



## FARNBOROUGH AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Actions from Meeting Held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. November Update.

- Action 1:** Members to submit suggestions for the position of Vice Chairman to the Secretary.
- Responses to Date Copied Below – Further Responses Welcomed.
- Action 2:** Simon Geere to provide clarification of power generated from the new solar Panels to be installed on the new hangar.
- Completed
- Action 3:** For GDPR reasons, FAL cannot send Members details to residents who make a complaint. Are all Members happy that their contact details are released and how does this initiative become practice?
- Responses to Date Copied Below – Now Closed.
- Action 4:** FAL to circulate draft terms of reference for the Noise Sub Committee, based on those of other airports.
- Draft circulated 20 August 2023 – Completed.
- Action 5:** Members to suggest who should be on the Sub Committee and submit this to the Secretary.
- Responses to Date Copied Below – Completed.
- Action 6:** Secretary to arrange meeting to agree make-up of Sub Committee and its terms of reference to be put to the next general meeting for approval. This meeting will probably be held in September.
- Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October - Completed.
- Action 7:** Members are asked for their comments on having an adviser available to answer and provide guidance of technical questions. How would this be funded and how would it be established to provide independent objective advice. Please submit thoughts to the Secretary.
- Responses to Date Copied Below – Now Closed.

## Responses to Date:

### Action 1: **Members to submit suggestions for the position of Vice Chairman to the Secretary.**

#### Members Comments

I cannot offer any suggestions at this time. It would be useful to know if there is an allowance or payment provided for the Chairman and Vice Chairman and what that might be and who is responsible to pay for that. I also imagine that this role might take much more time that many of us would realise.

I support the principle of having a Vice Chairman. He/she should be chosen by FACC members from the existing membership. It should be made clear however that the VC could not be eligible to become the Chairman unless appointed through an open competition as at present. A salary isn't appropriate.

#### Other Responses Welcomed.

#### FACC - Comment

Farnborough Airport appoints the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson and the Secretary, following consultation and with the agreement of representatives of the three sectional interest groups.

It is commonplace for a vice chairman to be selected from the committee in question. In this situation however, this is a case of succession planning. Philip Riley wishes to stand down once a successor has been appointed and has been with the Committee long enough to understand the issues at hand.

Farnborough Airport covers all the expenses of the FACC including the cost of hiring venues, secretarial and technical support and the fees of the permanent officials. These are commercial matters and are entirely an issue between the company and the suppliers.

### Action 3: **For GDPR reasons, FAL cannot send Members details to residents who make a complaint. Are all Members happy that their contact details are released and how does this initiative become practice?**

#### Members Comments

I question the response from FAL to say they are not able to provide more details about the location of complaints made to the airport about flight movements, even the name of the road would be helpful. For example: I note that the local police are able to provide the name of roads where incidents happen to the public, and still abide by the GDPR rules.

Why is this level of detail too much for FAL? I also expect that some complainants might be concerned when they cannot easily find the reference to any complaints, they have made listed in the complaints report, in order to be reassured that it has been recorded. I had this problem myself recently. The query I raised seemed to be reported as a departing flight over Fleet instead of an arrival over Church Crookham.

I have no objection to all my contact details becoming publicly available.

#### FACC – Comment

Every FACC Member has given the FACC approval to display/advertise their email addresses on the website for GDPR reasons. If contact details are to be released by FAL, a separate approval given to FAL, will be required.

**Action 4: FAL to circulate draft terms of reference for the Noise Sub Committee, based on those of other airports.**

DRAFT circulated 20 August 2023 – Completed.

**Action 5: Members to suggest who should be on the Sub Committee and submit this to the Secretary.**

David Munro and Jenny Radley, Geoff Marks, Jules Crossley and Carl Turner have put themselves forward as candidates.

Rod Cooper has been proposed by four Members. Chris Dorn and Joanne Goodall have been proposed by three Members.

Completed.

**Action 6: Secretary to arrange meeting to agree make-up of Sub Committee and its terms of reference to be put to the next general meeting for approval. This meeting will probably be held in September.**

Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> October - Completed.

**Action 7: Members are asked for their comments on having an adviser available to answer and provide guidance of technical questions. How would this be funded and how would it be established to provide independent objective advice. Please submit thoughts to the Secretary.**

Members Comments

I agree that FACC members would probably benefit from having an independent adviser but we seem to cover a wide range of topics and I am not sure who would be suitable for this intermittent role. We do not seem to need this support at every meeting. I am also aware that local interest groups, such as the Fleet and Church Crookham Society, do not have much in the way of financial reserves, so if we were asked to contribute towards such an advisor, that might be a real problem. Given that the local authorities are also desperately tight on their budgets, I assume they would also need to question how much they could contribute. Yet as elected members they certainly have an important part to play on this committee. This change would raise a new remit for the committee, if we were having to scrutinise the finances of the meeting as well, but maybe that will be how it would need to go forward?

I think that FACC members should also be told whether people who have been invited to present to the FACC in the past have asked for a fee and who has paid. So that we can understand the real costs of the FACC meetings. I believe that many of the people who come to present to the FACC do so for free or simply for the cost of their travel, but I might be wrong.

I think it would be worth engaging a technical advisor on a short-term basis - say 6 months - to see if he/she added value to FACC's work. We can review after six months to see how it's going. Who pays? Would FAL be amenable? I don't know who else would stump up - certainly my own council wouldn't want to and I guess that would apply to all councils.

I would support this in principle but see the practical difficulties. Maybe a six-month trial. The post should be remunerated (would FAL be happy to pay?) and should be advertised in a low-key way. Most important that the person should be seen to be clearly impartial so that no-one associated with either FAL, a campaign/residents' group or FACC itself should be considered.

FACC - Comment

To date the FACC has not paid a presenter to present. Reasonable travel expenses have been reimbursed.