



BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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Dear Sir/Madam

BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Tuesday 23rd March 2021 14:00 via TEAMS

The next meeting of the committee will be held via TEAMS on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 2pm, when the presence of members is requested. Just copy the whole link into your internet browser and Join the meeting or click on Join Now from your calendar invite.

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed, along with the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 15th September 2020.

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

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Meeting to be held at 14:00 on 23rd March 2021 via TEAMS (link provided to members by email)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting (Appendix 1)**
To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2020, attached.
3. **Report by Airport Manager including monitoring of complaints and Update on Deregistration of Common Land**
(see attached report and Noise Complaint log)
4. **Matters Arising**
5. **AOB**
6. **Confirmation of date and venue of the next meeting**

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APPENDIX 1

BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 14:00 ON TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2020 REMOTELY VIA TEAMS**Present:**

Chris Gazzard	Blackbushe Airport [CG]
Mike Pearson	Chair [MP]
Cllr David Simpson	Hampshire County Council [DS]
Cllr Sheila Davenport	Sandhurst Town Council [SD]
Cllr Peter Cullum	Rushmoor Borough Council [PC]
Cllr Diana Harvey	Hartley Whitney Parish Council [DH]
Clare Silcock	Secretary [CS]

		Action required by
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cliff Hawkins (Vice Chair), Colin Edge (Eversley Parish Council)	
2	ELECTION OF OFFICERS Each year the Committee nominates a Chair and Vice-Chair, and Mike Pearson said that he was happy to stand again, and as far as we know so was Cliff Hawkins as Vice, but CS was going to check with Cliff if he was happy to stand again. The Committee was asked if there were any other nominations for Chair. There were none. DS nominated MP and this was seconded by PC. All voted in favour.	CS
3	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th October 2019 The minutes of the meeting held on 10 th October 2019 were discussed and agreed as a true record. This was proposed by PC and seconded by DS.	
4	MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING HELD ON 10th October 2019 MP thanked CG for his very comprehensive reports each meeting as they are very informative and useful. CG updated the committee on his following of the Yateley Neighbourhood Plan since last October. His understanding is that they are seeking funding and require consultation. He is not sure whether a working group has been elected yet. The Airport will remain engaged. DS said that the neighbourhood plan is very central to Government Plans going forward. PC said that there are 2 consultations going on at the moment – one is the broad-brush proposal and the other is the relevant bill. He suggested that CG speak to Farnborough to see what they are doing as local plans have to include airfields surrounding any local development. On the point of planning at Blackbushe DS	CG

	<p>asked CG to send him his comments to the draft planning as he will look to incorporate them.</p> <p>Note: CG sent these to DS on 29th September.</p>	
5	<p>AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT (please also see presentation attached)</p> <p>5.1 The Airport had a very positive start to 2020, but obviously closed on 24th March, due to COVID restrictions, reopening on a part time basis initially, 8 weeks later on 19th May. Flying school activity was very restricted unless they were privately hiring out their aircraft to a single pilot (no instructing was allowed). Once the 4th July changes came into place the Airport bounced back to normal flying levels. Prior to 2020 the flying schools had had problems with recruiting Instructors. This has not been the case this year as pilots have had to come out of the airlines and are now instructing again. Visitor numbers were not bad as the airfield kept its fuel price low as we had bought it at a low price, which encouraged people to refuel at Blackbushe. Surprisingly enough there are still a lot of pilots wanting to learn to fly. Overall a promising year apart from COVID.</p> <p>5.2 The Airport had a few movements during April due to an "engine health day" as aircraft need to be flown to maintain them. We did have a few noise complaints that day, but the CAA had approved planes to stay in a 10-mile radius. Also, survey aircraft took opportunities with the airways being very quiet. There were also a few Air Ambulance movements. The prediction is that the Airport will see about 27,000 movements by the end of the year, which is a similar year to 2012 when the airport was affected quite negatively by the London Olympics and restricted air movements. Business travel movements have not really recovered in 2020, although there is an occasional flurry of returns when quarantine measures have come into place and some domestic holiday makers flying within the UK.</p> <p>5.3 Security – the airport has been spending more money on security this year and thankfully crime has been low.</p> <p>5.4 The Judicial Review was held in Feb 2020. The Judge rejected all grounds raised by all parties but decided on a new ground where he reinterpreted the part and parcel curtilage argument and asked Hampshire County Council to change their statement of case to reflect this. The Airport is appealing as this argument had not been brought up at any time during the Appeal. A 2-day Court date is expected in February 2021. (Now confirmed as 23/24 Feb)</p> <p>5.4 The Noise Complaints section has been updated due to another 8 complaints from our serial complainant which have being added since the presentation went out last week.. 2 main complainants – Mr Hall lives within 600m to the North of the airfield near the BBS Business Park towards Yateley. The Farnborough Airspace changes are causing some difficulties for pilots, making the re-join to the BBS circuit difficult. Moving Maps also causing difficulties for pilots as the noise abatement area for Yateley on Sky-Demon was shown as a lot further north! Chris has contacted the CEO of the Company and they are sorting their end, but CG will also be sending out an email to all the Users this week highlighting the</p>	

