

# Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee</b>	
<b>Held on</b>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
<b>Time</b>	1430 hrs	
<b>Venue</b>	Imperial Room, Departures Building	
<b>Attendees</b>	1.	Mr P Thorne (Chair) Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Com
	2.	Cllr Mrs J Jones (Deputy) Hurn Parish
	3.	Cllr A Biggs Deputy Verwood TC
	4.	Cllr T Cordery Ferndown Town Council
	5.	Cllr W Dow New Forest District Council
	6.	Cllr B Goringe East Dorset District Council
	7.	Mr JT Hosker Dorset Federation of Residents' Associations
	8.	Mrs J Hudson Broadstone Residents' Association
	9.	Cllr Mrs P Jamieson Christchurch Borough Council
	10.	Mr E Jarvis Brangore & District Residents' Association
	11.	Cllr Mrs B Manuel West Parley Parish & Deputy East Dorset District
	12.	Cllr N Martin Crowhill Residents Association / Burley Parish
	13.	Cllr N Penman Hampshire County Council & New Forest Nat Park
	14.	Cllr Mrs M Phipps Dorset County Council
	15.	Mr B Riddle Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce
<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Bournemouth Airport Authority:</b>	
	1.	Mr P Knight Managing Director
	2.	Mr H Greenman Estates Manager
	3.	Mrs D Mitchell Environment, Health & Safety Manager
	4.	Mr M Twomey Head of Technical Services
	5.	Mrs C Willoughby-Crisp Air Traffic & Operations Manager
	6.	Ms R Osborn Secretary
<b>Apologies</b>	1.	Cllr Mrs S Grove Verwood Town Council
	2.	Cllr M Iyengar Poole Borough Council
	3.	Cllr C Rochester Bournemouth Borough Council
	4.	Cllr P Russell Crowhill Res' Association / Burley Parish Council
<b>Meeting dates:</b>	(All Thursdays at 1430 hrs in the Imperial Room) → 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 / → 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 / → 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	

## 1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, were approved by those present.

## 2. Matters Arising / Actions

- 2.1 Reference item 7.13 on the Minutes, the Chair reported that he had written to Christchurch Council and all Members had been sent a copy of the correspondence.

## 3. Report by the Managing Director

- 3.1 The Airport was delighted to report that, on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017, 100% of Bournemouth International Airport Limited shares were purchased by Regional City Airports, part of the Rigby Group.

- 3.2 Rigby Group plc was the parent company for a portfolio of family-owned and highly successful businesses operating across Europe and the Middle East. Diversifying from its origins as a principally technology-led business, Rigby Group plc had evolved during the last 41 years, through smart, strategic acquisitions, into a British success story with over 7,500 employees. The Airport then detailed the other businesses which comprised the Rigby Group, including Regional & City Airports (RCA) of which Bournemouth would play a major role along with Norwich, Coventry and Exeter.
- 3.3 Members were advised that there would be no immediate changes to the way Bournemouth Airport operated and the management structure would remain the same. A Transitional Agreement had been signed with MAG to permit the unpicking of Bournemouth from the MAG business and this would take place over the forthcoming months.
- 3.4 This was a significant and very positive step for the Airport, its employees and passengers. As a highly respected and stable organisation, Rigby Group's involvement will enable Bournemouth Airport to build on the many achievements of recent years, safeguarding the future of the business and providing a platform from which to build an even more prosperous future for the Airport, colleagues and the region as a whole.
- 3.5 The Airport gave a business update YTD (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017). Passenger numbers stood at 527K, against a budget of 512K. The increase was due to the introduction of a year-round Ryanair Krakow flight and high load factors on all other routes. Passenger performance by airline was shown and discussed. It was noted, however, that overall performance was behind budget due to lower than anticipated yields, reduced General Aviation (GA) activity and external challenges to parking revenue. Costs were reported as being flat to budget.
- 3.6 Winter 2017 routes were reported. Ryanair operated 11 departures a week to Alicante, Malaga, Faro, Malta, Tenerife and Krakow. TUI / First Choice operated 10 departures a week to Gran Canaria, Tenerife, Lanzarote and Turin. Starting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, Easyjet would operate 6 departures a week to Geneva.
- 3.7 Since the last Committee meeting, the following incidents had occurred:
- |                                    | Number |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Aircraft Accidents                 | 0      |
| Aircraft Ground Incidents          | 0      |
| Full Emergencies                   | 4      |
| Local Standby                      | 10     |
| Weather Standby                    | 18     |
| First Aid                          | 17     |
| Off-Airport Road Traffic Accidents | 1      |
- 3.8 Airport passenger comparison was shown from 2015 to 2017, along with the movement comparison for the same period. Total aircraft movements year to date for 2017 remained down on both 2015 and 2016, however, passenger numbers had shown a modest increase compared to 2016 so far, although had slipped back slightly during June and October. Commercial movements were in decline, despite passenger numbers holding up.
- 3.9 The Customer ASQ Survey results were discussed ("Airport Service Quality" – an independent European Survey). The majority of passengers resided in the UK, were aged between 55 and 64 (just over 50% were female), arrived at the Airport between 1½ and 2 hours before their flight, resided in the UK and took 1 or 2 trips a year. As usual, the majority of passengers arrived at the Airport in a private car, either parking for the duration of their trip or getting dropped off by family / friends. The Airport's overall result remained at 4, a consistent result since 2015.

