

GLASGOW PRESTWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
211th QUARTERLY MEETING HELD ON 13th September 2022,

Present

Richard Searle	Chair
James Riach	Treasurer (Co-opted)
Bob Smith	Vice Chair (Co-opted)
Ian Masterton	North Air
George Smith	Co-opted Member
Jim McCall	Co-opted Member (Cargo)

In Attendance

Ian Forgie	CEO, GPA
Nigel Wallace	Secretary to GPACC

Apologies

Bob Smith	Vice Chair (Co-opted)
William McAlpine	Passenger Representative
Bob Logan	General Aviation/Royal Aeronautical Society
Councillor Duncan Townson	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Councillor Andrew Giusti	Dumfries and Galloway Council
Mick O'Connor	Spaceport
Jim Miller	North Ayrshire Council
Gordon Smith	Visit Scotland

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to the 211th Quarterly meeting of Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee and noted that the Meeting was taking place at such a sad time of national mourning for the Queen.

2. Apologies

The apologies received were noted.

3. Minutes of the 210th Meeting held on 28th June 2022

The minutes from the last meeting were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

Drones: BL had submitted a note to the Secretary updating members on the response of the Police and Fiscal Service on the issues surrounding Drones. BL had previously reported that the police impact statement for GPA was being shared with the resilience team and then with COPFS for consideration. Police Scotland have now formally approached COPFS at Ayr to see if there is an appetite to attend an information day at GPA on Drones and associated hazards.

Microlights: BL noted that further to exploring the issue of allowing 3 Axis Microlights to be classed as light aircraft and potentially being allowed operate from and to GPA, a presentation had been made to Kris Baillie Head of General Aviation and Phil Smith, Senior Air Traffic Controller. As a result of the presentation and discussion this matter was received favourably by the Runway Safety Team and will now go to the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tech Projects Meeting on the 21st September for a decision.

5. Chief Executive's Report

The CEO (IF) updated the committee on the progress the airport was making. It was noted that GPA had been involved in Operation London Bridge, the name given to the late Queen Elizabeth II funeral arrangements..

The airport had handled 243,500 passengers, with good load factors and no delays. A new Business Development Manager for cargo had been recruited and wage negotiations had been concluded.

Progress on Spaceport through partnership of UK and Scottish Governments, the 3 Ayrshire Local Authorities together with Astraeus will move on from the Outline Business Case to the Final Business Case.

A marketing initiative, involving a new brochure and website, is being aimed at developing Prestwick Aviation Services.

Action on Project Zero aimed at sustainability will assess GPA's carbon footprint; identify an energy partner and a carbon neutral fleet.

6. AOCB

None

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Consultative Committee is Tuesday, 6th December at 2.00 pm.

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