

## BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2017 IN THE ROSE RENT ROOM, THE TYTHINGS, YATELEY

**Present:**

Mr M Pearson	Chair
Ms J Biscombe	Yateley Parish Council
Mr M Lambert	Blackbushe Airport [ML]
Cllr C Edge	Eversley Parish Council [CE]
A Hocking	Yateley Society [AHo]
Cllr A Hammersley	Yateley Common Management Committee [AHa]
Cllr R Harward	Hart District Council [BH]
Mr J Arden	Blackbushe Airport Consultant [JA]
Cllr A Spencer	Yateley Town Council [TS]
Ms J Edmonds	Blackbushe Airport [JEd]
Mr J Ellis	Secretary [JE]

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<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER</b> 1.1 Apologies were received from C. Hawkins, L. Corps T. Hunt , G. Crisp and M. Billings 1.2 The Chair welcomed Cllr Colin Edge Eversley Parish Council to the committee and hoped he would enjoy his term of office.	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016</b> 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed as a true record following correction of some minor errors, proposed by ML and seconded by AHa.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016</b> 3.1 ML gave the committee an update on to the permitted development the owners wish to undertake on the Airfield the situation with regard Natural England's view that the development is unacceptable is still the case and the matter is still to be resolved. The committee asked ML to keep them briefed	<b>ML</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>MONITORING OF COMPLAINTS</b> 4.1 The Airport said there had been no noise complaints since the last meeting this was as the result in the decrease on movements during the winter months and the compliance of users with the local regulations.	
<b>5</b>	<b>GENERAL AVATION AIRFIELDS</b> 5.1 The Chair gave the committee a briefing on the current threats to provision of airfields throughout the country and the effect it will have on General Aviation. He referred to an article in the February edition of Aircraft Owner & Pilot by John Walker and paper produced by an Aviation interest group The General Aviation Awareness Council inn April 2015. 5.2 It was acknowledge by the committee that it is important to get the balance between the needs for an airfield to be profitable and the effect it can have on the local environment and the need to ensure the best for all parties is obtained. Examples were give where aviation related development had been refused and more invasive non-aviation development had been approved. The Committee supported a flourishing airport that was a good and responsible neighbour. 5.3 The Committee thanked the Chair for the most interesting update.	

<b>7</b>	<p><b>GPS. APPROACH TO BLACKBUSHE</b></p> <p>5.1 M.L. and J.A explained to the committee that the airport owners were looking to introduce the ability to land at Blackbushe using Global Positioning System.</p> <p>5.2 At the moment in adverse weather condition incoming flights have to divert to other airports if they cannot see the airfield in accordance with regulations, the introduction of GPS would reduce the number of diversions in aircraft fitted with approved equipment. Not all aircraft have this equipment which is specially designed for aviation.</p> <p>5.3 Another benefit is that if using GPS there is less likelihood of deviation from the approved circuit.</p> <p>5.4 Under C.A.A rules the Airport has to consult with local groups hence the presentation.</p> <p>5.5 In response to a question ML said that it was not the owners intention to use GPS to increase the number of movements at the airfield, more than the additional ones that would result from aircraft not being diverted.</p> <p>5.6 The Committee on hearing the above were generally happy the introduction of GPS</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>THE FUTURE OF THE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>6.1. As the result of apparent lack of attendance by all parties in the committee the Chair had asked for the item to be placed on the Agenda.</p> <p>6.2 The Secretary has had a number of interactions with the local authorities and interested bodies and has researched the subject of Airport Consultative Committee, he was asked to make the Committee aware of his findings.</p> <p>6.3 Since the last time the committee reviewed its Constitution, Terms of Reference and Representation on the Committee The Department of Transport in 2014 have issued a Document entitled "Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees. The Guidelines acknowledge the differences between a Consultative Committee operation at a major international airport and that operating in relation with a General Aviation airfield but state they should be regarded as basic practice.</p> <p>6.4 The Chair stressed that the document was produced to cover a wide range of airports and that not all the suggestions were appropriate to this committee.</p> <p>6.5 The following were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) None of the current members organisations should be removed</li> <li>b) That an additional full member be added to the committee to represent Yateley Town Council.</li> <li>c) That all Local Authorities should be asked to appoint Deputies and where possible the deputy should be a member that will be able to attend.</li> <li>d) That Sandhurst Town Council be invited to join the Committee.</li> <li>e) Blackbushe Airport agreed to "host" a Consultative Committee page on their website and upload Agenda and minutes</li> <li>f) The committee asked that the Airport provided a written report for each meeting to be distributed with the Agenda of what has happened of significance since the last meeting and any possible planned activities.</li> <li>g) All members agreed to use the websites of their organisation to promote the Consultative Committee workings and provide links to the Consultative Committee page.</li> <li>h) That Blackbushe Airports Consultative Committee should meet at venues within all the Parish / Town Council area in the hope that it may increase interest amongst the general public. The secretary was asked to contact Hartney Whitney and Blackwater and Hawley with regard to providing accommodation for the October meeting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>JB</b></p> <p><b>All Authorities</b></p> <p><b>JE</b> <b>ML</b></p> <p><b>ML</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>JE</b></p> <p><b>JE</b></p>

	i) The secretary was asked to approach local media with a view of obtaining better coverage of the committee's work.	
<b>7</b>	<b>BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT USERS' GROUP: REPORT ON ACTIVITIES</b> 7.1 The committee were unhappy that there was no representation and again asked MP said he knew someone and he would approach them.	<b>MP</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>QUESTION TIME</b> 8.1 There were no members of the public present to ask questions.	
<b>9</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> 9.1 ML informed the committee that a two day event to mark the establishment of the Airport 75 years ago was being planned for the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> of July this year. The Airport is investing around £60,000 and hoped to raise £200,000 for the three nominated charities. There is a meeting on the 29 <sup>th</sup> March when hopefully final approval will be obtained. The committee were informed that as the result of the Shoreham Disaster some of the planned flying displays would have to be scaled back but it would be a more impressive than last years. 9.2 ML informed the committee that as the result of and objection by a local group a major film company had decided not to use the airport and move the filming overseas. In addition to the loss of revenue to the airport, the production company had agreed to undertake enhancements in the general area that would benefit local residents which could not be funded from elsewhere. JB felt that in this incident and opposition might have been the result of insufficient information being made available by the airport and hopefully things could be learnt from this experience. 9.3 The Airport Management had made available a plan of the airfield showing the specific land under the control of the airport management. The Committee that ML for doing so.	
<b>10</b>	<b>FUTURE MEETING</b> Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 19.00 VENVUE TO BE CONFIRMED	<b>ALL</b>

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