

**GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**  
**186th QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016,**  
**Meeting Room, GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT**

**Present**

George Smith	Co-opted Member (Vice Chair)
James Riach	Prestwick South Community Council (Treasurer)
Councillor Jim McClung	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Councillor Robert McDill	East Ayrshire Council
Councillor Hugh Hunter	South Ayrshire Council
Richard Searle	Passenger Representative
Annique Armstrong	Visit Scotland
Calum McPhail	South Ayrshire Council

**In Attendance**

Richard Jenner	CEO GPA
Nigel Wallace	Secretary to GPACC

**Apologies**

Gavin Money	Chair
Councillor Irene Oldfather	North Ayrshire Council
Councillor Bill Grant	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Len Houston	Royal Aeronautical Society
William McAlpine	Passenger Representative
Steven Herriot	SW Trans/Dumfries & Galloway Council
Councillor Philip Saxton	South Ayrshire Council
Inspector Paul Seditas	Strathclyde Police
Norman Geddes	Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Sharon Hodgson	East Ayrshire Council
Andrew McNair	North Ayrshire Council

**1. Welcome**

The Vice Chair (VC) welcomed those in attendance to the 186th Quarterly meeting of the Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee.

**2. Apologies**

The apologies received were noted.

**3. Minutes of the 185th Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

**4. Matters Arising**

**Drones:** Drone incidents near airports continue to be reported in the press. This issue remains a matter of concern to the Committee. As reported at previous meetings of GPACC the CAA have issued a statement outlining actions including Guidance to ATCs; publicity and education and police enforcement and long term seeking harmonised international regulations. The DfT will be launching a public consultation in the near future. The Committee noted that the British Open with associated TV coverage at Troon

this year may be an issue. It was also noted that the USA was looking at licencing the use of Drones.

Other matters arising to be taken under the relevant Agenda item.

## **5.Chief Executive's Report**

Richard Jenner expressed his apologies for not attending the December meeting.

**Key Appointments** - New CEO – no one appointed yet. Interviews to be held 23/24 March

Finance Director – recruited and appointed but resigned. Another candidate in the pipeline

New Business Development Director – for Passenger and Freight

Additional Management Personnel – Procurement Officer; Recruitment Officer

**Business Strategy** – Business Development a priority.

New Passenger strategy being launched in March.

New emphasis on MRO – 3 to 4 parties interested in renting hangar; Military regular quarterly conferences.

Property Strategy – there is a need for a whole estate review including:

- Terminal review
- GANNET future
- Station improvement – short term facelift including sky bridge

**Review of Governance** – underway

**Rebranding** – currently developing a more business like brand; check in revamp and new uniforms; new signage for terminal.

## **Activity**

Ryanair – 10% extra capacity for summer 2016.

Still trying to get London flights.

Increased business in connection with Glasgow Hydro events

Cargolux/Air France continuing to develop relationships

Postal Services discussions ongoing

## **Windfarms & Radar Solution**

Project for windfarm tolerant radar is being implemented. Including new primary radar.

The new system will be operational by April 2017

## **6. and 7. Welcome Pack and GPACC Website**

The Secretary and Richard Searle had met to agree and finalise the Welcome Pack and update the GPACC website. The work on the Welcome Pack is now complete. The GPACC website changes have been agreed and the changes will be forwarded to UKACCs Secretariat for updating.

## **8. Spaceport Bid**

Work is continuing on the Spaceport bid.

GPA is making a presentation to the Royal Aeronautical Society

It is understood that 6 sites are still in contention – Stornoway; Campbelltown; Leuchars; Prestwick; Newquay and Lampedusa. Meeting of CAA and Scottish Government. DfT Technical Specifications are still being drawn up by the UK Government. These are now expected between March and June this year.

GPA are proceeding and gearing up with partners on the assumption that GPA will be the preferred location

2020 is the expected date for operations.

#### **9. Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement**

A note of GPACC's 2015 Income and Expenditure together with the current balance was circulated. Members noted the position and the Chairman thanked the Treasurer for preparing the note.

#### **10. AOCB**

Airshow 2016 awaiting confirmation and details

Talks with UK Border Force on remote clearance for private jets. Currently negotiating a service level agreement.

Amazon are for potential bases in the UK

#### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### **12. Familiarisation Tour**

After the meeting members were taken on a tour of GPA's FBO (Fixed Base Operator) facilities. GPA FBO is aiming to provide a one stop shop approach to non-scheduled aviation. Members enjoyed an informative trip looking round the newly refurbished facilities including:

- Executive Lounge
- Crew room
- Shower facilities

and were introduced to the services on offer which include customs/immigration; crew and passenger transport; Security screening; VIP catering; and Flight planning/MET.

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