Agency |

In attendance (supporting officers)

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| • Christine Smith | CS | Secretary |
| • Simon Brodrick | SB | GBMET College – representing Jon Rollings |
| • Moira Hayes | MH | Adur District Council |

1. Apologies from:-

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| • James Scott | JS | ICG Longbow |
| • Hazel Thorpe | HT | Worthing Borough Council |
| • Tim Dray | TD | Ricardo |
| • Chris Drew | CD | West Beach Residents Association |
| • Matt Davey | MD | West Sussex County Council |
| • Max Woodford | MW | Brighton & Hove City Council |

2. Minutes of last meeting:-

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 October 2017, having been previously circulated, were inspected and MM requested that his sentence in section 6A on page 2 be deleted which has been done.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):-

Membership – AS told the meeting that he had written a letter of support re Monks Farm and Ikea. He added that he will be speaking to KB about West Sussex County Council officer support.

4. Reports on current airport activities

a. **Section 52 report** – NB reported that aircraft movements were down 17% in the last 12 months due to waterlogged grass runways in the winter, the tidal walls project and problems with ATC.

b. **Airport manager's report** – NB told the meeting that there were lots of airports having problems and that we lost 3 air traffic controllers but things were now looking up. He added that the airport now has a new Senior Air Traffic Controller (SATCO), who is very experienced and is re-training the ATC staff. We have also employed a hangar operative who is just starting out in aviation. He is very good and takes pressure off the fire-crew. We also have a new fire-fighter starting on 16 July which will bring us up to CAT2. KB then asked about a Health & Safety report. AS replied that that was outside our remit and is handled by the airport's ops department. NB told the meeting that the airport had a well-covered, aviation-related Health & Safety Policy and a Safety Compliance Manager who controls a programme called Centrik. MP then asked if the airport was legal and NB replied that we were absolutely legal and that everything is in place. If we don't have 3 fire-crew, we go to CAT1 and we do nothing that is incorrect or illegal.

c. **Property Report including the Terminal and hangar refurbishment** – AS read an email from JS as follows:-

"I think most people will by now know that our planning application is due to be heard on the 30th July.

The EA works are progressing well and at this stage I've no reason to believe they won't complete on program by this autumn, particularly if this good weather continues.

Subject to one prospective letting currently awaiting a planning decision the built estate will shortly be fully let for the first time in a very long time".

MH then reported that the planning applications were in for 25 and 29 Cecil Pashley Way and that decisions will be made very soon and the information will be published.

AS then asked if the hangar refurbishment was finished and NB replied we were just clearing up.

5. **Complaints** – NB reported that there were 3 complaints. He added that we have no radar here, so without an aircraft registration number, there is not much we can do. AS commented that there was no pattern and no audit trail and we should just keep taking the details of them as usual. MM said that helicopters were a nuisance and JD told him that he would send out an email to the helicopter operatives.

6. Progress on matters of interest to the committee –

a. **Adur major planning applications update** – MH reported that the New Monks Farm project will be heard on 18th July and an agenda will be published on 10th July. She added that the airport application will be heard on 30th July and suggested that we keep an eye on the planning website for the agenda. JD then said that he had left comments on the website regarding a noise survey being carried out and MM said that Highways England say that the roundabout must be in place before IKEA. MH then told the meeting that there will be a non-motorised user link by the Sussex Pad to Ricardo.

AS commented that the planning process is a standard process and you can apply to speak. MH said you should apply to the Democratic Services Department. AS then asked MH if there were any other major planning applications ongoing and MH replied that she was not aware of any,

b. **Local growth and industrial strategy** – AS told the meeting that the last local growth fund is finished and there won't be any more. It will now be funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund. Coast to Capital are launching their Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) on the 19th July, this will be the starting

point for negotiating the Local Industrial Strategy. The LEP review being conducted by government is meant to report before the summer recess.

AS continued that we are meant to get an update on the Highways England scheme but the date is unknown. They have published their proposed route for Arundel but the National Park says that it goes through ancient woodland. AS then said that he was interested in the Greater Brighton Transforming Cities bid – DfT are meant to be shortlisting in the summer, to improve basic transport infrastructure other than trunk roads: <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/travel-transport-and-road-safety/transforming-cities-fund> This has a strong theme on A 259 improvements.

d. Aviation Policy – In Matt Davey's absence, NB told the meeting that he was unaware of any major change in aviation policy. He added that there was a forum at Gatwick to safeguard our business as an airport.

e. Adur Tidal Walls update – GM reported that they have been trying to agree terms since last November, so work started in April. He told the meeting that there had been a £3M investment in the project and that the tidal embankment will protect the airport for 50 years. Reptiles are being transported and will be returned. Each layer of chalk needs to level and that they were getting a lot of support from the airport. He continued that works were on hold at the southern end due to chalk dust but that next week, fans will be brought in. Chalk is also blowing at Ropetackle. He also said that the main bank will hopefully be finished in October but, if not, they will have to come back next year. He finished by saying that there will be 2 grass banks with a path along the top, that the EA will take care of it until the completion of the works in line with their contract, which will depend on many factors and will then be handed over to the landlords. He said that hopefully, everything will be finished by Christmas.

f. Proposal to update the Section 52 agreement – AS commented that this was a long-running issue and NB replied that he had not yet been briefed and asked AS if it could be left on the agenda as he would have more news at the next meeting. JD said he thought it may allow circuits on a Sunday rather than a mad rush on Saturdays.

7. Future events at the airport -

All members had a hard copy of the forthcoming events at the airport. The Big Band Night on the second Tuesday of every month and the monthly meeting of the Ford Enthusiasts Club. There is to be a picture exhibition throughout July on the gallery, an aviation art exhibition in August and the picture exhibition will then continue through September until the end of the year.

8. AOB

AS asked the members if we need paper copies of the meeting's documents on the table or are people happy to bring their own. It was agreed that members would print their own. CS to remind members to do so when sending out the paperwork.

9. Proposed future dates for Consultative Committee meetings – all 1415 for 1430

Wednesday 7th November 2018

Wednesday 6th March 2019

Wednesday 10th July 2019

Wednesday 13th November 2019