issues and ensuring they know the noise abatement areas. MP sits on the CAA committee and knows that pilots are very much encouraged to use these electronic maps, so the companies involved in this have a very big responsibility to get them right. He also commented that the Farnborough airspace is very very complicated, so it is certainly difficult for pilots to get it right. Chris displayed the London Control Zone map which showed that the change in the Farnborough airspace has pushed a lot of traffic North of Blackbushe. The airfield has seen a lot more go-arounds since the change. CG is in discussions with Farnborough to slightly change their airspace and delegate a bit of their airspace to BBS. The CAA are supportive of this as they have seen the problem first-hand. This has to then be approved so will take some time. The Tower does now have an ADSB tracker that is picking up some issues and we are pro-actively contacting the pilots before they go into the wrong area.

PC asked a question on the circuit pattern and asked if BBS could extend up-wind rather than downwind. Out to the west may be better? CG - Yes this is better for runway 25 rather than 07. Flying schools are starting to teach their students the base leg go-around which is a good start. CG has noticed that more complaints happen at around 5pm. He wonders if this is returning aircraft who are coming back from day trips rather than the flying schools, but not completely sure. 20,000 movements this year and so far only 75 complaints so not bad at all in the whole scheme of things. SD asked how long Mr Hall has lived at the property. CG responded he thought it was since the 1980s, so obviously the airport has been in the same place before he moved there. Prior to that Mr Hall lived locally in Tudor Drive. Mr Dunn is another serial complainer who lives where helicopters fly over fairly regularly but this is in uncontrolled airspace. CG has spoken to some Phoenix helicopter pilots to make them aware to try to avoid where he lives so doing their best to avoid. MP praised the way CG had handled the noise complaints he has and his very detailed explanations to the complainants as to how things have happened.

5.5 The Twilight Runway Charity Challenge has unfortunately now been cancelled due to further Govt restrictions. The Airport hopes to hold it next year instead. MP stated that this was a good example of what airports can be used for.

5.6 NHS Drive-Flu – We did offer BBS as a possible Covid testing centre, but the Airport was not needed as an area in Farnborough were doing it. However, the airport is setting themselves up as a flu vaccination centre. This is by appointment only via the person's Surrey Heath's GP centres. FAQs have gone on the BBS website and CG will engage with Yateley Community pages to clarify this as there has been some comments already that people are going to just turn up for their flu jabs not thinking they need an appointment. Marshals will be at the airport coordinating traffic and 2 cars should be able to complete their jabs in 1 minute. The NHS are giving a small contribution to the Airport's electricity bills as there are fridges and lighting set up.

CG

6	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Unfortunately, there were no members of the public in attendance, and no questions had been sent to the Councillors on their behalf.</p>	
7	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Frequency of the meetings – The Constitution says meetings should be held twice a year, but CAA guidance suggests they should be three times a year unless the committee feels this is not necessary. Chris is very happy to do these three times a year. PC suggested leave it at two. DS suggested the same unless there is an exceptional need raised by CG for an extraordinary meeting. CG doesn't think the next stage of the legal case requires any input from the Committee as so much has already been discussed and it is now down to very much legal terms and definitions. There may be a potential requirement if the court's decision goes in favour of the Airport and then the airport has some development plans that it will put forward for discussion and information and this can certainly go via the Consultative Committee.</p> <p>Format of the Meeting? Daytime/ Evening?</p> <p>CG asked is it better to be in the evening or during the day? And does the online format work or is better to be face to face? After some discussion, it was decided that the face to face format was better due to encouraging members of the public to attend and also an evening slot for now as they will find it easier at that time too. DS suggest that we keep this as a rolling agenda item for the next two times which was agreed. CS to check with the clerks of the councils when meetings are and work out the best date. Also check if there is a decent wifi connection at the Tythings so we could combine the two formats if necessary.</p>	CS
10	<p>FUTURE MEETING</p> <p>CS to look for a date in March in 2021</p>	CS