



**BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

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14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

**BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 19:30**

The next meeting of the committee will be held at The Gallery Room, The Tythings, 105 Reading Road, Yateley GU46 7RP on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 19:30, when the presence of members is requested.

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed, along with the minutes of the previous meeting.

I should be grateful if any member who cannot attend the meeting would kindly let me know in advance, by e-mail. Deputies are welcome to attend as are members of the public as this is a public meeting.

The Airport have a section of their website dedicated to this committee <https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/consultative-committee/> where as previously agreed it would be appreciated if you could publicise it on your website to increase the awareness of this committee.

Yours sincerely

Clare Silcock  
**Secretary of the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee**

## BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held at 19:30 on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at The Tythings, 105 Reading Road, Yateley GU46 7RP

### AGENDA

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Appendix 1)**

To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018, attached

**3. Report by Airport Manager including monitoring of complaints**

(see attached report and Noise Complaint log)

**4. Update on "Deregistration of Common Land"**

All of our submission documents are available on-line at

<https://www.blackbusheairport.co.uk/submissions>

Cameron Ogden, Managing Director of Blackbushe Airport will attend to answer the committee's questions

**5. Matters Arising**

**6. Blackbushe Airport Users' Group: Report on Activities**

Represented by Christabelle Munford, Managing Director of AirFirst, a flying school based at Blackbushe.

**7. Questions** (members of the public may ask questions for a period not exceeding 15 minutes)

**8. AOB**

**9. Confirmation of date and venue of the next meeting**

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Secretary of the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee

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## APPENDIX 1

## BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 19:00 ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2018 IN THE EVERSLEY CRICKET CLUB, EVERSLEY**Present:**

Mr M Pearson	Chair [MP]
Mr C Hawkins	Vice Chair [CH]
Chris Gazzard	Blackbushe Airport [CG]
Cameron Ogden	Blackbushe Airport [CO]
Cllr Robert Harward	Hart District Council [RH]
Cllr Sheila Davenport	Sandhurst Town Council [SD]
Cllr Liz Corps	Rushmoor District Council [LC]
Cllr Colin Edge	Eversley Parish Council [CE]
Cllr Terry Hunt	Blackwater and Hawley Town Council [TH]
Cllr David Simpson	Hampshire County Council [DS]
Cllr Gerry Crisp	Hart District Council, Yateley Town Council [GC]
Cllr Sue Warren	Sandhurst Town Council [SW]
Tony Hocking	Yateley Society
Cllr Alan Hammersley	Yateley Town Council [AH]
Clare Silcock	Secretary [CS]

		Action required by
1	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Adrian Collett and Cllr Jane Biscombe.	
2	<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</b>  MP explained that Blackbushe were currently paying a lot of money per year for the former secretary's (John Ellis) services and that they wanted to look to save this money by asking Clare Silcock to take the minutes instead. Although she works at the Airport, MP explained that before the minutes were published they were independently vetted by him and the vice Chair Cliff Hawkins, who could ensure impartiality. The committee were asked if they wanted to confirm the new secretary election, which was proposed by TH and seconded by LC. All were in favour.  The Committee was also asked if there were any other nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair as Mike Pearson and Cliff Hawkins were happy to stand again for the coming year. There were no other nominations and SD proposed both elections with TH seconding. All voted in favour.	

