

FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
“keeping people informed”

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23rd June 2016
AT
TAG, FARNBOROUGH

Present:

Philip	Riley	FACC Chairman
David	Attfield	Farnham Town Council
Chris	Axam	Hart DC
William	Cole	Ash PC
John	Gregory	Secretary
Cllr. Josephine	Hawkins	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr Norman	Lambert	Crondall Parish Council
Chris	Main	Mytchett Res. Soc.
Geoff	Marks	FARA
Brandon	O'Reilly	TAG Farnborough
Robin	Perry	Surrey Heath BC
Cllr. Chris	Pitt	Surrey CC
Jenny	Radley	Fleet & Church Crookham Society
Cllr. James	Radley	Hart DC
Jonathan	Smith	Farnborough International
Mike	Talbot	NATS
Cllr. Paul	Taylor	Rushmoor BC
Martin	Tennant	Rushmoor BC
Miles	Thomas	TAG Farnborough
Roger	Walker	TAG Farnborough

Item 1 - Apologies:

Peter	Isherwood	Waverley BC
Liz	Miles	Farnborough College

Item 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 3rd March 2016 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the 3rd March were agreed as a correct record.

The Chairman welcomed Martin Tennant to the meeting. It was agreed that the Committee would receive a report annually from Rushmoor on the environmental fund. Rushmoor BC reminded members that all details are on the BC website and it was agreed that Rushmoor BC would revisit the criteria for this fund.

Action: Rushmoor BC- Cllrs Tennant and Taylor

The Chairman reminded members that they have been requested to notify the Secretary of topics for future meetings. It was agreed that Roger Gardner of Southampton University should be invited to make a presentation to the November meeting on issues to be determined by members, but should include reducing noise and emissions.

Action: *All members to notify Secretary of issues they wish to be included in the presentation.*

Item 3. TAG Information Report

Brandon O'Reilly reported that the airfield is prepared for the air show. TAG has received its licence for audit under the EASA provisions.

There are no significant changes in air traffic movements with larger aircraft continuing to outpace other types.

TAG continues to have a 36% market share. There is continued marketing, most recently in Shanghai and Geneva.

There were over 400 participants in the runway challenge raising over £6,000 for charity.

In the first quarter there was no waste to land fill from the airfield. It was noted that Northolt will be closed for resurfacing which may increase movements at Farnborough.

The Swan pub is fully operational with events and sports screening.

Item 4. TAG Reports

The meeting discussed non compliant flights and Miles Thomas said that there is an audit of every flight, and that if there are deviations then there are procedures in place to investigate these and repeat offenders will be banned from the airfield. Chris Pitt asked that copies of responses be made available to him. Chris to provide Miles Thomas with an indication of the area over which he requires information.

Action *Cllr Pitt to provide TAG with map of areas in question*

Item 5. Airspace Change Proposal

Roger Walker reported that we are still in limbo regarding completion of this. The outstanding matters regarding technical issues, simulation and dialogue with general aviation continues.

Geoff Marks drew the meeting's attention to a FASVIG report. Roger Walker referred to the FASVIG report which identified areas of agreement and differences and the CAA has arranged a meeting on 4th July aiming at resolving differences. Geoff Marks said that in the light of the FASVIG report the CAA's decision, whether it be approval or rejection, could be controversial. As a key stakeholder in the CAP725 process the FACC could be criticised if it is not sufficiently engaged to take a view as to whether all parties, acting reasonably, can resolve their differences. He went on to argue that transparency is the key to the decisions being robust and defensible. For him many questions arose from the FASVIG report.

At paragraph 5.1 of the FASVIG report TAG confirm that it is their Board's policy that *"all aircraft using Farnborough were to remain within CAS throughout arrival and departure"*. Asked when its Board established that policy, and how Farnborough's arrival and departure phases were defined, Roger Walker said the Board had not specifically mandated acquisition of controlled airspace within which these phases would be completed, but CAS was a proper course to pursue given that safety of its operations is TAG's priority.

Mr Marks referred to Appendix D to the FASVIG report (paragraphs 7.2 &3) in which TAG argues *".. the ACP cannot be withdrawn due to the impact it will have for other stakeholders (NERL/NSL, Southampton and other local airfields."*

Mr Marks said this assertion could imply that not all of the airspace blocks in the ACP were needed to meet TAG's safety, environmental, and efficiency objectives. In particular, the blocks of airspace further to the south and west could be seen to facilitate a known environment for scheduled air transport operations at other airports. NATS said the CAS represents the ideal for TAG's current and projected operations and that the proposal could be amended should it be clear that TAG's operations would not need to utilise some of the airspace blocks as part of the approval review process.

Lastly Mr Marks referred to the airspace change Scoping Report presented by NATS to the Quiet Flying Programme Working Group (QFPWG) its meeting in December 2009. This says this under the heading 'Capacity'; *"The capacity of Farnborough is at present limited to 28,000 movements per year. Current procedures are safe at this level of traffic. However, the airspace and procedures would need to be enhanced to enable the number of movements to increase significantly. Changes proposed by NATS would introduce improved systemisation of traffic, with integration to London Terminal Control operations."* Mr Marks said the question arising from this statement is whether the acquisition of class D airspace remains a prerequisite of sufficiently high levels of passenger and third party safety. NATS confirmed that should CAS not be granted by the CAA there are procedural measures that can be taken to ensure high levels of safety are maintained.

Item 6. Questions from Members of the Public

An operator from Blackbushe referred to the fact that general aviation would be an issue at the 4th July meeting. Roger Walker confirmed that TAG continues to talk to all users and NATS as regard to airfield issues.

Item 7. Matters raised by the Committee not on the Agenda There were no matters raised by the Committee.

Item 8. Date of next Meeting Thursday

All meetings at Rushmoor Borough Council

The next meetings of the committee will take place on :

- **Thursday 10th November 2016**
- **Thursday March 9th 2017**
- **Thursday July 6th**
- **Thursday 9th November**