- 3.10 The Airport was asked whether it would be introducing a £10 Development Charge at Bournemouth and what its position would be on the drop-off charge. The Airport advised that it would continue to review the drop-off charge. It had no plans to introduce a £10 Development Charge. A discussion took place with regard to the unpopularity of the drop-off charge. The point was made that it was better, perhaps, to remain unpopular in one area rather than withdrawing that line of income and consequently having no business at all. A Member commented that change was inevitable and we had to embrace and go with it and, if the right people were in the right places, usually everything was for the better.

#### 4. **Aircraft Noise Report**

- 4.1 For the period November 2016 to October 2017, there had been 38 complaints from 30 people (not including repeat complainants). Of the 38 complaints, 34 were found to be compliant and 4 non-compliant (companies had been contacted, where necessary, and reminded of the operational restrictions). The majority of complaints were generated from the Christchurch area (10), followed by the New Forest (9) for the rolling year. There had been 26 complaints from 1 repeat complainant for the same period.
- 4.2 A discussion took place on the Bournemouth Police Helicopter operation. The helicopter operated with the least disruption but would hover if there was good reason on the ground. Its operation was for all our benefit and to keep us safe.
- 4.3 It was noted that the first programmed flight was between 0620 and 0700 hrs and the last flight was at 1800 hrs in winter, 2330 hrs in summer. However, there may be later movements if incoming flights were delayed.

#### 5. **Community Fund**

- 5.1 The Airport clarified that £10,000 per year was put into the Community Fund pot by the Airport, as set out in the Section 106 Agreement for schemes within the Christchurch borough. Full details were on the Airport's website and applications were welcomed.
- 5.2 The last Community Fund Management Committee took place in May, as reported at the last meeting. Members were reminded that an award was made to The Water Lily Project, which was established to support vulnerable people in the community. They needed the award to help the refurbishment of a café and computer suite, which will help to improve facilities for the Project and directly benefit the vulnerable people in need. £3,750 was awarded. "Stompin' on the Quomps" was an annual music event held in Christchurch. This free event for all the local community was funded purely from public donations and an award of £850 was made to make their fundraising easier. The next meeting was due to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### 6. **Noise Action Plan Review**

- 6.1 The Environmental Noise Directive required a review of the 2014 Noise Action Plan to be submitted in August 2018 and, as such, this was now being undertaken. Guidance required public consultation via the Consultative Committee. The Draft of the Noise Action Plan will be submitted to the Consultative Committee at the March 2018 meeting.

#### 7. **Planning & Policy**

- 7.1 The Airport reported on the National Policy. The document, "Revised Draft National Airports Policy Statement (NPS): new runway capacity and infrastructure at airports in the south west" had been issued for consultation until the 19<sup>th</sup> December. This was the means by which planning consent for a new third runway will be delivered at Heathrow. Revisions to this took

account of revised noise analysis, a new air quality plan, Government policy changes and responses to the first consultation. It did not preclude more intensive use of existing runways or infrastructure and any application for such will be judged on its merits. The Government still intended to lay the NPS before Parliament in early 2018.

- 7.2 The document “Beyond the Horizon – the Future of UK Aviation” which called for evidence for a new strategy closed in October. This was essentially what happened in the rest of the UK aviation outside of the Heathrow third runway process. This Government-suggested strategy will have the following objectives and each of these will be subject to specific consultation papers to be released during 2018, with the aim of having a final strategy in place by the end of the year: Help the aviation industry work for its customers; ensure a safe and secure way to travel; build a global and connected Britain; encourage competitive markets; support growth while tackling environmental impacts; and develop innovation, technology and skills.
- 7.3 Local Policy was reported. The Dorset County Council Waste and Minerals Local Plans Pre-Submission consultation had just been released. It suggested that the Eco site was appropriate for an intensification of waste processing capacity. It was not as explicit about a Solid Recovered Fuel facility (incinerator) as the previous draft, but at the same time it did acknowledge that the height of a smoke stack would have to address aerodrome safeguarding matters. The Airport maintained an “in principle” objection to the proposals presented for a Solid Recovered Fuel facility, as matters such as the height of stack, size of building, effects on radar remained unaddressed.
- 7.4 With regard to other local issues, the BOMO car park operator had withdrawn the planning application to extend its consented 75 spaces. However, a further application had been submitted (awaiting validation) that reflected how the facility actually operated. The Airport had raised an objection to an operation on Barrack Lane which asked for permitted development rights to be removed to prevent an application for B8 Storage and Distribution being used for off-airport parking. Additionally, on Aviation Park West, there was strong developer interest both in terms of re-occupancy of existing units and new developments.
- 7.5 A Member asked about the roadworks at Blackwater and Chapel Gate. Another Member clarified that the Blackwater East works would be completed next May and there was a Stakeholder Meeting scheduled for next week. Blackwater West may be another year further down the line due to land acquisition. Chapel Gate would be finished before Christmas. Hurn roundabout was not on the schedule as yet.

## 8. Any Other Business

- 8.1 The Chair asked if a member of the RCA Group could attend the next meeting to discuss how they intended to market / promote the Airport.

**ACTION Paul Knight to arrange for an RCA Group person to be invited to the next meeting to discuss how they intended to market / promote the Airport.**

Chairman ..... Date ..... 2018