3	<p><b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018</b></p> <p>2.1 MP opened the meeting by explaining what the purpose of the BBCC was.</p> <p>2.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were agreed as a true record, subject to correction of a few typos to be actioned by CS.</p> <p>Proposed by CG and seconded by GC.</p>	
4	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018</b></p> <p><i>3.3 GPS. APPROACH TO BLACKBUSHE</i></p> <p>Approval is still awaited. MP updated the committee on the CAA delay as he attended a meeting with them in August 2018. They currently have 13 outstanding GPS applications and we do not know when Blackbushe's will be considered.</p>	
4	<p><b>REPORT OF AIRPORT MANAGER 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 (presentation update attached)</b></p> <p>4.1 The annual movements for 2018 are predicted to be around 32-33,000, very similar to the previous 2 years, but landing and parking revenue has increased due to a rise in the prices for jets arriving at Blackbushe. The prices used to be about 1/8 of Farnborough's. They are now about 1/4, so certainly still competitive.</p> <p>4.2 The 8 new based aircraft bring in about £40,000 to the airport.</p> <p>4.3 Security is still a major issue for the Airport and a decision was taken to lock the gates shortly after 6pm when the Airport staff leave as street racers were using the car park to race from there down the A30 at night or thieves were cutting through the car park airside to access BCA cars.</p> <p>SD asked if any damage had been done to the airport and how frequent the break-ins were. The Airport tends to get about one break-in per month in Summer and one a week during winter. CG reported that gates and locks had been broken recently, but they were mainly after the BCA cars. CG has spoken to the Rangers on the common to perhaps put boulders in the places where the thieves enter/exit but they had not been willing to do this as it was Common Land. DS suggested that Chris ensure that he reports every crime committed to the police as the number reported will notch up and the police will eventually have to take some action. All the Airport is getting currently is a crime number to register and no further police assistance. Chris will speak to Rachel Ebbs at BCA to ensure they both register any future crimes. AH and DS said they would speak to County to see if they could get their support on more preventative methods.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>DS/ AH</p>

	<p>4.4 CG reported that members of the Blackbushe Team had attended a couple of other local council meetings recently to get an understanding of the support for or objections to the Blackbushe development.</p> <p>4.5 CG ran through the noise complaints that had been distributed before the meeting. The report now gives a better reflection on the true complaints the Airport receive as all are logged properly and dealt with promptly. He reported that the Airport can take action against pilots who are repeat offenders of flying too low/ or over the wrong area, by speaking to them in the first place, or if it continues, by banning them from Blackbushe.</p> <p>He explained the route aircraft take when they are in the circuit, which is very fixed and avoids most residential areas.</p> <p>DS asked if it would possible to increase the size of the ATZ to include Hartley Wintney and other areas. CG advised is not possible to change the ATZ size as this is prescribed by the CAA.</p> <p>CG also explained that if complainants call up with a tail number where possible, or colour of aircraft, and where it was flying from, we will have more chance of identifying it and if it has come from Blackbushe. It was agreed that CG would bring the safeguarding map to the next meeting.</p> <p>There had been a number of calls concerning the rehearsals of the Aerobility Formation Display team over Blackbushe who were practicing for a private display. Most of this practicing took place well away from the airfield but there were times when they were flying low in the surrounding area. This consisted of three twenty-minute sessions over three days and was approved with a display permit by the CAA beforehand.</p> <p>CG has recently spoken to Gloucester Airport for a comparison of noise complaints and although they have double the movements they have 4-500 complaints per year, many times more than Blackbushe.</p> <p>4.6 The committee expressed its thanks to CG for presenting such a detailed report and considered it to be a positive step forward. They did suggest that perhaps a section on the website of frequently asked questions regarding noise complaints may help to inform the public.</p>	CG
5	<p><b>BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT UPDATE ON COMMON LAND DEREGISTRATION</b></p> <p>Cameron Ogden, MD of Blackbushe gave an update on the Common Land Deregistration. The Investors are keen to invest in the development of Blackbushe. The issue is the common land and the constraints that brings. Blackbushe has made an application to de-register the common land and on the website, you can see the vision statement and a plan of where the buildings will likely be erected. The application went in during 2016 and was finally referred to PINs in July 2018. We do not know yet who the inspector is, or who will</p>	

