

# Minutes

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee</b>	
<b>Held on</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	
<b>Time</b>	1430 hrs	
<b>Venue</b>	Imperial Room, Departures Building	
<b>Attendees</b>	1.	Mr P Thorne (Chair) Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Com
	2.	Cllr Mrs J Jones (Deputy) Hurn Parish
	3.	Cllr A Biggs Deputy Verwood TC
	4.	Mr S Bulley Deputy Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry
	5.	Cllr T Cordery Ferndown Town Council
	6.	Cllr W Dow New Forest District Council
	7.	Cllr B Goringe East Dorset District Council
	8.	Mrs J Hudson Broadstone Residents' Association
	9.	Cllr M Iyengar Poole Borough Council
	10.	Cllr Mrs P Jamieson Christchurch Borough Council
	11.	Cllr N Martin Crowhill Residents Association / Burley Parish
	12.	Cllr N Penman Hampshire County Council & New Forest Nat Park
	13.	Cllr Mrs M Phipps Dorset County Council
	14.	Mr D Skillicorn Prestige Holidays
<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Bournemouth Airport Authority:</b>	
	1.	Mr P Knight Managing Director
	2.	Mr H Greenman Estates Manager
	3.	Mrs D Mitchell Environment, Health & Safety Manager
	4.	Ms R Osborn Secretary to Consultative Committee
	5.	Mr S Lilley Aviation Development Director, Regional & City Airports
<b>Apologies</b>	1.	Cllr Mrs S Grove Verwood Town Council
	2.	Mr JT Hosker Dorset Federation of Residents' Associations
	3.	Mr E Jarvis Bransgore & District Residents' Association
	4.	Cllr Mrs B Manuel West Parley Parish & Deputy East Dorset District
	5.	Mr B Riddle Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce
	6.	Cllr P Russell Crowhill Res' Association / Burley Parish Council
	7.	Ms A Warner Dorset Chamber of Commerce & Industry
<b>Meeting dates:</b>	(All Thursdays at 1430 hrs in the Imperial Room) → 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 / → 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	

## 1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017, were approved by those present.

## 2. Matters Arising / Actions

**ACTION** Paul Knight to arrange for an RCA Group person to be invited to the next meeting to discuss how they intended to market / promote the Airport. Update 8/3/2018: Steve Lilley, Director of Aviation Development for Regional & City Airports was present at this meeting. **CLOSED**

### 3. Report by the Managing Director

- 3.1 The Airport advised that the transition from MAG to RCA was ongoing, with full separation anticipated mid-2018.
- 3.2 Discussions were taking place with airlines to grow the Business.
- 3.3 The CAA Annual Audit took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March, with confirmation that the Business change had been accommodated safely.
- 3.4 The Airport gave a business update YTD (1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018). Passenger numbers stood at 647K, against a budget of 632K. The increase was due to the introduction of a year-round Ryanair Krakow flight and high load factors on all other routes. The overall budget had been adversely affected by reduced General Aviation (GA) and the external challenge to parking revenue. Costs were flat to budget.
- 3.5 A discussion took place on the drop-off charge and alternative suggestions on how to raise equivalent revenue were tabled by Members, including a per passenger tax. However, the Airport advised that all options were considered carefully before the drop-off charge was introduced and one of the first things the new owners did was to review this charge at length. The Airport reiterated, as in previous meetings, the reasons why the charge was in place and that it had to remain for the present.
- 3.6 A Member asked whether the Airport would look to get outside car parking competitors to park on its land. The Airport replied that it had a Masterplan for development on its land, which did not include this. It acknowledged that there would always be competition promoting a different offering for customers. This was different as the Airport offered a dedicated non-grassed area that was secure and monitored. Since the Airport had been under new ownership, there had been various car parking initiatives discussed and implemented. One was to raise the Airport's profile and make it more prominent on the internet. There were other initiatives to be introduced, but these were still in the planning stages.
- 3.7 Passenger performance by airline was shown and discussed. Passenger numbers were holding up well.
- 3.8 Summer 2018 routes were reported, as follows. Ryanair: Alicante; Malaga; Faro; Malta; Tenerife; Krakow; Gran Canaria; Murcia; Palma and Girona. TUI / First Choice: Gran Canaria; Tenerife; Lanzarote; Mallorca; Corfu; Dalaman; Ibiza; Rhodes; Naples and Paphos.

Super Savers were to operate a programme, as follows. They were to operate via their own scheduled service, not necessarily the same airline each time.

* Day	Date	Programme / Destination	Days
* Monday	22/01/18	Incredible Iceland	5
* Monday	26/02/18	Incredible Iceland	5
* Monday	12/03/18	Seville: Authentic Andalucia	5
* Monday	09/04/18	Verona & Lake Garda	5
* Monday	30/04/18	Florence, Pisa & Tuscany	5
* Monday	28/05/18	Magical Malta	5
* Monday	11/06/18	Iceland under the Midnight Sun	5
* Monday	24/09/18	Montenegro, Croatia and Adriatic Riviera	5
* Friday	19/10/18	Madeira	8
* Monday	07/01/19	Incredible Iceland	5
* Monday	04/02/19	Incredible Iceland	5

3.9 Ryanair had announced this week that they will be operating a twice weekly Paphos throughout the winter of 2018 /2019 (Mondays and Fridays). This news was welcomed.

