

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT
INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

APPROVED - - - - Minutes of the Meeting
held at DHL Offices, East Midlands Airport

22 June 2007

Present:

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Users:

Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce
UPS

Mr P Collin
Mr A Morris-Richardson
Mr L Macefield

Local Authorities:

Derbyshire County Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Erewash Borough Council
Leicestershire County Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor G Carlile
Councillor F Bather
Councillor R Parkinson
Councillor Mrs L Pendleton
Councillor M Males
Councillor J Harrison

Local Groups:

CPRE Derbyshire
CPRE Leicestershire
CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe
DEMAND
Derbyshire Association of Parish Councils
Kings Newton Residents Association
Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish Councils
Melbourne Civic Society
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise
SAVE - Save Aston Village Environment
WINGS

Ms C Barker
Mr G Stocks
Mrs B Walker
Mr S Charlish
Councillor D Adams
Mr S Leech
Councillor J Pike
Dr P Grimley
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr J Gidlow
Mr D Coulson

East Midlands Airport:

General Manager – Environment
Director of Planning and Development
Head of Government and Industry Affairs
Divisional Security Manager
Minute Secretary

Mr N Robinson
Mr J Froggatt
Mr B Conway
Mr G Simons
Ms A Lamin

07/09

WELCOME AND SUB COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The implications of the recent local authority elections on sub committee memberships were outlined. The proposed revised substitutions on Sub-Committees for the Local Groups as circulated were agreed, and it was agreed that although continuity of attending members was beneficial, flexibility could be exercised in the event of the named substitute not being available.

The Chairman thanked Ms C Barker for attending the TEP sub committee meeting on 1 June 2007 on his behalf.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be relayed to the retiring councillors on behalf of the ICC.

ACTION: EMA

07/10

APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies were received from Mr E Bratt, Ms S Naish and Mrs C McDowall. The following did not attend: Mr R Hebblethwaite, Mr S Weston, Ms G Sanderson, Mr B Pallet, Mr S Harley, Mr D Fermie, Mr P Gill, Dr D Gillingwater, Cllrs M Rich, D Salter, Banwait, J Mugglestone, A Clarke, D Stevenson and J Barton; Mr A Corbett.

Copies of a presentation on Declarations of Interest previously circulated to the Committee were made available at the meeting by EMA for new members. Cllr L Pendleton declared an interest through SIGS.

07/11

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 2 MARCH 2007 AND ACTION POINTS

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2007 were agreed as a true record subject to the inclusion of Mr S Leech as an apology for that meeting and an addition to minute 07/03 that a report from Ryanair was promised but had not been circulated. This report will be discussed at the next TEP meeting.

ACTION: EMA

07/05 c): EMA confirmed an updated Environmental Statement for the runway extension will be available on the website and copies circulated to members this summer.

07/06: Minutes of the sub committee meetings will be colour coded as Green for MENT and Blue for TEP.

There were no further matters not covered on the agenda or through the MENT and TEP sub committee meetings.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

(a) Correspondence received

Cllr Males thanked EMA and committee members for the cards, flowers and good wishes during her recent illness.

The Chairman read a letter received from Geoff Farrall of the Swadlincote Disability Group stating that the group had now ceased to exist and Mr Farrall has resigned from the ICC. Mr Farrall felt that disability issues were a low priority and there was no allocation for consideration by the ICC. EMA confirmed a continual review of disability legislation and relevant issues were dealt with when raised by ICC members. EMA will confirm representation from the Derbyshire Association for the Blind or an alternative organisation. The work of Ms Freeman in respect of disability issues was drawn to the attention of the Committee by EMA and commended by a member.

ACTION: EMA

An email had been received from Dr P Grimley and this was included at Item 9 of the agenda.

An email had been received from Mr A Morris-Richardson regarding airport security and this was covered by Item 8 of the agenda.

(b) **Substitutes at Sub Committees**

Discussed at 07/09

(c) **ACC Annual meeting at Stansted**

The Chairman advised that the ACC report would be circulated when available. Discussion over the three days was wide ranging and members could borrow the agenda and meeting papers on request. EMA will investigate making the report available on the EMA website.

ACTION: EMA

(d) The Chair advised that his contact details had changed as these would be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

ACTION: EMA

AIRPORT REPORT

(a) The **statistics** were reviewed as circulated.

A member asked if the Monthly Freight Traffic could be separated on two graphs to show cargo and mail. EMA confirmed this would be actioned for the next report. A member asked if the number of night flights in a year could be shown and EMA confirmed the information was in a MENT report which is copied to all members. EMA confirmed an approximate passenger growth rate of 25% over the preceding 12 months. This year there would be well over 5m passengers and it was difficult to project numbers beyond 2008. EMA said that the long haul business was a competitive sector and that the Airport was talking to a number of airlines in order to attract new services. A member said that EMA need to focus on attracting long haul to remain competitive. Relevant changes to services at Birmingham, Bristol and Cardiff airports were outlined by way of explanation.

