

GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
210th QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 28th June 2022,

Present

Richard Searle	Chair
James Riach	Co-opted (Treasurer)
Bob Smith	Prestwick South Community Council (Vice Chair)
George Smith	Co-opted Member
William McAlpine	Passenger Representative
Bob Logan	General Aviation/Royal Aeronautical Society
Ian Masterton	North Air
Councillor Duncan Townson	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

In Attendance

Ian Forgie	CEO, GPA
Nigel Wallace	Secretary to GPACC

Apologies

Councillor Andrew Giusti	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Mick O'Connor	Spaceport
Councillor Ian Cochrane	South Ayrshire Council
Jim Miller	North Ayrshire Council
Jim McCall	Co-opted Member (Cargo)
Gordon Smith	Visit Scotland
Michael Oxnard	Police Scotland

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to the 210th Quarterly meeting of Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee. A special welcome was extended to Councillor Duncan Townson SPT's new representative on GPACC.

2. Apologies

The apologies received were noted. Councillor representation for North Ayrshire Council and East Ayrshire Council are currently subject to approval by Councils following the May local elections. It is expected that GPACC will have confirmation of appointments in the near future.

3. Minutes of the 209th Meeting held on 1st March 2022

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read. (WM proposed and BS seconded)

4. Matters Arising

Drones: Following a discussion of the issues surrounding Drones at the March meeting it was agreed that it might be helpful to ensure the Police and Fiscal service are fully apprised of the problem. Bob Logan reported that police impact statement for GPA is

being shared with the resilience team and then will be shared with COPFS for consideration. BL will follow up with another meeting.

Ayrshire Growth Deal: A recent article in the local press has reported that Ayrshire Growth Deal Targets relating to GPA have missed early milestones. While the voracity of these reports was unknown, members felt that a letter from GPACC registering concern and expressing support for the AGD and frustration at the apparent slow progress. It was agreed that the Chair would draft a letter expressing concern and seeking reassurances. The draft would be shared with Ian Forgie who would identify the best recipient of the letter.

5. Chief Executive's Report

The CEO (IF) updated the committee on the progress the airport was making and in relation to the Strategy 2022-2025 highlighted the managements' focus on the following Six Strategic Pillars:

1. Customers and Growth
2. Land Facilities & Assets
3. Stakeholder Engagement & Communication
4. Sustainability
5. Health, Safety, Security and Quality
6. People & Culture

The intention is to diversify from a simple focus on passengers and to create 7 Business Units each with a distinct focus:

1. Cargo; 2. FBO; 3. Fuel; 4. Passengers; 5. Property; 6. Aero; 7. Nu Ventures

6. Microlights

Bob Logan gave a short presentation on Microlights. Currently microlights are not flown from or to GPA. However there are 3 types of microlight Flexwing, Parachute and 3 axis. 3 Axis Microlights are similar to light aircraft and require pilots to be licensed with annual airworthy checks by the CAA. Other airports ATCs such as Inverness and Newcastle classify them as light aircraft. Ian Forgie agreed to ask GPA ATC for their views on reclassifying 3 Axis microlights as light aircraft.

7. AOCB

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is Tuesday, 28th September at 2.00 pm.

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