3.10 Since the last Committee meeting, the following incidents had occurred:

	Number
Aircraft Accidents	0
Aircraft Ground Incidents	0
Full Emergencies	2
Local Standby	9
Weather Standby	19
First Aid	2
Off-Airport Road Traffic Accidents	1

A Chinook with gearbox problems inbound with 4 passengers and a DA40 with a rough running engine. Both landed safely.

3.11 Airport passenger comparison was shown from 2016 to 2018, along with the movement comparison for the same period. For the months of January, total aircraft movements were up on the same period 2016 and 2017, in February movements were up on 2017 but down on 2016.

#### 4. **Aviation Development**

4.1 The Chair welcomed Steve Lilley to the meeting, as Aviation Development Director for Regional and City Airports.

4.2 Mr Lilley advised that the RCA approach to aviation development was to drive sustainable passenger growth at owned and managed airports: Bournemouth; Exeter; Norwich; and the City of Derry. Passenger numbers were a key driver of aeronautical and non-aeronautical revenues. The focus was to increase the range of available services in order to better serve the local community, whether for business or leisure. Saving local passengers time and money by not needing to travel to other airports stimulated new demand and provided a boost to the local economy through enhanced connectivity. It was RCA's strategy to provide a credible alternative to the London airports.

4.3 It was believed that Bournemouth had the right ingredients for growth, with attractive attributes to market the Airport to airline customers best placed to deliver growth, in terms of size of population, demographic, a diverse local business community and geographically closer to key European markets than other UK airports. Europe's two leading low cost airlines were already present at Bournemouth.

4.4 Mr Lilley explained how RCA intended to deliver growth at Bournemouth, by identifying network voids, building compelling business cases and developing strategic partnerships with key airlines. However, there were challenges in terms of timescales, the reducing number of suitable target airlines (which already had a lack of capacity for growth in the short to medium term), APD and Brexit. Mr Lilley briefed all on the current aviation development commercial activity and a discussion ensued on potential airlines / operators and the merits of Bournemouth compared to other airports.

#### 5. **Aircraft Noise Report**

5.1 For the period March 2017 to February 2018, there were 48 complaints from 35 people (not including repeat complainants). Of the 48 complaints, 44 were found to be compliant and 4 non-compliant (companies had been contacted, where necessary, and reminded of the operational restrictions). The majority of complaints were from the Christchurch area (10), followed by the New Forest (8). Total aircraft movements per complaint for the period was shown and it was noted that this now stood at 700 movements per complaint, against a target of 150 per complaint, which was very good.

## 6. **Community Fund**

- 6.1 The Airport put £10,000 per year into the Community Fund, as set out in the Section 106 Agreement for schemes within the Christchurch Borough. Full details were on the Airport's website and applications were welcomed.
- 6.2 At the Community Fund Meeting held in December 2017, £6,000 was awarded to Christchurch Rowing Club to undertake repairs to the river slipway adjacent to the Rowing Club. This was a facility that could be used by the wider community. £357 was awarded to Christchurch Fairtrade to aid in an awareness campaign they had been undertaking.

## 7. **Noise Action Plan Review**

- 7.1 As discussed at the last meeting, the Environmental Noise Directive required a review of the Noise Action Plan, to be submitted in August 2018. Guidance required public consultation via the Consultative Committee and the Airport had now completed the draft review, which would be sent out with the Minutes of this meeting for comment. There will be a 12 week consultation period from when the draft is sent out with the Minutes. Members were briefed on the draft plan. Future developments included the renewal of the navigation system to the East, and potentially the West. As part of this, there would be a review of the potential of a Performance Based Navigation operation, which could result in guaranteed Continuous Final Descent Approach, a reduction in the use of reverse thrust on approach, greater accuracy of approach and a design of approach based on the current community.
- 7.2 A Member asked whether the Airport had a contact within Poole Borough Council and the Airport replied that this would be very helpful. [Post meeting note: Contact details supplied.]

## 8. **Property Update**

- 8.1 The Airport briefed Members on recent Estates' initiatives, which included reviews of service charges, Health & Safety and facilities. The Estates Handbook had been updated to inform tenants on the services provided and remind them of their own responsibilities, along with useful information.
- 8.2 A Development Masterplan had been published which highlighted potential areas for future development on the Estate. These areas were shown to Members.

## 9. **Any Other Business**

- 9.1 A Member asked whether Bournemouth Airport / RCA / Rigby Group were part of a lobbying Group to respective Ministers on Brexit. The Airport advised that lobbying was done on various levels with the new Group specifically with regard to aviation and it was well aware that the airlines needed some form of agreement sooner rather than later in order for them to plan their operating models going forward.
- 9.2 The Chair thanked Mr Lilley for attending the Consultative Committee Meeting and addressing the Members.

Chairman .....

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