(b) **Community Relations report**

The information was reviewed as circulated.

(c) **Planning applications**

Details of planning applications were tabled.

(d) **Environment summary**

The update was reviewed as circulated. A detailed report had been discussed at the recent MENT meeting. A member repeated the concerns raised at MENT in that the noise contours have changed due to revised mathematical methods of calculation and not through noise reduction. The member urged EMA to retain the calculations as outlined in the Master Plan. EMA confirmed that they must conform with new regulations and produce revised contours but that these would be studied to see if material differences do arise as a result of change. These issues would be reviewed and discussed at the next MENT meeting.

ACTION: EMA

The Vernon Cole Noise Report is being presented first to the Leicestershire County Council Airport Joint Working Group, which commissioned it, on 17 July,

and copies of the report would then be made available on the Airport's website.

ACTION: EMA

A member said that a number of noise complaints had been submitted by him and had not yet been acknowledged. EMA responded that the aim is to respond to complaints within ten working days. However the complaints received from the member in May were for the whole month of April and it was difficult to investigate and reply to the very large number of complaints received at once.

ACTION: EMA

A member said that the reason the attendance at the Castle Donington Outreach Event was low was because people think that if they complain nothing is done so there is no point in doing so.

Another member said that noise at night is particularly disruptive and the effect on people's lives was not reported.

A member asked if it was possible for pilots to change their landing route from over the Main Street of Kings Newton. EMA said aircraft follow a radio beam for their final approach and deviation is not possible. Departing aircraft follow the Noise Preferential Routes which avoid villages wherever possible. EMA explained that preferential runway policy seeks to land aircraft from the east and take off to the west wherever possible as this reduces the noise impact both over Kings Newton, Melbourne and Kegworth and this was supported by Kegworth Parish Council. A member asked if EMA could ensure that aircraft do not use reverse thrust when landing. EMA said that operating procedures for airlines are in place which seek to avoid this and compliance is generally good.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE SUB COMMITTEES

The minutes of the MENT meeting held on 18 May 2007, and the TEP meeting held on 1 June 2007 were received for information.

07/15

PRESENTATION BY DR P GRIMLEY : "INDICATORS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CIVIL AVIATION"

The Chairman introduced Dr Grimley and said that he had gained a Masters Degree and a PhD based on his studies. Dr Grimley thanked EMA, members of the ICC and Loughborough University for their help in the compilation of his thesis which was the basis of his presentation.

The comprehensive presentation outlined – What is sustainable development, and sustainable development and Civil Aviation. The presentation suggested that sustainable development is the change process from unsustainable to sustainable and outlined Agenda 21 and its relevance to Civil Aviation.

In summary Dr Grimley concluded that the Agenda 21 proposals were not producing the desired results and in cases are working in opposition.

Future thoughts posed questions on the implications of climate change and Peak Oil supply.

Responding to the presentation, members felt that we all have an influence on the growth of air miles and use of environmentally friendly systems eg wind turbines.

The Chairman thanked Dr Grimley for an extremely interesting and thought provoking presentation.

07/16

PRESENTATION ON AIRPORT SECURITY

Gary Simons, Divisional Security Manager, presented details of the legislative background to aviation security and processes at EMA. The aim is to safeguard civil aviation operations against acts of unlawful interference. Security guidelines are available on the airport websites and copies were made available to Committee members.

Aviation security both in respect of airports and aircraft is regulated by the Department of Transport. Criminal record and reference checks are undertaken for all employees working airside. The Department of Transport regularly issue instructions to both airports and airlines.

The Chairman thanked Gary Simons for his presentation.

07/17

ANALYSIS OF EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Dr P Grimley reviewed the information submitted by Melbourne Civic Society as circulated and said he felt it was EMA's responsibility to produce similar reports monitoring the progress against the Masterplan on an annual basis. EMA are required by the Government to review the Master Plan in 5 years time and considered that one year was too short an interval to judge whether the forecasts would be accurate or not but will consider the proposal for an annual review and report to the next meeting.

ACTION: EMA

A member suggested that Dr Grimley highlight the headings that EMA should monitor. It was agreed by all that accurate information was important and a member stated that routine testing to ensure the validity of the Master Plan is vital. Dr Grimley said that he was prepared to produce annual statistics and present these to the ICC.

07/18

TERMINAL BUILDING TOUR

EMA will arrange a tour of the terminal building. This will be undertaken in accompanied groups and members were advised of the need to provide suitable means of identification requested by the DfT. Provisional dates will be circulated with the minutes of this meeting and members will be asked to advise their preferred dates and times.

ACTION: EMA

07/19

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman pointed out that there was a vacancy for a Derbyshire representative on the Community Fund Committee.

Mr G Stocks proposed Ms C Barker, and this was duly seconded.

Councillor Harrison proposed Councillor Atkin from South Derbyshire District Council, and this was seconded by Dr P Grimley.

Ms Barker was elected to the Community Fund Committee by majority vote.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING
19 October 2007 at 10.00am at DHL

The meeting closed at 12.50pm

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