

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2009
IN BAE SYSTEMS, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
Richard	Appleton	Hart DC
David	Argent	Crondall PC
Laurence	Armes	Ash Parish Council
David	Attfield	Farnham Town Council
Mike	Drew	Surrey Heath BC
Victor	Duckett	Waverley BC
Dan	Foster	NATS
John	Gregory	FACC Secretary
John	Harrocks	North Hants Chamber
Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC (reserve)
Marwan	Khalek	GAMA Aviation
Daphne	Knowles	Mytchett Frimley Green & Deepcut Society
Geoff	Marks	Farnborough Aerodrome Residents' Assoc.
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
James	Radley	Hart DC
Jenny	Radley	FCCS
Madelaine	Stickles	Flight Safety International
Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1. Apologies

Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd July 2009 and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a correct record subject to the correction of David Seal's name.

Under “Actions Arising” the Chairman stated that there would be an annual report from Rushmoor BC in March on the 106 Agreement. The Committee asked for an interim statement on where the money relating to this Agreement is being spent.

Action: Committee Secretary to discuss with Rushmoor BC.

The designation of the Airport was discussed and the Committee agreed to investigate designation and receive a report at the March meeting.

Action: Chairman and Committee Secretary.

The Chairman read out a reply from CAA in relation to consultation on planning applications. Geoff Marks stated that he thought CAA should apply a “balanced approach” when consulted. It was suggested that a future meeting should have a presentation on “spatial planning”.

Action: Chairman to investigate a presentation on this issue.

Roger Walker reported that the QFP Committee had not met since the previous meeting but was scheduled to meet on Friday 4 December when the Committee would consider current data, the routing of helicopters, trial routes and controlled airspace. The benefits of controlled airspace were discussed and a scoping report is being prepared which would relate to capacity, safety and environment. The Committee was warned that this could be a long process. Membership of the QFP was discussed and it was agreed that residents’ representatives should be asked to involve all relevant areas when making representations. Geoff Marks offered to meet community representatives in Farnham and report to the QFP.

As requested at the last meeting the issue of airfield security is referred to in the TAG information report. The report also includes reference to non chapter 4 aircraft.

Maps presented to the Committee have now been extended to include additional areas of Farnham but the outer limit could not be extended further if the necessary level of detail is to be retained.

Item 3. Public Safety Zones

The Chairman welcomed Ference van Ham of Helios who presented to the Committee on public safety zones. A copy of his presentation is available on the website. He stressed that safety is the top priority and in spite of increases in traffic there was a reduction in accidents. James Radley asked whether cost benefit analyses took account of development on the ground. Ference accepted that there was some confusion relating to the costs of alternative development scenarios. Councillor Appleton asked about the availability of statistics as these are critical in these analyses and was concerned to hear that these statistics are not normally accessible to the public. He considered it unacceptable for policies to be formulated without public scrutiny of data. Other members of the Committee shared his concerns. The Chairman agreed to write to the appropriate government department on this issue.

Action: Chairman

Councillor Duckett asked whether aircraft are at full throttle on take off and was advised that most pilots apply variable thrust.

Geoff Marks referred to the questions posed to TAG and Rushmoor BC through FACC and asked whether Helios had been involved in the response to the questions. Roger Walker stated that Helios had not been involved but TAG had its own specialist consultants and that he would be happy for Geoff to speak with these consultants but any cost would have to be borne by him.

Item 4. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that he had movement figures to the end of October which confirmed that year on year there was a decline of 12.8% in number of movements. There was an increase of 6.4% in movements over 50 tonnes and weekend movements increased by 27.2%. He forecasted that by the end of the year there would be approximately 23,000 movements and that market share remains stable.

He reported that Rushmoor BC had refused the planning application by TAG to increase the number of movements. TAG is still considering its options and a statement will be made before the end of the year.

Construction of the new hangars is on hold. Two new business aircraft will be based at the airfield. Meetings have taken place between CAA and NATS regarding controlled air space. TAG has upgraded its winter equipment. In response to a question Brandon stated that as more aircraft are based at the airfield there will be an increase in employment.

Item 5. Complaints Report

Miles Thomas presented his report which was noted by the Committee. Jenny Radley asked that dates in paragraph 2.2 be checked. Many early morning flights which give rise to complaints emanate from Heathrow and Gatwick. The Committee noted the complaints summary table, particularly in relation to the number of deviations at weekends which are authorised. Reference was made to the control over low flying departing aircraft. Pilots apply the best rate of climb but air traffic controllers are not allowed to determine the actual rate of climb. However this is one of the considerations which would be part of controlled air space.

Item 6. Statement by Rushmoor BC

The statement was noted.

Item 7. Questions from Members of the Public

Mr. Brothers referred to the report to Rushmoor BC which included royal/diplomatic flights and whether these were increasing. TAG supplied up to date figures to Rushmoor and as part of the planning application had offered to include these within total movements. As the planning application has been refused this offer is no longer “on the table”.

Norman Lambert asked TAG whether they would be prepared to accommodate a Concorde at the airfield. TAG suggested that this is something to be considered by FAST. However Councillor Drew reported that FAST is also short of space for such a venture.

The Chairman reported that the Department of Transport is reviewing Consultative Committee documents (a copy of the Farnborough documents are on the website) and if members of the Committee wish to suggest changes he would be happy to receive these.

Action: All members of the Committee.

The Chairman is investigating a presentation by Omega on noise issues for the next Committee meeting but if members of the Committee have other suggestions for presentations he would be happy to receive these.

Action: All members of the Committee.

Item 8. Date of Next Meetings

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee will take place on **Thursday 4th March 2010, at 14:00hrs at the Park Centre, BAE SYSTEMS.**

Meetings in 2010 will be held on:

- **Thursday 1st July and**
- **Thursday 4th November.**