

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2012
AT
THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
David	Attfield	Farnham Town Council
John	Bennison	Church Crookham Parish Council
Cllr. R.	Chadd	Hampshire County Council
Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Vic	Lockwood	Farnborough International
Cllr. Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Marwan	Khalek	GAMA Aviation
Geoff	Marks	FARA
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Cllr. Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
Jenny	Radley	Fleet & Church Crookham Society
Cllr. James	Radley	Hart DC
Cllr. Chris	Simmons	Hart DC
Cllr. P.	Spooner	Ash Parish Council
Cllr. Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1 - Apologies:

David	Argent	Crondall Parish Council
Jimmy	Chestnutt	Chamber of Commerce
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
Jeanne	Frazer	Farnborough International Limited
Peter	Hill	FCOT
John	Porter	FAC

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 7th June 2012 and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Roger Walker reported that he had received a letter from the CAA regarding the update of the PSZ. The notification process undertaken by the CAA will include adverts in the local press, letters to householders, the local authority and MPs. Jenny Radley asked that local schools be included in the consultation process. The Chairman will invite CAA to give a briefing at the meeting on 7th March 2013.

Action: Chairman to invite CAA to 7th March meeting.

Geoff Marks updated the Committee on the availability of information regarding the modelling process. The Freedom of Information Commission had upheld his appeal and NATS has 35 days in which to provide information. Geoff will report back to the next meeting.

Action: Geoff Marks to report to meeting on 7th March 2013.

Geoff Marks referred to correspondence regarding movement outside planning control. Roland Dibbs reminded the meeting that this is encapsulated within legal documents which can only be changed by mutual agreement of all parties.

Item 3. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that there were 2.5% fewer movements to end of September compared with the same period in 2011. Weekend movements are down 3% whereas large aircraft movements have increased by 40%. On average there are 3.58 passengers per aircraft. There was a 16% increase of movements during the Olympic Games whereas the Farnborough Air Show had a 23% reduction. All new infrastructure was completed for the Air Show and Farnborough had a 33% share of business in the south east.

The air space change proposal is about to start to develop the air space around the airport to provide a more predictable and effective air traffic environment which has the aim of increased efficiency of air space use.

There is an art exhibition in the Terminal Building of Damien Hirst's work which will be on display until 29th October. Brandon invited members to view the exhibits. TAG has a new website. There will be a planning application regarding the maintenance of aircraft over a 24 hr. period which will include updates of software and cabin work including defects. There will be no noisy engineering operations.

The Chairman invited Vic Lockwood of Farnborough International to report on the Air Show. The commitments announced at the Air Show had been confirmed at US \$72 billion covering a total of 758 aircraft – a 53% increase on the 2010 show. 25% of exhibitors have already rebooked for the 2014 show. The event attracted over 109,000 trade visitors, 1,500 exhibitors, 80 military delegations and a visit from the Prime Minister. Although the pavilions were closed on public days young people were able to visit the pavilions on the Friday. Cllr. Paul Taylor asked about the closure on public days. This decision was taken as a result of pressure from trade exhibitors to reduce costs but will be reviewed for 2014.

Item 4. TAG Reports

Miles Thomas presented his environmental impact reports which were accepted by the Committee.

Item 5. Air Space Change Proposal

Roger Walker reminded members of the aim of the air space change proposal and invited Kel Kirkland of NATS to present the formal CAA process. It was stressed that the FACC

has a very important role to play in this process. A copy of the presentation is on the FACC website.

James Radley asked whether maps are available but was informed that at this stage NATS will start with a clean sheet. James Radley also reminded the Committee that fuel consumption is an important factor when looking at air space efficiency and NATS confirmed that this will be included in the modelling process.

Roger Walker stressed the need to work closely with all stakeholders and the aim is for a consensus to be reached. Cllr. Simmons asked over what area the study will cover. NATS confirmed that it is a very constricted area due to known constraints and the environment. Cllr. Simmons was advised that full technical documents relating to the process are on the CAA website.

Jenny Radley asked that a link should be established on the FACC website in the form of a monthly update.

Action: Roger Walker to investigate feasibility of providing monthly updates on the website.

Geoff Marks was keen that the work undertaken by the QFP should form the basis of preferred routes and procedures. It was acknowledged that this work is important but the possibility exists that there are better preferred routes. The overall aim is to establish a known environment.

Item 6. Noise Action Plan

Roger Walker reported that the final draft has been sent out and has regard to the Government's draft aviation policy framework. There were few comments and many of these had been incorporated. However Roger did remind the Committee of the constraints imposed by Government and local policy. Geoff Marks pointed out that existing policies are being considered and he was concerned that the time scale for the various studies do not converge. Roland Dibbs reminded members that TAG had met its legal requirements to submit the report to the Borough Council and that the Council will have regard to any changes proposed in the future. He will take advice from officers in relation to the endorsement of the document and the time scales involved.

Action : Roland Gibbs to report to meeting in March 2013

Geoff Marks referred to the document using movements a year ago and not relating to allowable noise contours.

Item 7. Matters Raised by Members of the Public

Norman Lambert asked whether there had been complaints regarding the closure of exhibition halls during the Air Show. Vic Lockwood referred to improved facilities on the site during public days and that the issue will be considered in planning the 2014 show.

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

In response to the question posed by Geoff Marks regarding operations at Northolt being transferred to Farnborough TAG reported that the suggestion came from an all party group of MPs and that this had still to be considered by Government. It was not a proposal from TAG.

In response to the question from James Radley regarding the Olympics Roger Walker reported on the air space restrictions imposed by Government and the movements were dictated by CAA having taken advice from operators.

Item 9. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings of the committee will take place on

- **Thursday 7th March 2013**
- **Thursday 6th June 2013**
- **Thursday 3rd October 2013**

All meetings will commence at 14:00 be at The Park Centre Farnborough Aerospace Centre unless otherwise notified.

The Chairman invited members of the Committee to suggest items to be considered at future meetings.