

GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
209th QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 1st March 2022,
by ZOOM.

Present

Richard Searle	Chair
James Riach	Co-opted (Treasurer)
Bob Smith	Prestwick South Community Council (Vice Chair)
Councillor John McGhee	East Ayrshire Council
Councillor Donald Lees Reid	North Ayrshire Council
Councillor Ian Cochrane	South Ayrshire Council & SPT
Helen McBride	Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Jim McCall	Co-opted Member (Cargo)
Ian Masterton	North Air
Mick O'Connor	Spaceport

In Attendance

Ian Forgie	CEO, GPA
Nigel Wallace	Secretary to GPACC

Apologies

Councillor Andrew Giusti	Dumfries and Galloway Council
George Smith	Co-opted Member
Bob Logan	General Aviation/Royal Aeronautical Society
Gordon Smith	Visit Scotland
William McAlpine	Passenger Representative
Michael Oxnard	Police Scotland

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to the 209th Quarterly meeting of Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee.

2. Apologies

The apologies received were noted.

3. Minutes of the 208th Meeting held on 18th January 2022

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

Action Point 1 from January Meeting re DfT Consultation on ACC Guidance

Members were reminded that DfT had consulted all Airport Consultative Committees on their practices and procedures to assess the need for a review of the current Guidance for ACCs issued in 2014. The intention being not to simply jump into revision of the Guidance but to consider the need for a review and possible revision. A task and finish

group comprising the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary completed the questionnaire which was submitted before the deadline of 18th February.

5. Chief Executive's Report

The CEO (IF) updated the committee on the progress the airport was making and highlighted the following:

Recent cargo/freight and passenger traffic;

Masterplanning for the development of GPA to include Spaceport

Spaceport project and the airport continues to work closely with the council, project team and the launch service provider Astraeus. A consultation event on a proposal to submit a planning application was held on the 23rd February 2022. The event attracted some 100 attendees. A second event is to be held in May which will focus on how it relates to STEM and potential jobs.

6. AOCB

The issue of Drones was discussed. It was agreed that this was a problem which the Airport takes very seriously. It was agreed that it might be helpful to ensure the Police and Fiscal service are fully appraised of the problem.

Progress with a 2nd maintenance Hangar under the Ayrshire Growth Deal was discussed.

The statement by Kate Forbes on the postponement of the sale process was discussed.

Progress with the Ayrshire Growth Deal was considered.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is Tuesday, 7th June at 2.00 pm. It is hoped this will be a face to face meeting.

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