

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
“keeping people informed”

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31ST OCTOBER 2013
AT
THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
Cllr. David	Beaman	Farnham Council
Cllr. Charles	Choudhary	Hampshire County Council
Cllr. Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Nick	Harris	Church Crookham Parish Council
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Marwan	Khalek	GAMA Aviation
Norman	Lambert	Crondall Parish Council
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
Jonathan	Smith	Farnborough International
Cllr. P.	Spooner	Ash Parish Council
Cllr. Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1 - Apologies:

David	Atfield	Farnham Council
Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Liz	Miles	Farnborough College
John	Porter	FAC
Chris	Quintana	Chamber of Commerce

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 27th June and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed as a correct record. Copies of airspace change maps proposals to be sent to Jenny Radley.

Action: Roger Walker to send maps to Jenny Radley.

Item 3. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that there was a 1% downturn on movements over the last 12 months with increases in weekend movements and large aircraft. TAG used the opportunity of the Olympics to showcase the airport.

The Civil Aviation Authority audit has been undertaken with no non compliance. Planning permission has been given for 24 hr. maintenance operations provided there is no noise. The airport is now authorised for the movement of dogs, cats and ferrets. TAG was delighted to sponsor the Music in the Park and the annual Twilight Runway Challenge both of which raised several thousand pounds for charity. Television advertisements for 3G and Mercedes Benz have been filmed at the airport. Work has started on refurbishment of Meadow Gate with a new second access to the airport.

Jenny Radley asked whether TAG has the freehold of the Swan Inn and was advised that it has and this is consistent with its policy of acquiring properties adjacent to the airport when the opportunity arises. In response to a question from Geoff Marks Brandon advised that we are moving to a situation where some states consider 80 tonne aircraft to be too small. Jenny Radley asked that in the reporting complaints at weekends should be separated and all complaints should indicate the day of the week in addition to the date.

Action: Miles Thomas.

TAG has achieved level 3 airport carbon accreditation, the aim of which is to reduce the carbon footprint. It is well advanced in achieving the levels required by the 106 agreement. Councillor Choudhary enquired about measuring aircraft emissions and was informed that the model takes account of types of engine, fuel and levels of activity to provide input to the model.

Item 4. TAG Reports

Norman Lambert asked for details about overflying Crondall and Jenny Radley referred to high level of weekend movements on 7th July and 1st and 7th September.

Item 5. Airspace Change Proposal

Roger Walker introduced the item and invited Kel Kirkland to update the committee. A copy of the slides shown is available on the website. Kel reminded the committee that the exercise was aimed at major simulations of design functionality. There have been meetings with CAA, engagements with internal stakeholders, but the public consultation will be delayed until January. Roger Walker will keep FACC members fully up to date.

Action: Roger Walker to prepare monthly updates.

Roger Walker reminded the committee that TAG is very happy to meet with local people to discuss this issue and will be arranging an evening meeting in January for the committee in advance of wider public consultation.

James Radley wished to know the availability of any modelling regarding the noise contour. TAG advised that this will take place when a final design is available. It was emphasised that the work must have regard to safety, the environment within the local community and efficiency of operations. Councillor Harris was keen to understand whether the exercise would seek to increase the capacity of the airport and was advised that this was not the case. Norman Lambert referred to the situation at RAF Odiham and was advised that the present exercise is inextricably linked with RAF Odiham.

Item 6. Rushmoor Borough Council

Richard Ward updated the committee on the Rushmoor plan and invited Peter Hepworth of Hepworth Acoustics to address the committee. Copies of Peter's slides are available on the website. Councillor Simmonds referred to controlled airspace, more concentrated corridors and more rapid descents. James Radley referred to N70 assessments and was advised that this provides better information for residents but is difficult to enforce within a noise monitoring scheme. James Radley asked whether Rushmoor will address third party risks. Richard Ward advised that consultants are being retained and will work with neighbouring authorities. A copy of Hepworth Acoustics Report is available on the website.

Item 7. Expert Guidance

The Chairman drew the committee's attention to a letter from Crondall PC regarding response to consultations. He was aware that situations may arise in the future where the committee would wish to retain expert advice. If this is the case the cost of such advice may have to be shared by all members of the committee. Geoff Marks reminded the committee that local authorities respond to government consultations and that the expertise retained by the local authority should be available to FACC members.

The committee agreed to seek expert advice through the local authorities should the need arise.

Item 8. Questions from Members of the Public

Reg Milne asked whether over time there would be continuing reduction in noise from aircraft. Peter Hepworth advised that this is an ongoing process. Councillor Dibbs advised that noise and safety are equal issues for the Rushmoor Borough Council.

Item 9. Matters Raised by the Committee

Geoff Marks presented his paper which concentrates on the issues of transparency of information. He spoke particularly about crash rates and that the PSZ is essentially a land based policy. He referred to correspondence with Rushmoor BC over several years regarding the use of crash rates. Marwan Khalek reminded the committee that crash rates are set internationally and published by the CAA who provide information to NATS.

Geoff also referred to the need for further scrutiny on third party risks. He asked the committee to urge the government and Rushmoor BC to address these issues.

James Radley reminded the Committee that only local authorities can violate the PSZ and that third party risks are an essential part of this. Geoff's paper suggests that there is confusion and that the government should address this issue. The Chairman reminded the committee that a representative from the Department of Transport will be attending the committee meeting in March and that he will advise the DoT that this is an issue that should be addressed by their representative at this meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the two local authorities and write to the DoT seeking clarification. The Chairman will circulate the letter to the committee before sending to DoT.

Action: Chairman to work with local authority representatives and advise DoT that this issue should be addressed when meeting the committee in March 2014.

Item 10. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings of the committee will take place on :

- **Thursday 6th March 2014**
- **Thursday 26th June 2014**
- **Thursday 6th November 2014**

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