

GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
191st QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 9th June 2017,
Meeting Room 1, GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT

Present

Gavin Money	Chair
George Smith	Co-opted Member (Vice Chair)
James Riach	Prestwick South Community Council (Treasurer)
Jim McCall	Co-opted Member
Richard Searle	Passenger Representative
William McAlpine	Passenger Representative
Helen McBride	Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry

In Attendance

Ron Smith	CEO GPA
Kirsten Sweeney	Marketing & Communications Director
Nigel Wallace	Secretary to GPACC

Apologies

Eddie Allison	Orbital Access
Annique Armstrong	Visit Scotland
Len Houston	Royal Aeronautical Society
Calum McPhail	South Ayrshire Council
Douglas Kirkpatrick	SW Trans/Dumfries & Galloway Council
Inspector Paul Seditas	Strathclyde Police
Sharon Hodgson	East Ayrshire Council
Andrew McNair	North Ayrshire Council

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those in attendance to the 191st Quarterly meeting of Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee and thanked Kirsten Sweeney, GPA's Director of Marketing and Communications and NATS staff for attending.

2. Apologies

The apologies received were noted. Following local elections, replacement Councillors had not yet been named.

3. Minutes of the 190th Meeting held on 10th March 2017

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

Re-engaging with Membership: The Chairman's letter to members had not yet been circulated as the timing of the local elections had intervened in the process. A Disability Forum representative is still to be identified to become a member of GPACC.

GPACC Website: GPACC's website content will be incorporated into GPA's website by the Communications team. When it is complete the Secretary will be notified.

5. Councillor replacements following resignations/Elections

Replacement Councillor nominations from the four local authorities had yet to be notified to the Secretary. The Chairman asked that the valued contribution from Councillors Hunter ; McDill and McClung be noted in the minutes.

6. Chief Executive's Report

Ron Smith, CEO, updated the Committee as follows:

Business Strategy

Final approval of the 5 Year Strategic Plan by the Airport Company and HoldCo Board. Release to the public domain has been delayed by the local election purdah. The launch will be at Holyrood.

Activity

New twice weekly Ryanair service to Rzeszow in Poland will operate through-out the year.

Windfarms & Radar Solution

As reported previously the windfarm tolerant radar solution is now being implemented.

Airspace Change

As reported at the January meeting GPA is currently undergoing an Airspace Change process in conjunction with NATs. This is an open process requiring a public consultation process which is being undertaken by external consultants. The process may include changes needed for Spaceport. The process is being supported by the three Ayrshire Councils.

Heathrow Expansion

A further round of GPA discussions with Heathrow have been held with a meeting at Heathrow. GPA together with other partners are putting together a bid to be a Scottish supply partner to support the Heathrow expansion. Submission will be made by the 31st July 2017.

Spaceport

Spaceport continues to progress. GPA and Orbital Access are working on a 'Bid' for Space Agency Funding for launch site. Four serious bids for grant funding to the UK Government are expected.

PRMs

GPA hosted a visit from disability groups.
GPA is the only airport in Scotald with an Aviramp.
PRM statistics are published on GPA website.

Discussion

GPACC's two Passenger Representatives raised previous undertakings by GPA to involve them in changes involving the passenger experience and reiterated their willingness and readiness to be involved in any way which could be helpful. Ron Smith proposed that Kirsten Sweeney attend future meetings of GPACC. This was welcomed by the members.

7. Airspace Change

A 3 person NATS team provided a comprehensive briefing to GPACC on a current GPA Airspace Change process and proposals. NATS are acting as consultants to GPA in the process.

The driver for the Airspace Change is the impending removal of current navigation aids. The process involves a 13 week consultation starting 14th June through to 13th September 2017.

The 3 key CAA criteria are:

- Safety
- Efficiency
- Environmental – CO2 and noise

In planning new routes the team are trying to keep close to those routes currently used and where possible to avoid more populated areas.

A major part of the process is the public consultation. The team involved in running the consultation is made up of 3 elements – NATS; BIG Partnership and GPA's Media Team. The consultation will include a number of components – consultation document; website; exhibitions (GPA; Kilmarnock and Coylton); local press advertising; libraries; briefings to elected representatives.

A key aspect will be provision for public feedback. A Consultation Report will then be prepared to report on the process and feedback.

8. Cabinet Secretary's Invitation

Ron Smith has provided KB's secretary with 3 GPACC Meeting dates. At the moment it looks likely that December is the preference. GPACC Members are encouraged to ensure a good turnout on the day. Key Agenda items to be subject of further discussion between the Chair, Secretary and Ron Smith. Suggestions by members welcome.

9. UKACC's Annual Liaison Meeting

The Secretary provided a short verbal report on the UKACC's Meeting which had taken place on the 7th and 8th of June. Papers from the Meeting are posted on the UKACCs website.

10. AOCB

None raised

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is Friday 8th September 2017.

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