

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2014
AT
THE PARK CENTRE, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
David	Attfield	Farnham Council
Cllr. Roland	Dibbs	Rushmoor BC
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Nick	Harris	Church Crookham Parish Council
Cllr. Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
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. Paul	Spooner	Ash Parish Council
Liz	Miles	Farnborough College
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1 - Apologies:

Kevin	Daley	Mytchett Frimley Green and Deepcut
Chris	Quintana	Chamber of Commerce
Wally	Epton	WJE Associates Ltd.
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 31st October and Matters Arising

Under Item 9 Geoff Marks requested that the reference to crash rates should make it clear that these are not necessarily used but are set out in CAA documents.

Also under this item the Chairman referred to a letter to the DFT and it was agreed that each relevant local authority should write directly to DFT if it wishes to do so.

Jenny Radley asked whether the number of heavy weekend flights are recorded to ensure that the total limit imposed is not breached. Miles Thomas said this could be incorporated but that the overall computer system is being revised.

Action: Miles Thomas – Include “>50t Weekend Movements” column in table 1.2 of the TAG Report

Item 3. Committee Issues

John Gregory invited the Committee to debate whether it wished to change the name from Aerodrome Consultative Committee to Airport Consultative Committee. The Committee resolved to keep the same name.

It was also reported that Farnborough Aerospace Consortium has resigned from the Committee. It was resolved that NATS should be invited to join the Committee.

Item 4. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that movements during January and February 2014 were similar to those in 2013. However the number of aircraft in the 20-30 tonne category had increased. Total movements have grown by between 4.5 and 5% compared with 2013, with a 5% increase in weekend movements. February 2014 was the busiest month ever with 229 movements.

From a meteorological aspect only 25 aircraft had to be de-iced during January/February compared with 193 last year.

Construction is going ahead with a new access from the Meadow Gate roundabout and the TAG admin headquarters moving into the new building in September. Construction for the air show was proceeding well and Chalet Row A will be a permanent structure plus a new permanent business suite.

Brandon invited members to take up the offer to meet with TAG representatives to discuss the PSZ proposals.

Item 5. TAG Reports

Miles Thomas introduced this item. There were no questions.

Item 6. Air Space Change Proposal

Roger Walker updated the Committee and drew the members' attention to the Farnborough Air Space Consultation documents and invited members of the public to collect a copy. The consultation period will end on 2nd May and there will be 3-4 months analysis and the Committee will receive further reports at its meetings on 26th June and 6th November.

NATS gave a presentation of the proposals, a copy of which is on the web site.

The Chairman invited questions and Hugh Shepherd asked about CO₂ burn, environmental change, increased use of fuel to conform with new patterns and the effect on other airports and airspace operations. NATS responded that the purpose of the changes was to make more effective use of the airspace and where possible to reduce fuel burn. The effect on

other users was difficult to predict but a “do nothing” option would have a greater environmental impact. A member of the public from Hale referred to the effect these changes would have on helicopter use at Odiham. NATS responded that the new proposals would help predictability but would not change helicopter activity. A member of the public also asked whether TAG would in the future wish to use the airport for regular passenger use. Brandon O’Reilly drew the Committee’s attention to the business plan and that TAG has no proposals for public use of the airport. In response to a question Roger Walker reported that as far as TAG could judge the average number of passengers per aircraft is 3.

Item 7. Presentation by DfT

The Chairman welcomed Ian Elston and Tamara Goodwin. He advised the Committee that Dean Muir was unable to attend due to a family bereavement.

Ian gave a presentation to the Committee on PSZs, a copy of which is on the web site.

Councillor Harris asked whether PSZs took account of risk, likelihood and impact and was assured that this was the case.

Geoff Marks sought clarification of several issues which are attached to these minutes together with a letter dated 2002.

Tamara Goodwin gave a brief introduction to the revised Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees. She then invited comments from the Committee.

In response to questions from the Committee Tamara stated that the guidelines applied to all consultative committees both statutory and non statutory. The aim is to set principles, codes of conduct and to focus on users. It is hoped that committees will set best practice. In discussing the availability of expert knowledge it was acknowledged that specialist advice was available from all members of the Committee. Tamara stated that there were no advantages in being a designated airport.

Item 8. Matters Raised by the Committee

There were no matters raised by committee members.

Item 10. Date of next Meeting

The next meetings of the committee will take place on :

- **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.