

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2013
AT
THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
John	Bennison	Church Crookham Parish Council
Cllr. R.	Chadd	Hampshire County Council
Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Cllr. Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Marwan	Khalek	GAMA Aviation
Vic	Lockwood	Farnborough International
Geoff	Marks	FARA
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Chris	Quintana	Chamber of Commerce
Jenny	Radley	Fleet & Church Crookham Society
Cllr. James	Radley	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	Crandall Parish Council
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
Cllr. Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
John	Porter	FAC
Cllr. Chris	Simmons	Hart DC

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 4th October 2012 and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

The Committee appreciated that Roger Walker is now providing monthly updates on the website.

Item 3. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that movements so far in 2013 are showing no significant increase or decrease on last year. However the mix of aircraft is changing with an increase in the 30 to 50 tonne aircraft being up approximately 20% on last year. Netjets remains the largest single user. Weekend movements are up 12%.

TAG will be submitting a planning application to undertake aircraft maintenance on a 24 hr. basis with the undertaking that the work will not create noise.

TAG is working in cooperation with NATS regarding the airspace change proposal which will aim to improve safety and the environment. From 1st January 2013 Chapter 4 Aircraft only will be permitted. An emissions charging scheme is in operation which could raise £150,000 per annum which would be used to fund environmental improvements.

Brandon gave evidence to the Select Committee on the importance of business aviation to the economy and the benefits that Farnborough provided in freeing up space at larger airports.

Geoff Marks referred to air quality reports and measurement of particulates. This is not required under the Section 106 Agreement and Rushmoor confirmed that TAG is meeting all its requirements. However Councillor Dibbs agreed to report to the next meeting following discussions with his environmental health team.

Action: *Rushmoor to report on measurements of particulates to FACC meeting in June.*

Item 4. TAG Reports

Miles Thomas presented his environmental impact reports which were accepted by the Committee. Jenny Radley pointed out that there was a 2 week period at the end of September which had not been included in the report.

Action: *Miles Thomas to discuss with Jenny Radley.*

Jenny Radley requested that further information should be provided in relation to Flight Track Auditing and the way in which identified infringements of procedure are dealt with (in reference to the TAG Annual Performance Monitoring Report).

ACTION –*Jenny Radley to contact Miles Thomas to clarify the specific data that is required.*

Item 5. PSZ Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Liz Proctor of CAA to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes and is available on the website. Liz reminded the Committee that CAA is undertaking this on behalf of Department for Transport (DfT) and that they are not required to undertake a fuller consultation but do notify a wide range of organisations, local press, local authorities, MPs and a letter was sent to approximately 450 properties which are currently within the PSZ area. The latest proposals suggest that 60 properties previously included are now outside and 7 not previously included are within the area.

James Radley drew the Committee's attention to the fact that some properties are

disenfranchised by the proposals and that the transparency of data is important, including the TAG forecasts of number of movements. He requested that this information be made available to the Committee.

Brandon O'Reilly stated that TAG had never been asked for this information but is very happy to make it available.

Action: TAG to make information available to members who request it.

The Committee felt that there was some confusion between notification referred to in parts of the document and reference to "consultees" elsewhere.

Jenny Radley was anxious to understand how the PSZ remains virtually the same when number of movements continues to increase. Liz Proctor stated that all modelling is undertaken by DfT. The Committee asked the Chairman to invite DfT to address a future meeting of the Committee.

Action: Chairman to contact DfT.

A member of the public asked who reviews NATS' activities and was informed that there is an internal quality review check.

The Chairman thanked Liz Proctor for her presentation.

Councillor Dibbs informed the meeting that Rushmoor BC was notified of the PSZ process, held the relevant papers in its office and made them available on its website. The BC adopted the proposals and will implement them.

Item 6. Rushmoor Borough Council

Councillor Dibbs informed the Committee that time scale for the next part of the local plan process will now take place in October/November 2013.

Item 7. Motions Proposed by G. Marks

Geoff Marks spoke to the papers sent to all members of the Committee and drew particular attention to the need for transparency in information used in modelling processes and stated that the status of passengers (royal and diplomatic flights) should not determine whether an aircraft is counted as part of the total number of movements. Geoff referred to safety issues, their relevance to the modelling process and need for confidentiality. He stated that Rushmoor used pessimistic crash rates but it was agreed that the real issue raised by Geoff refers to the availability of information. Brandon O'Reilly stated that TAG always follows meticulously the planning requirements set out by the BC and there is an annual check on noise contours. James Radley emphasised the importance of availability of information in all of these processes. Marwan Khalek reminded the Committee that the PSZ is determined by a series of formulae including crash rates and forecasts of aircraft movements and type. Crash rates are fixed internationally and TAG has already offered to make forecasts of movements available to the Committee. James Radley agreed and stated that the issue is whether DfT is making sufficient information available but hopefully this will be addressed if DfT attend a future meeting of the Committee. The Committee agreed to ask the Chairman and Geoff Marks to formulate a new motion to be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

Action: *Chairman and Geoff Marks to prepare paper for next Committee.*

Item 8. Airspace Change Proposal

Roger Walker invited Kel Kirkland of NATS to make a presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes and available on the website. James Radley asked whether there will be simulations of GA aircraft and was informed that this would be the case at the appropriate case of the exercise. Roger Walker reminded the Committee that there is a large amount of work to be undertaken and that he is very keen for FACC to be involved and suggested that this should be in the form of one or two workshops in April/May. He will work with NATS to agree provisional dates and ask the secretary to offer these dates to Committee members.

Action: *Roger Walker and Committee Secretary to agree dates.*

Jenny Radley asked when information can be shared with local residents and was informed that there will be a series of presentations to local groups and public meetings.

Item 9. Questions from Members of the Public

Gordon Peak of Crondall asked whether the airspace change proposal will result in more predictable routes and more clearly defined corridors and when these will be made available. Roger Walker replied that as much information as possible will be made available in the summer/autumn.

Item 10 Matters Raised by the Committee

Geoff Marks referred to the question proposed on the agenda regarding “Regional Airports”. He asked that Rushmoor clarify the role of Farnborough Airport and TAG replied that the planning approval outlines the role of Farnborough and that there are no proposals to change the type of flying. Brandon O’Reilly would prefer to use the term “specialist airport” in relation to Farnborough.

Item 11. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings of the committee will take place on

- **Thursday 27th June 2013**
- **Thursday 3rd October 2013**

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