

Minutes

Meeting	Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee	
Held on	Wednesday 16 th March 2016	
Time	1430 hrs	
Venue	Imperial Room, Departures Building	
Attendees	1.	Cllr WS Rippon-Swaine (Chair) Hampshire County Council
	2.	Mr P Thorne (Deputy) Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Com
	3.	Mr JT Hosker Dorset Federation of Residents' Associations
	4.	Cllr Mrs M Phipps Dorset County Council
	5.	Miss A Martin Travel Councillors
	6.	Cllr J Cullen West Parley Parish Council
	7.	Cllr M Iyengar Poole BC
	8.	Cllr J Wilson East Dorset District Council
	9.	Cllr R Mills Bransgore Parish
	10.	Ms J Richards Bransgore & District Residents' Association
	11.	Cllr T Cordery Ferndown TC
	12.	Cllr Mrs S Grove Verwood TC
	13.	Ms J Lennox-Moores Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry
	14.	Mr B Rickman New Forest National Park Authority
In Attendance	Bournemouth Airport Authority:	
	1.	Mr P Knight Managing Director
	2.	Mr M Twomey Head of Technical Services
	3.	Mrs C Willoughby-Crisp Air Traffic & Operations Manager
	4.	Mrs D Mitchell Environment, Health & Safety Manager
	5.	Mrs S Windsor External Affairs Consultant
	6.	Miss W Jones Secretary
Apologies	1.	Ms A Warner Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry
	2.	Cllr P Russell Crowhill Res' Association / Burley Parish
	3.	Cllr WH Dow New Forest District Council
	4.	Rev C Booth St Marks West Parley & Airport Chaplain
	5.	Mr A Murray Principal Planner, MAG
	6.	Mr J Krajicek Christchurch Tourism
Next meeting	Thursday 28 th July 2016, commencing at 1430 hrs in the Imperial Room	

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 12th November 2015, were approved by those present.

2. Matters Arising / Actions

- 2.1 There were none.

3. Managing Director's Report

- 3.1 A business update was given for the year to date. Passenger numbers stood at 734,000 (9.5% behind Budget). Due to the loss of Royal Mail and the withdrawal of Flybe, Revenue was behind budget for the year. Costs were running at 4.9% better than budget due to cost efficiencies delivered within the year.

- 3.2 Load factor performance for Ryanair, Thomson and Easyjet during the year was encouraging.
- 3.3 A business forecast was given for 2016/17 which would see passenger numbers of approximately 600,000. The main drive for the year would be tight cost control and increasing revenue.
- 3.4 MAG Commercial Team was having ongoing discussions with a number of airlines in order to drive future growth.
- 3.5 On a positive note, there would be additional cruise flights during 2016/17 and the commencement of flights by a new operator to Bournemouth, Lo Lo.com holidays which will operate weekly flights to Skaithos.
- 3.6 General Aviation (GA) continued to perform well with a number of expressions of interest in new hangar development.
- 3.7 A Member enquired as to aircraft parking revenue. The Airport replied that it had significant areas available to park aircraft and that it was happy to discuss aircraft parking agreements with customers within all aircraft size brackets.
- 3.8 The Airport was asked whether the growth of student flights would be affected by the withdrawal of Flybe. The Airport confirmed that this was still an area which the Airport was proactively promoting and saw growth opportunities
- 3.9 A Member asked whether the Airport would be able to attract an airline whose destination had been dropped at either Southampton Airport or Bristol Airport. The Airport replied that it was always open to discussions with airlines when a growth opportunity was identified.
- 3.10 The Airport was asked whether there was still interest from the low cost airlines to adopt long haul flights. The Airport had not been approached in regard to long haul flights other than the cruise type flights already being operated. The long Bournemouth runway would be suitable for long haul flights if the opportunity arose.
- 3.11 A Member asked whether there were any other domestic flight operators who could replace Flybe. The Airport stated that Flybe was the largest domestic operator of the aircraft size best suited for this type of operation and had very limited competition. As stated, earlier discussions were ongoing with a number of operators which could possibly deliver domestic routes in the future.
- 3.12 The Airport highlighted that APD (Aircraft Passenger Duty) continued to restrict growth, as airlines like Ryanair could fly from other European countries for less.
- 3.13 A Member enquired as to the football flights and stated that it was highly likely that Bournemouth Football Club would remain in the Premier League. The Airport advised that AFC Bournemouth were regularly flying from Bournemouth to away matches and that visiting Premier league teams were regularly flying into Bournemouth. This was providing a very welcomed additional revenue stream.
- 3.14 The Airport highlighted that it had seen an increase in demand for holidays in Southern Europe, due to the unsettled situation in a number of other holiday destinations.
- 3.15 As from April 2016, the Airport Fees and charges would increase by 3%.
- 3.16 A discussion took place regarding Car Parking charges for 2016/17.

