

**FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2012**  
**AT**  
**THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH**

**Present:**

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
Laurence	Armes	Ash Parish Council
David	Attfield	Farnham Town Council
John	Bennison	Church Crookham Parish Council
Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
John	Gregory	Secretary
Marwan	Khalek	GAMA Aviation
Norman	Lambert	Crondall Parish Council
Geoff	Marks	FARA
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
Jenny	Radley	Fleet & Church Crookham Society
James	Radley	Hart DC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough
Ian	Welland	Hampshire Chamber

**Apologies:**

Glyn	Carpenter	Surrey Heath BC
Rod	Dean	Farnborough International
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
Peter	Hill	FCOT
David	Mansfield	Surrey Heath BC
Roz	Muschamp	Hampshire CC
Chris	Simmons	Hart DC
Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Trevor	Jones	Gamma Aviation
Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC

**Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2011 were agreed as a correct record but Geoff Marks reminded the meeting that he is continuing to pursue the matter of non disclosure of modelling inputs from the DfT. From responses to FOI requests the DfT has subjected its stance to a public interest test. It concluded that disclosure would not be in the public interest. This conclusion was reached despite the Secretary of State agreeing with the Planning Inspectorate that non disclosure was unsatisfactory. The DfT's decision was arrived at even though it did provide adequate visibility when the proxy public safety zone

was established in 2000 and when the official PSZ was established in 2004. Geoff pointed out that this begs the question as to why disclosure would have passed the public test then but did not so now when the further changes introduced just four years later enabled a doubling of movement numbers within the existing contours. There is a letter of delegation transferring the PSZ refreshment role from the DfT to the Aerodrome Standards Division of the CAA. The letter requires the CAA to liaise with the relevant airport operator, the local planning authority and the local consultative committee.

Roger Walker reported that so far as the airspace change policy is concerned a fundamental review is in hand but it will not be necessary for the technical work group to convene until late 2012 or early 2013. James Radley noted that controlled airspace has an effect on noise including people secondarily affected such as in the Guildford area and asked whether these areas would be included. Roger Walker clarified that the area he was referring to was actually part of the Olympic airspace restrictions and was unlikely to be part of an ACP made by TAG. So far as the incident regarding jet blast is concerned it was agreed that the report from Rushmoor BC that went to Mr. Hunter should be attached to the minutes.

*Action: Committee Secretary.*

### **Item 3. TAG Information Report**

Brandon O'Reilly reported that for the first 2 months of this year there was a 2.5% reduction in movements overall but that there was a growth in movements in the 30-50 tonne category. The greatest reduction was in sub 20 and sub 10 tonne category. So far as the PSZ was concerned the CAA are carrying out a PSZ review and is requesting information. The results will be reported to the Consultative Committee in due course and the CAA should be invited to present to the Committee.

*Action; Chairman to contact CAA*

The second set of hangars has now been completed and ground support facilities are now housed in a new building which replaces the C shed. The G29 heritage building is now occupied by BAE Systems. Planning permission has been granted for a new engineering facility in T area. All arrangements are now in place for the Olympics and Air Show including security procedures. Brandon reported that there were already 700 bookings for slots for the Olympic period, many of which are from existing operators. He expects between 500 and 750 additional movements in the 3 weeks of the Olympic period.

Tours of the airfield for local people are booked well in advance and TAG has been actively involved in Community Matters, is supporting a "runway run" for charity and is actively promoting Farnborough at trade shows in the USA, China, Latin America and Dubai.

### **Item 4. TAG Reports**

Miles Thomas and Roger Walker presented the item. Jenny Radley referred to the high number of complaints in October. Miles Thomas said that this was most likely due to the unusually good weather which resulted in increased gliding activity and therefore a higher number of cancellations of Noise Abatement Procedure than commonly occur at that time of year.

### **Item 5. Rushmoor Plan**

The Chairman welcomed Louise Piper of Rushmoor BC and invited her to present to the Committee. A copy of Louise's presentation is attached to these minutes.

James Radley referred to the impact of airport facilities on schools and other educational establishments. Geoff Marks referred to development of key sites around the airport and the need to avoid building under flight paths. Jenny Radley referred to the noise effect of facilities for the elderly and frail. Louise responded that all issues would be taken into account as part of the "delivery document". Kevin Daley asked for an assurance that adjacent authorities would be consulted as part of the Rushmoor plan. Louise reported that cooperation on cross boundary issues is critical. Ian Welland drew attention to the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, particularly in relation to LEPs.

### **Item 6. Noise Action Plan**

Roger Walker referred to a document entitled "Farnborough Noise Action Plan 2012 First Draft 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012" which had been distributed to those members attending this meeting. Copies will be sent to members who were unable to attend.

**Action: Roger Walker**

Roger gave a presentation to the Committee, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. A copy of the document will be put on the website.

**Action: Roger Walker to liaise with Norman Lambert.**

Roger sought responses from the Committee members to enable him to report to the meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> June. He offered for TAG members to be available to meet with groups to explain the action plan and to deal with questions. His aim is to present the final document to Rushmoor BC following the Consultative Committee on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The Chairman urged all members to make their representations to TAG on this draft document by 11 May to enable TAG to incorporate concerns before reporting to the Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action: All members of the Committee to respond to TAG by 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

Roland Dibbs referred to the impact of technological advances which would affect noise impact. James Radley pointed out that if aircraft become quieter there may be an increase in the number of movements. Kevin Daley referred to Table H and the possible result that more people could be affected by noise levels. Roger Walker will check contour configuration as part of the study but reminded the Committee that the section 106 agreement refers to area, not shape, and will be strictly adhered to. Geoff Marks referred to different measures of noise measurements for weekends and weekdays and was assured that this would be incorporated into the final document.

### **Item 7. Matters Raised by Members of the Public**

Reg Milne referred to the number of missed approaches. There is no historical data on this

and the onus is on the pilot to act in the highest interest of safety. Pilots are not normally asked to justify missed approaches. Henry Johnson referred to a particularly noisy aircraft which was identified as a Piaggio and was assured that this aircraft did meet existing criteria but it was acknowledged that the noise pitch was unusual. Since the meeting TAG has stated that Piaggio Avanti movements at Farnborough in 2011 were 20, ie less than 2 per month.

Roger Hunter thanked the Committee and TAG for its response to the issue of ground engine testing and the need for aircraft to be at a safe distance from the airfield perimeter. Roger Walker assured Mr. Hunter that if conditions are such that there will be an effect outside the airfield such procedures will not take place and will be postponed or moved elsewhere on the airfield. TAG is investigating the use of deflectors and is in discussion with Rushmoor BC.

#### **Item 8. Matters Raised by the Committee not on the Agenda.**

There were no matters raised by the Committee.

The Committee Secretary reported that he wished to update information regarding representative bodies and would be contacting members before the next Committee.

*Action: Committee Secretary.*

#### **Item 9. Date of next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on

- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and**
- **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012**