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FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Notes of the meeting held on Thursday 15th March 2007 in the BAE SYSTEMS Park Centre.

Present:

Chairman

Mr R. M. MacKay

User Representatives:

Sir Donald Spiers	TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd
Mr R. Walker	TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd
Mr B. O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd
Mr J. Batty	British Business & General Aviation Association
Mr J. Cairns	Farnborough International Ltd
Mr M. Khalek	Gama Aviation

Local Authority Representatives:

Cllr J. Bennison	Hart District Council
Cllr Mrs M. Hunt	Waverley Borough Council
Cllr R. Dibbs	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr P. Taylor	Rushmoor Borough Council
Cllr P. Hutcheson	Hampshire County Council
Cllr James Radley	Hart District Council
Cllr M. Drew	Surrey Heath Borough Council
Cllr C. Pitt	Surrey County Council

Local Interests:

Mr G. Marks	Farnborough Airport Residents Association
Mrs J. Radley	Fleet and Church Crookham Civic Society
Mr J. Harrocks	North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Cllr E. Worrall	Ash Parish Council
Cllr D. Argent	Crandall Parish Council
Mrs D. Knowles	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut Society
Cllr D. Atfield	Farnham Town Council

Secretary:

Mr P. Riley

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 There were apologies from Mr W. Epton, Mrs M. Shepherd, Ms M. Stickles and Mr P. Hewitt.

1.2 The Chairman confirmed that Ms K. Wood had resigned from the Committee.

2. INTRODUCTION OF MR BRANDON O'REILLY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TAG FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT LTD.

2.1 The Chairman announced that Mr Brandon O'Reilly, the Chief Executive of TAG Farnborough Airport Ltd, would be joining the Committee at today's meeting as one of the User Representatives. The Chairman invited Mr O'Reilly to address the meeting. Mr O'Reilly said that he had taken up his new position on 1st January 2007. He said that he was accountable to the Committee for the safe and responsible operation of Farnborough Airport. He also wished to develop a close relationship with the communities neighbouring the airport.

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2006

3.1 Accuracy

There were no comments on the accuracy of the minutes.

3.2 Matters arising

Item 4.2 – Mr Walker apologised to the Committee for the omission of two complaints from the previous report. In the case of the complaint made on 30th March 2006 (VP-BHB) there was no record of the complaint although the flight was recognised as non-compliant. The operator had since confirmed that it would amend its operating procedures to ensure adherence to the Farnborough rules. With regard to the complaint made on 6th April 2006 (OO-KRC), Mr Walker said that the aircraft was not on the correct track and the operator had admitted its mistake. Again, the operator had agreed to amend its procedures.

Item 3 – Although Mr Marks had previously suggested that the S106 agreement could be amended, he was content not to pursue that point in view of the fruitful meeting that had recently taken place between the residents groups and TAG.

Item 6.3 – Mr Walker confirmed to Mr Marks that the CAA Report was attached to the Rushmoor Borough Council report and was on the Council's website. Mr Marks had also been given a copy of the report immediately prior to the meeting.

Item 8 – Mr Walker confirmed that the Complaints Report, in the new format, had been issued on the day before the meeting. In response to a request from the Committee, the type of aircraft, which was the subject of the complaint, had been included. Mrs Radley thanked Mr Walker for including the additional departure and arrival information. Mr O'Reilly said that since the last meeting of the Committee, a very useful meeting had taken place between the residents associations (represented by Mr Marks, Mrs J. Radley and Mrs Knowles) at which the noise abatement procedures in use at Farnborough had been discussed. TAG were proposing changes to these procedures and a trial will now take place. Mrs Radley said that the meeting with TAG had been very successful and 19 issues on noise control had been identified. Mr Marks echoed these comments and said that the meeting had been very helpful for the residents.

4. TAG INFORMATION REPORT

The Chairman invited questions on the TAG Information Report. Cllr James Radley remarked that the flights over Church Crookham were higher than he would have expected. However, he agreed to review the report again before deciding whether to raise any questions on this issue. Mr Walker drew the Committee's attention to the new format of the report which included a summary table. TAG had attempted to express the concerns expressed by the Committee at its last meeting. Cllr James Radley referred to the second complaint made on 27th February 2007 (Camus Close, Fleet) which was stated to be 'under investigation'. He queried why TAG was unaware whether or not the aircraft had landed at Farnborough. Mr Walker explained that this was the notation that was made when a letter had not been sent to the complainant. Cllr Argent asked whether the same letter is sent to an individual who repeatedly makes complaints. Mr Walker confirmed that this was the case.

Mrs Radley noted that certain aircraft types appear to cause particular concerns – she referred specifically to the BAe 146. Perhaps the Committee should be looking at particular aircraft types and the new form of report was obviously helpful in that respect.

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman reminded the Committee that, following a discussion at the last meeting regarding membership, a sub-committee would be formed under the chairmanship of Cllr Dibbs to consider whether, in view of its poor attendance record, the North Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry should be asked to resign from the Committee. The Chairman asked Cllr Dibbs to report on the sub-committee's discussions.

Cllr Dibbs said that the sub-committee (comprising himself, Mr Marks and Sir Donald Spiers with the Secretary in attendance but not including Cllr Scrivens who was not available) had met to discuss the NHCCI issue and an application by Bisley Parish Council to join the Committee. Prior to the meeting of the sub-committee, the NHCCI had written to the Secretary making a strong case for retaining its membership and confirming that it would attend future meetings. Cllr Dibbs said that it was important to retain a balance on the Committee and the NHCCI had a helpful contribution to make, bearing in mind that it could provide a useful input to the Committee on the economic benefit of the airport to the region. With regard to the application from Bisley PC, the sub-committee felt that the FACC was correctly balanced at the moment and the admission of another local interest group would adversely affect that balance. It was also felt that the residents of Bisley were already adequately represented by the member from Surrey Heath BC.

6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A question was put by Mr Graham Brothers. He said that, during the first stage of the recent public enquiry, mention was made of TAG's business plan. He wished to know whether there was such a plan. Mr O'Reilly said that TAG did have a business plan but it would also working on a master plan for the airport which was a government requirement. The master plan would be made available for public consultation.

7. COMMITTEE'S WEBSITE

The Chairman invited Mr Lambert, the Committee's webmaster, to provide a report. Mr Lambert said that the website had been re-designed and this made it easier to use. The site has 21 main pages, provides access to 75 documents and has 60 images including photographs and maps. There had been 505 'hits' in January and 458 in February 2007. Mr Lambert ask for any comments or queries on the website to be addressed to him.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lambert for the work he is doing on the website.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ISSUES THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Cllr Argent asked if the meetings of the Committee could commence later in the day. There was little support for this suggestion and the Chairman confirmed that the meetings will continue to start at 2.00pm.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on 12th July 2007 and the final meeting this year will be on 1st November 2007.

The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.30pm

Philip Riley
Secretary

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