	<p>oversee the process. There will be an opportunity for locals to voice their concerns or support sometime in the next 6 months. Cameron apologised for the lack of communication about the plans when the previous management was in place, but he and the team are trying to be better at this going forward. He realises that de-registration is a very sensitive subject and it is an unfortunate situation as it seems that this is the only route to go in ensuring a sustainable business. He opened the floor to questions.....</p> <p>DS asked what happens if you sell the land at some point in the future and then someone else wants to change the use to an industrial site?</p> <p>CO understood that concern but did state that further hoops would need to be got through. DS suggested that perhaps Cameron could give assurances that if he no longer wanted to run the Airport that he could give the Airport to Yateley Town Council.</p> <p>He also suggested that perhaps land could be exchanged.</p> <p>MP then explained that a lot of this had been discussed in previous meetings and even if the land was sold at a later date that many hurdles would exist for any change of use. He also explained that fences could not currently be erected as the Airport sits on Common Land, which also makes it difficult to safely develop the Airport.</p> <p>DS asked why the Airport had not gone straight to the Secretary of State about the issue rather than applying for de-registration? He thought that the Airport would be more likely to get the different councils on its side.</p> <p>CO replied that he had been told by many advisors that there was no other way apart from going to PINs. Commons Law allows any person to object at anytime from anywhere, so unless you de-register it the development will always be in danger of objection. DS said that he would speak to some council people to check this out.</p> <p>Other comments from the committee</p> <p>GC said that he wants to see a successful airport, but de-registration could open it up to development at some point in the future. However, he said that Yateley were not approving any further housing.</p> <p>RH stated that he very much supports the development of the airport and wants to see it succeed. He said that Blackbushe represents a unique piece of history and this needs to be emphasised to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>TH stated that he was all in favour of the airport continuing as an airfield but part de-registration of the common could open up further opportunities to de-register more.</p> <p>DS said that Yateley Common is the second largest common in the county and he wants it to remain as a common, so he will be against the de-registration proposal.</p>	DS
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	<p>CG stated that the Calthorpe estate did own the land prior to it becoming an airfield and it was given back to Calthorpe when the state no longer needed it. If the airport is unable to develop it is not a sustainable business – it currently loses £300k per year. At least £500,000 needs spending to upgrade the lights, so development is the only way that the Airport will be able to keep going.</p> <p>MP added that there currently 43 airports under threat in the UK as many lose money. He understands that the Government is in support of generating success of General Aviation.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>QUESTION TIME FROM THE AUDIENCE</b></p> <p>6.1 Cllr Shawn Dickens asked what consultation there had been in locking the gates at 6pm each night.</p> <p>CG explained that he had met with Nicki Patton from the local council. CG said he was very happy to provide car parking for walkers, although very few use it. However, she was not keen for the Airport to do this. The airport's priority however was to prevent the car street racing down the A30 at night as the car users were meeting in the Blackbushe car park during the evenings. Also, as stated earlier, security has been a real issue and by locking the gate we have seen a decrease in crime.</p> <p>Shawn said that he wasn't happy with this and was going to take it up with Yateley Common Rangers. He also asked about the airport entrance from the road as he could see a danger there. CG agreed and said he is aware that accidents have happened at the turn-in, and his intention is that the airport would pay for improvements to the access area when they get permission to develop.</p> <p>Another person from the audience did comment that the gates were a good thing as it prevents travellers from parking up overnight.</p> <p>6.2 A question was raised about De-registration. The concern was that planning is changing all the time and what is the view today may not be the same in the future. He is strongly in favour of the development of the airport but feels that the secretary of State route should be explored if he/she has the authority to allow the development without de-registering the common. He also asked if the other side of the airport had been considered for hangarage in the future. CG said that it is already difficult for the airport to gain permission for filming in that area, so it is not something they are looking to explore.</p> <p>6.3 John Burton, the Conservative Party Chair stated that his many members were concerned that if the airfield does not continue the area could become a brownfield site with houses going there.</p> <p>6.4 Peter Brown has written a long letter to the APPG addressed to Byron Davis in support of the airport development. He is waiting on a reply. He also commented that closing the car park at night was certainly a good thing, but he did suggest that signage needs to be put up on the Common for owners to clear up their dog's mess.</p>	

	6.5 Alison Slater, a local resident stated that she was very much in favour of the airport development and asked where she could find the current plans. CG explained where to find the information on the Blackbushe Airport website in the "Vision" tab. There was also some information here on the deregistration application.	
<b>7</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  CG reported that there would not be an airshow event at the Airport in 2019, after last year's BB75, but they have agreed to host The London Supercar Show Live on the weekend of the 11-12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019, run by Ian Berry of UK Media and Events. (Ian was at the meeting in case anyone had any questions about the event). There will be static displays and high-performance car runs during the weekend. Tickets will be on sale early next year and the airport will obviously be closed for flying over this weekend.	
<b>10</b>	<b>FUTURE MEETING</b>  The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 19.30 at The Tithings, but other dates will be explored, so is subject to change.	<b>CS</b>