

SOUTHAMPTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE

Friday, 9 October 2020 (2:00 pm – 3:02 pm)

Councillor David Airey (Chairman)
Councillor Janice Asman (Vice-Chair)
Richard Ward (Hon Secretary)

Members Present:

Councillor Stephen Barnes-Andrews	Southampton City Council
Councillor David Fuller	Southampton City Council
Councillor Sharon Mintoff	Southampton City Council
Councillor Derek Mellor	Hampshire County Council
Councillor Tony Bronk	Winchester City Council
Councillor Anne Winstanley	Bishopstoke Parish Council
Councillor Harry Hellier	West End Parish Council
Councillor Mary Freemantle	Allbrook Parish Council
Councillor David Betts	Allbrook Parish Council
Steve Szalay	Southampton International Airport
Phil Dominey	South Western Railway
Ross Macdonald	National Air Traffic Services

Deputies Present:

Councillor Derek Pretty	Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor Angela Clear	Winchester City Council

In Attendance:

Steve Szalay	Southampton Airport
Steve Thurston	Southampton Airport
Anna Wyse	Southampton Airport
Amy Le Vieux	Southampton Airport
Nigel Spence	Southampton Airport

Apologies:

Councillor Paul Bicknell	Eastleigh Borough Council
Councillor Rob Humby	Hampshire County Council
Councillor Martin Tod	Winchester City Council
Councillor Vivian Achwal	Winchester City Council
Councillor Geoff Harris	Bishopstoke Parish Council

1. MINUTES

The Chair, Councillor David Airey, experienced technical difficulties and was unable to join the meeting. The Vice-Chair, Councillor Janice Asman Chaired the meeting.

The Chair welcomed Miles Thomas, Head of Sustainability and Planning for Farnborough Airport, as an observer to the meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2020 to be confirmed and signed as a true record.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councillor David Airey was elected as Chair for 2021/22.

Councillor Janice Asman was elected as Vice-Chair for 2021/22.

3. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Richard Ward was appointed as Honorary Secretary to the Committee for 2021/22. Laura Johnston was appointed as Deputy Honorary Secretary to the Committee for 2021/22.

4. OPERATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Operations Director of Southampton International Airport Limited, Steve Szalay introduced himself to the Committee and explained that he commenced his role in June 2020.

The recent news of Flybe was a big loss and will have an impact on the Airport. There has been a restructure which resulted in 35 job losses and with furlough ending in November, there may be further job losses.

Year to date, there had been 275,000 passengers with 300,000 predicted by the end of the year as opposed to over one million in previous years. Low passenger numbers was expected to continue into 2021. A discussion in terms of opening hours was due to take place in the coming weeks.

Cllr Mellor questioned whether the existing customers were safe and had they had any problems departing?

Steve Szalay replied that airlines were in trouble and there were concerns about what was going to happen following the end of the governments furlough scheme on 1 November which had acted as a safety blanket for many. Businesses were going to have to decide if they were viable. Some of the Teesside routes were flying with only five of six passengers.

Steve then asked the Committee whether they had any questions on any PR issues as the Airport had recently been branded 'liars and cheats' in the media and they were trying hard to combat the negative publicity. No members had any questions, but Steve reported that 28 local members of Extinction Rebellion had come to the airport and carried out a very respectful process with samba dancing and unfurling of banners. The airport was able to reassure them that they had noise control measures in place to combat the concerns that were raised. It was a very successful meeting.

5. NOISE ACTION PLAN REPORT

Councillor Airey joined the meeting at 14:50.

Nigel Spence, Airside Assurance Manager, explained that they had received the most noise complaints from the Bitterne park area, with 54 complaints being from one household. An Airport Expansion Opposition Group encouraged people to complain to the airport about noise. The number of aircraft movements had decreased rapidly.

Between March 2020 and September 2020 there were 6 noise complaints from operations to the north and 83 noise complaints from operations to the south. 36 of these complaints were received during the month of August.

6. AIRSPACE REPORT

There had not been any changes to the airspace or noise abatement procedures.

7. RUNWAY PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE

The Head of Planning and Development at Southampton Airport, Steve Thurston, explained that the runway planning application was submitted at the end of last year and the initial public consultation closed at the end of January 2020. Additional work on the Noise Insulation Policy was being carried out along with further work on traffic movements and improving the amount of biodiversity. The determination meeting was expected to be held virtually at the end of the year.

Councillor Sharon Mintoff requested that residents in the boundary of the noise contour were proactively contacted. A breakdown of Eastleigh Borough Council residents and Southampton City Council residents was requested. This information was not to hand but will forward details of the breakdown.

The Health, Safety and Environment Manager at Southampton Airport, Anna Wyse, explained that the publication of the 2019 carbon footprint was done in February and externally verified. This showed an 80% reduction in CO2 emissions since 2015 and was available to view on the website. The Airport was awarded Carbon Accreditation Level 2.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place on Friday 5 February 2021 at 2:00pm.

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