

REPORT OF ATTENDANCE TO BOURNEMOUTH AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 29TH 2018

Minutes from meeting of July 19 had been withheld due to certain items from previous meetings appearing in The Echo, there follows a brief resume of the report given by the MD who is now leaving.

The transition of ownership was complete, with the exception of two systems, the car parking was now under Airport control as BOMO had ceased trading, airport business is still better than projected, Hangar 12 has been let to Gama Aviation effective from September (as reported in the Echo July 17).

Passenger movements per airline remained at almost 100%, Loganair Air were now proposing to service the Channel Islands, this concludes the salient points of the MDs. report,

Updates were given on roadworks around the airport/ Aircraft noise report and Community fund.

Now follows report of November meeting again delayed for non disclosure of any sensitive information that may arise during the meeting.

Item 1 Minutes of last meeting, 19th July 2018 were approved by those present.

Item 2 Matters Arising. Apologies / Action. noise non compliant aircraft to be investigated for reason regarding non compliance./ Committee chair will contact CBC regarding extension of area eligible for Community Fund.

Item 3 Presentation by Ms, Stolworthy for DfT.

Ms Stolworthy was preceding presentation of a green paper as a guidance document to "ACCs as structured forums providing exchange of information between airports and other interested parties."

Item 4 Airport Update

4.1 The Committee welcomed the new MD. Mr. Steve Gill

4.2 Passenger numbers are still above budget estimates,

4.3 External influences affecting the airport. On the negative side is ongoing roadworks to the A338 and on the positive side cessation of off site parking has improved onsite parking revenue.

4.4 Increase in the number of routes has continued with Ryanair adding Dublin and Prague. TUI adding Kefalonia Crete and Antalya. Loganair flying to Jersey and Guernsey.

Item 5 Business Update.

5.1 General review of the business park included taking Health and Safety in house , providing a new website including tenants handbook, reviewing existing facilities to provide for further expansion.

5.2 The leasing of Hangar 12 has been a welcome boost with the total number of people on Airport and Business Park categorized as 1,247 Airport, 1,477 Aviation/Defence, 1,609 Other.

5.3 Airport Site Master Plan is now under review by RCA and Dorset LEP, under consideration are ecology surveys and East/West link road.

5.4 Future development was possible on the East side subject to planning permission, 35 acres being available.

6 Habitat Management.

6.1 There is 300 acres of SSSI land within the airport which is under their stewardship and currently home to 5 cows and a herd of goats a Habitat Management Report is made annually to Natural England.

7 Air Quality Monitoring.

7.1 This has been in place for many years the collected samples taken from points throughout the airfield are processed by a laboratory off site.

The results show that all required parameters are met and there is no adverse affects to surrounding heathland.

8. Aircraft Noise

8.1 Complaints, for the period November 2017 to October 2018 end had been 38 complaints received 3 were non-compliant, no fining process had been operated by the airport for these or any other reported incident.

It was also confirmed that no non-compliant aircraft had been identified over the Burley area in the last 12 months.

9. Noise Action Plan

9.1 This had been submitted to DEFRA in August with no further responses being received by November 30th. 2018

10 Bournemouth Air Festival.

10.1 The Airport hosted most of the participating aircraft, as indeed they have done before in the previous 11 years of the event, Air Traffic Control also providing integration of Festival and other Air Traffic.

11 RAF 100 Event

It was also noted that the Rigby Group hosted during the Bank Holiday Weekend at Bournemouth and other venues, events planned by Sir Peter Rigby celebrating RAF 100.

As a futher footnote to this report, after the meeting finished there was some discussion with members about other subjects, which delayed my departure until 16.30 approximately and resulted in arrival in Verwood at 18.00 due to what appeared normal traffic congestion.

If this is the norm then direct access to the airport from the A338 is an absolute priority to ensure a viable future to the whole site, which is in danger of access strangulation.