4. **Aircraft Noise Report**

- 4.1 For the period March 2015 to the end of February 2016, there had been 72 complaints from 69 complainants (not including repeat complainants). Of the 72 complaints, 68 aircraft were found to be compliant and 4 non-compliant. The non-compliant were helicopters conducting pleasure flights, commercial flights and private jets, the operators had been contacted.
- 4.2 For the same period, there had been 250 complaints from 3 repeat complainants, broken down as follows:
- * 14 complaint from 1 person from Broadstone
 - * 235 complaints from 1 person from Merley
 - * 1 complaint from 1 person in Ferndown
- 4.3 A Member asked when the complainant from Ferndown would be removed from the repeat complainants' data. The Airport confirmed that as data was for a rolling year, the complainant from Ferndown would be removed from the data by the next meeting.
- 4.4 The complaints (not including repeat complainants) were split into Light Aircraft (11), Mail (12), Commercial (11), Helicopters (25 – pleasure flights, general training aircraft, not the Police Helicopter operation) and Other, for example executive operations and complaints of a general nature (13). Note that these complaints spanned the period of a year. Complaint areas were shown, including Burley at 10, Bournemouth at 11, 10 from Poole and 3 from Wimborne.
- 4.5 When analysed into time of day, there were 15 complaints about night operations and 55 complaints concerning day. Again, these figures were for a 12 month period.
- 4.6 A Member asked how complaints were reported. The Airport advised that the public could report noise complaints by telephone but the majority were by email.
- 4.7 An update was given on the upgrade of the Webtrak system which would give users a more detailed location of aircraft movements from the Airport. It would give the point of closest approach to their property. There would also be a direct complaint line on the system.
- 4.8 A Member asked whether this would increase the number of complaints to investigate. The Airport believed that this should reduce the number of complaints, as the system would confirm the actual distance the aircraft was from their property.
- 4.9 The Airport was asked whether Webtrak would be located in the same place on the website. The Airport confirmed that it would.

5. **Planning & Policy**

- 5.1 Local Enterprise Partnership: As previously reported, the package of Airport access improvements works was being progressed through the Growth Deal and that the Airport was now Chairing the LEP Airport Growth Board.
- 5.2 Planning applications have been submitted for Hurn Roundabout (PL/1935/13) and Chapel Gate (PL/1936/13) as part of the package of improvements works.
- 5.3 DCC anticipated determination dates for both applications by May 2016.
- 5.4 The Airport was generally supportive but had various detailed concerns especially with the Chapel Gate scheme.

- 5.5 A Member explained the impact the submitted improvement works would have on Hurn. Though the listed cottages would be quieter, Hurn Post Office would lose its left hand turn which meant vehicles would have to turn right and go around the Roundabout and back up. Also, hundreds of trees would have to be felled though there would be a replanting scheme. There would be a Toucan crossing across Avon Causeway for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and a push-button activated horse crossing points on Christchurch Road and Parley Lane.
- 5.6 A Member highlighted that no land purchases had been procured and that this could take 12 months.
- 5.7 A Member asked whether this would ease problems at Matchams Lane. Another Member replied that the entrance and exit from Matchams Lane would be widened to ease access. Subject to planning permission, works should commence Autumn 2017.
- 5.8 A Member asked whether the money was available. The Airport advised that this was with the LEP fund.
- 5.9 A Member asked if the planning permission was with Christchurch Borough Council. The Airport replied that it was with Dorset County Council and all information was in the public domain.
- 5.10 Chapel Gate scheme would see the removal of the roundabout for a traffic light system. The Airport was concerned with traffic build up on the undershoot of the runway. A Member stated that the argument for a traffic light system was to ease traffic flow at peak times and manage traffic to and from the Business Park. A Member highlighted problems should the traffic back up to Parley lights and that a slip road was needed at the Airport and a slip road on the west side onto the roundabout, this was a simple solution. The Airport stated that all feedback could be given on the scheme via Dorset County Council.
- 5.11 Other Local Issues:
- i) The works at the Airport entrance had been completed and the junction formally adopted.
 - ii) DCCI were in the process of negotiating the final objection to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on the B3073 and Hurn Court Lane. Should they be unsuccessful, DCCI would have to hold a Public Inquiry.
 - iii) Discussions were ongoing with the developer of Parkfield School, Christchurch Borough Council were still awaiting a Travel Plan to comply with condition of the planning permission. The Airport was, of course, extremely interested in the content of the Travel Plan. Work on-site was behind schedule for a September 2016 opening. A Member asked whether the Airport could assist with accommodating students. The Airport advised that there was no available space to do so.
 - iv) The off-site parking operator at Wonderland had re-submitted their planning application. The application was for 75 vehicles on the existing car park. The decision rested with Christchurch Borough Council.
- 5.12 Aviation Park West: Construction of AIM Aviation was ongoing with anticipated occupation November 2016. Development had now commenced on 42K sq m scheme for Curtiss Wright with anticipated occupation February 2017. This would create 500 new jobs on the site. A Member stated that the new developments should help bus numbers. Another Member asked whether the LEP money was aimed at enhancing the Business Park rather than the Airport. The Airport replied that development of Poole Port and Bournemouth Airport and the surrounding infrastructure was key to growth in Dorset and were the main projects of the LEP.

6. Community Fund

6.1 The last meeting was held in November 2015, with the following awards being made:

- * Christchurch Activities for Young People £1,500
- * Christchurch Scouts 22nd (Hurn) Air Scouts £2,500
- * 10th Christchurch (Mudford) Sea Scouts £2,610
- * Somerford ARC Radio £1,000

6.2 All bids had to be submitted by the end of April.

6.3 The Airport confirmed that the boundary for applications was within the Borough of Christchurch, with the majority of the application having to benefit the Borough. At the next meeting, there would be £18K in the fund.

6.4 The next meeting would be held on 18th May 2016.

6.5 **Work Experience Programme 2016**

Once week placements have been offered to students from the following schools:

- The Bourne Academy
- Ferndown Upper School
- Bournemouth School for Boys
- Bournemouth School for Girls
- Harewood College
- Highcliffe School

7. Any Other Business

7.1 A Member asked whether laser attacks were a problem at the Airport. The Airport advised that it was not a major problem but there had been nine attacks in 2015. These were reported to Dorset Police but no action has been taken. The Airport confirmed that a representative of NPAS (National Police Air Service) who attended the ASMAC meeting had agreed to liaise with Dorset Police.

7.1 The Airport thanked everyone present for their continued support during these challenging times.

Chairman Date 2016