



Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Present (Members):-

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| • Andrew Swayne     | AS  | Chair                                      |
| • Clive Burghard    | CB  | Lancing Parish Council                     |
| • Hazel Thorpe      | HT  | Worthing Borough Council                   |
| • Mark Milling      | MM  | Lancing College                            |
| • John Davies       | JD  | Rotary wing community                      |
| • Tony Realff       | TR  | Brighton City Airport Manager              |
| • Audrey Old        | AO  | Lancing and Sompting Residents Association |
| • Maurice Pitchford | MP  | Shoreham Beach Residents Association       |
| • Emma Evans        | EE  | Adur District Council                      |
| • James Crabbe      | JC2 | Fixed Wing community                       |
| • Tim Dray          | TD  | Ricardo                                    |
| • Paul Westover     | PW  | Worthing Council                           |

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   |
| • David Thurgood  | DT | ICG Longbow   |
| • Richard Heywood | RH | SAOTA         |
| • Matt Davey      | MD | WSCC          |
| • Jon Rollings    | JR | GBMET College |
| • Kevin Boram     | KB | WSCC          |

2. Minutes of last meeting:-

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2018, having been previously circulated, were inspected and the accuracy was agreed.

3. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):-

**Membership** – AS told the meeting that Nick Bentley had left the airport and that Tony Realff had taken over the Airport Manager role until the Spring. He added that he has been trying to get officer support from WSCC, but they don't have this capacity. He is checking to see if Goodwood are treated in the same way. If not, he said that he would speak to KB but if they are, there is nothing we can do but he would read the Constitution.

#### 4. Reports on current airport activities

a. **Section 52 report** – AS read the report (all members had a copy) and said that numbers were well within the limits.

b. **Airport manager's report** – TR told the meeting that movements are up slightly in 2018 from 2017 but are generally down as we lost 5 air traffic controllers at the end of last year. He explained that there is a lengthy training period for new ATCs but that we have employed new ATCs who then go through training for 3-4 months. He added that our old SATCO will be re-joining us in December but that staff shortages in the summer have led to closures. However, things are now improving but the closures affected Touch and Go movements and we were restricted by the CAA. He finished by saying that he will be Airport Manager for the time being and will continue to attend these meetings.

JD then commented that he thought Nick Bentley was fantastic and achieved much. TR replied that he managed to see us through a very difficult period, that he was sad to see him go and that we will continue his work.

c. **Property Report including the Terminal and hangar refurbishment** – James Scott has sent his apologies but had sent an email to AS which was then read to the meeting as follows: -

1. "The Landlord's refurbishment of buildings, including the Municipal Hangar and Terminal, are now complete.

2. The Landlord's estate is fully let.

3. The EA works are on schedule and due to finish this calendar year or very early next year. Final works include improved passing places on Cecil Pashley Way. Once the EA works are complete, car restrictions on Cecil Pashley Way will be reviewed.

4. We have continued to work with BCAL to ensure they provide the best possible service to all users of the Airport.

5. Signage works are now agreed with tenants and actual works should start shortly.

6. Resolution to grant planning issued by ADC (for the NE corner of the Airport)".

5. **Complaints** – TR reported that there were no complaints made by telephone. A copy of a letter was sent to us by MM regarding helicopters ignoring the proper approach and departure routes. MM stated that his complaints don't get through to the list and CS requested that he telephone her with any complaints as these would then be properly logged.

#### 6. Progress on matters of interest to the committee –

a. **Adur major planning applications update** – MH reported that New Monks Farm and Ikea were granted consent (subject to signing of a s106 agreement and call in) and that the Secretary of State has 21 days as to whether to call in the application or leave it to the council. However, the Secretary of State is able to extend this period. The retail issue is being looked at but any decisions will be made public. She added that Adur District Council Planning Committee is resisting in proposals in the existing developed area of the airport that aren't aviation related. She told the meeting that this was not new policy and that they were just continuing their current policy (See Policy 7 of the Adur Local Plan 2017). AS then queried the Section 52 report and JD replied that it had been signed by all 3 councils. TR told the meeting that he would resurrect this issue.

**b. Local growth and industrial strategy** – AS then told the meeting that LEP will be in the second round. He added that he didn't know how the Shared Prosperity Fund will be handled or applied for and that there were no new regeneration pots. Also that improvement funds for the A259 are not happening but there are regeneration funds for the A27 but it's a matter of waiting.

**c. A27** – AS told the meeting that there was an MPs and Roads Minister meeting about the Worthing/Lancing stretch of the A27 a couple of weeks ago and that Highways England (HE) needed to do more work. There is money there but that it was unknown how it would be spent. MM then commented that he thought that HE had been very honest about what they can do for the money they have to hand and that MPs are trying to get more money for the scheme. AS commented that HE are running out of time.

JC2 then asked if all the delays were connected to New Monks Farm and Ikea. AS replied in the negative and added Secretary of State call-in decision is outstanding. JC2 commented that that the road is getting worse and worse. MM then said that if the application gets rejected by the Secretary of State, it won't be the end of the road. AS then replied that it will have to go back to the Planning Committee and all we can do is to watch and wait.

**d. Aviation Policy** – TR reported that he had had meetings with the UK Border Force re Brexit and added that it would not affect us here. He then mentioned that traffic has increased here due to a good summer,

**e. Adur Tidal Walls update** – TR reported that the airport and restaurant have not been affected by the works. MM asked who is responsible for the signs and TR replied that it was the landlords, Albemarle Shoreham Airport Ltd.

**f. Proposal to update the Section 52 agreement** – TR told the meeting that he would resurrect this issue.

## 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 a picture exhibition until the end of December on the gallery, and an aviation art exhibition in the summer of next year. The Ricardo firework display will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm.

## 8. AOB

EE reported that all families of the bereaved are now on board and co-operating with the artist regarding the arches. She added that there will also be lights and it should be finished by the end of the year. She finished by saying that there would be no official opening, it would just evolve and that it is a great credit to the artist.

JD then told the meeting that he would be forwarding a copy of the letter to CS that was sent to the Secretary of State from the helicopter operators at the airport and this will be forwarded to all members together with the Minutes. TR replied that it was difficult for the Airport Management as they were mainly concerned with Air Safety Management. He continued that they had had meetings with parties from both sides and had said "There are no safety issues and we are not going to change helicopter training routes".

JC2 states that they had given their own views 18 months ago. That they were for the scheme but buyers should have a caveat emptor to say that they are moving in next to an airport and there will be noise and that complaints would not be acceptable.

TR then stated that the airport management have objected to any change of use of companies on the airport and that they need more hangar space for companies that are aviation related. He finished by saying that they have stopped one, possibly 2 applications that aren't.

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

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019