



**BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

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Dear Sir/Madam

**BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 19:00 PATHFINDER CAFÉ, BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT**

The next meeting of the committee will be held at The Pathfinder Café at Blackbushe Airport on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, when the presence of members is requested.

The agenda for the meeting is enclosed, along with the minutes of the previous meeting which was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021.

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 7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Confirmation of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year**
3. **Minutes of the previous meeting (Appendix 1)**  
To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, attached.
4. **Report by Airport Manager including monitoring of complaints and Update on Deregistration of Common Land**  
(see attached report and Noise Complaint log)
5. **Matters Arising**
6. **Questions (members of the public may ask questions for a period not exceeding 15 minutes)**
7. **AOB**
8. **Confirmation of date and venue of the next meeting**

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Secretary of the Blackbushe Airport Consultative Committee  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**APPENDIX 1****BLACKBUSHE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 14:00 ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 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]
Cllr Terry Hunt	Blackwater & Hawley Town Council [TH]
Cllr Richard Quarterman	Hart District Council [RQ]
Peter Brown	Member of the Public
Di Gardner	Member of the Public
Clare Silcock	Secretary [CS]

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<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>  Cliff Hawkins  John Cowley (contacted me after)	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 were agreed as a true record. This was proposed by TH and seconded by DS.	
<b>3</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b>  After the meeting of the 15 <sup>th</sup> September Mike Pearson spoke to Cliff Hawkins and he said that he did not wish to continue as Vice Chair of the Committee for the next year. CS to add to the Agenda next time the nomination of Chair and Vice Chair and the Committee will be approached before that meeting for any volunteers for the Vice Chair position.  RQ gave an update on the Yateley Neighbourhood Plan – this is very close to be finalised and has one further public consultation to go through in May. It will then be available to inspect towards the end of the year. The Committee have been in contact with CG to agree on a policy with the Airport and are very supportive of the Airport remaining as such within the community.	CS

4	<p><b>AIRPORT MANAGERS REPORT (please also see presentation attached)</b></p> <p>4.1 The Airport saw a lot of pent-up demand in the second half of 2020 with September being recorded as the best on record in terms of movements. Unfortunately, the yearly total of movements was the lowest on record although similar to 2012 when London held the Olympics and there was a lot of restrictions on movements.</p> <p>Fuel sales were better than expected as we bought at a lower price in early summer and then were able to sell at a low price, attracting customers to fly in specifically to refuel. Given the year that the UK has had the performance could have been a lot worse and our figures ended up fairing well.</p> <p>The 30-day average daily movement chart showed the effects of the lockdowns but also the peak of September. During lockdown 2 we have been able to remain open for commercial pilot training and engine flights, whereas lockdown 1 saw very few flights allowed to happen. The worst months were April – June and then November.</p> <p>4.2 The Judicial review was held in February and the decision has now been received, which was to dismiss our appeal. We have requested a further appeal to go to the Supreme Court, but we are still considering our likelihood of success and other options.</p> <p>4.3 We have tried to take a proactive approach on noise issues by introducing some new mapping for pilots so that they understand the noise abatement areas and approaching pilots when they do go into the wrong areas. There have been no repeat offenders as a result. CG thanked DS for tagging him in a Facebook feed about noise issues at Blackbushe and the comments on the feed were very positive. Of the 117 comments only 2 were negative and it is clear that the local community enjoy the Airport in general.</p> <p>4.4 Twilight Runway Challenge – has been delayed from 2020 to Sept 2021. Blackbushe Airport is providing staff and venue free of charge and other sponsors will be there too. The £10 entry fee goes to CMPP who organise charitable events like these. The runners can choose which charity they want to support. We know that there are groups running for both Aerobility and Frimley Park Hospital. Please do encourage anyone to take part.</p> <p>4.5 NHS Drive Flu finished in December. 19,500 were vaccinated over three months including the over 50s. We would have liked to advertise the fact that we were doing this, but Hart did not want us to as the vaccinations were actually organised by Surrey Heath and it would have caused issues with complaints from members of the Hart Community who could not get vaccinated here.</p> <p>COVID vaccinations are not operating on a drive through basis yet, but we are very happy to run the flu vaccination or any covid programme going forward.</p> <p>DS suggested that CG contact the local Yateley group of surgeries (Oakley) to see if they would like to use the facilities next winter. CG said that he would do so later in the year and confirmed that he had not been approached by them in the past.</p>	CG
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	<p>4.6 Blackbushe Café – we have received some quite negative comments on social media with the previous tenants moving out. We are keeping the menus very similar but aim for a higher quality and have extended the outside space by three times the area to allow more outside seating. We are still getting a lot of passers by asking for takeaway coffees, which unfortunately we can't provide at the moment due to the complete renovation of the whole building.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PUBLIC &amp; COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>This item was added to today's agenda as we had a few members of the public attend. However, there were no questions from the public for Chris.</p> <p>There were no questions from the Committee either.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>6.1 - DS announced that this would be his last Committee meeting as he was not standing for re-election at the next election this May. RQ is one of the possible candidates to take his place. MP thanked DS for all his input into the Committee over several years and his experience has been invaluable.</p> <p>6.2 – The next meeting date was discussed, and CS confirmed it would be in September and would put out a date with these minutes. It was agreed that if possible, the meeting would be held in person rather than on Teams and would be hosted in the new Blackbushe Café.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>FUTURE MEETING</b></p> <p>The date is therefore Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. However please let CS know if this creates a clash with other local events.</p>	<b>CS</b>