



Meeting Wednesday 8th November 2017

Present (Members):-

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| • Andrew Swayne | AS | Chair |
| • Clive Burghard | CB | Lancing Parish Council |
| • Audrey Old | AO | Lancing and Sompting Residents Association |
| • Maurice Pitchford | MP | Shoreham Beach Residents Association |
| • John Davies | JD | Rotary wing users (Helifly) |
| • Mark Milling | MM | Lancing College |
| • Hazel Thorpe | HT | Worthing Borough Council |
| • Max Woodford | MW | Brighton & Hove City Council |
| • James Crabbe | JC2 | Fixed Wing users representative |
| • Jon Rollings | JR | GB Met College |

In attendance (supporting officers)

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| • Christine Smith | CS | Secretary |
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Guests

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| • Tony Realff | TR | BCAL – representing Jonathan Candelon |
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1. Apologies from:-

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| • James Scott | JS | ICG Longbow |
| • Richard Heywood | RH | SAOTA |
| • Moira Hayes | MH | Adur District Council |
| • Jonathan Candelon | JC | Brighton City Airport Ltd |
| • Emma Evans | EE | Adur District Council |
| • Kevin Boram | KB | West Sussex Country Council |
| • Tim Dray | TD | Ricardo |
| • Graham McClure | GM | Environment Agency |

2. Minutes of last meeting:-

Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 October 2017, having been previously circulated, were agreed that they were a true and correct record of that meeting.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):-

Membership – AS told the meeting that Max Woodford of BHCC had now joined us, that Barry Smith had not yet been replaced but otherwise, the membership is stable.

4. Reports on current airport activities

a. **Section 52 report** – AS reported that the figures for fixed wing movements were stable, helicopter figures were rising but movements are still well within the limits.

b. **Airport manager's report** – TR told the committee that the airport is doing well. That we have a new SATCO who has been promoted from within and that we are recruiting a controller as well as 2 firefighters.

c. **Property Report including the Terminal and hangar refurbishment** – TR reported that property was covered in our last meeting.

d. JD then told the meeting that there is to be a meeting of airfield operators on Tuesday regarding modifying circuits and ensuring that they are fit for purpose and safe for when the new housing is built. AS replied that it is important for a meeting to be held regarding safety issues and that hopefully, there will be a positive outcome.

5. **Complaints** – AS reported on the complaints. He told the meeting that there were only 7 complaints, which was typical number of complaints for the summer and that 3 of these were from the same caller who was abusive. The caller was eventually told by the SATCO that all calls to ATC were recorded and that he shouldn't make abusive calls to airport staff. MM stated that he had made a complaint to ATC about a helicopter flying over the college. CS was not notified of this complaint, which resulted in the complaint being omitted from the list. AS commented that there was no pattern or cause for concern.

6. Progress on matters of interest to the committee –

a. **Adur major planning applications update** – AS told the meeting that planning issues were dealt with at the last meeting. The Local Plan is to be approved in December and it will be 6 weeks before it's adopted. News about other applications will be available in February/March. James Appleton will be dealing with any amendments.

HT then made a query about the income. AS answered that, as quoted in the minutes from the meeting on 18 October, it is all Adur. HT then asked how the airport would benefit in monetary terms. AS replied that it would be from Industrial Estate and flying schools. MM stated that the development would provide a capital injection. AS replied that investment enhances jobs and development on the airport.

b **Local Growth Fund Future Rounds** – AS reported that the current round of funding is to help with the Sussex Pad junction. Other applications for additional funds are going before Coast to Capital next week.

c. **A27/NMF** – AS told the meeting that this subject was comprehensively covered in the last meeting on 18 October.

d. Aviation Policy – AS reported that he was not aware of any changes.

e & f. **Adur Tidal Walls update and operational challenges with the construction of the tidal walls** - TR reported that the latest traffic management plan is encouraging and looks like it will keep disruption to traffic down to acceptable levels. He added that there may be an issue with the height of the wall and grass runway 24, but JC will provide an update when he has more details.

g. **Proposal to update the Section 52 agreement** – TR told the meeting that the Section 52 agreement is ongoing but painfully slow. WSCC limits the aviation movements and rules the airport timings.

7. Future events at the airport -

a. All members had a hard copy of the forthcoming events at the airport, which included an Aviation Art exhibition from August-December. The Big Band Night on the second Tuesday of every month,

a Bond night in November and the monthly meeting of the Ford Enthusiasts Club. The Ricardo Fireworks event will be on Friday. AS said that the restaurant is a social hub. MM enquired as to when the Wildlife Festival would be taking place and AS replied that this information should be available in mid-November. JD then asked if the Wildlife event would affect the development in the North West corner. TR replied that it wouldn't and added that the latest plan was very exciting.

b. **Other Events** – No questions regarding other events.

8. **AOB** – HT enquired about the Noise survey and the air quality review. AS replied that the status of noise surveys would be on the agenda for the next meeting and that he was waiting to hear from the EA regarding the air quality review.

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

AS announced that dates for 2018 meetings are to be confirmed as he is waiting to hear from JC as to when he is available.