

LONDON CITY AIRPORT
AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTE of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th January, 1988 at London City Airport.

PRESENT	John Adshead	Chair
	Stuart Innes	Hon. Secretary
	Dru Vesty	LDDC
	John Douthwaite	LCA
	Nicholas Hopkins	John Mowlem & Co PLC
	Jonathan Wilson	Eurocity Express
	Tony Auld	Brymon Airways
	Mike Heraty	LBN
	Cllr. Steven Timms	LBN (Item 1, 2 & 3 only)
	Cllr. Martin Wilkinson	LBN (Items 4 onwards)
	Cllr. Chapman	LBN
	Clive Arrow	PLA
	Peter Clarke	PLA
	Ann Batchelor	Thameside TA
	Bill Dunlop	Andrew Street TA
	Stephen Pewsey	Northside TA
	Chris Miller	Newham Docklands Forum
	David Senior	London Chamber of Commerce
	David Reynolds	Guild of Business Travel Agents
	Alan Turner	Docklands Business Club
IN ATTENDANCE	Jeff Charles	Bickerdyke Allen & Partners
	Denise Shaw	Newham Recorder
	Dianne Sutton	LDDC
APOLOGIES	Cllr. Adams	LBG
	Mr. Featherstone	ABTA

1. Minute of meeting held on 18th November, 1987.

AGREED

2. Matters arising

- (a) Stuart Innes reported that the representative of ABTA was due to be formally appointed that evening, but an interim nomination of Mr. Featherstone had been received. It was likely that Mr. Featherstone would be the appointed representative.
- (b) A letter from Mr. Cattell of the Drew Road TA regarding the Airport boundary wall at the rear of Camel Road was tabled. John Douthwaite reported that Mr. Cattell had been visited following the earlier complaint and he had accepted that the wall, while not ideal, was at least satisfactory. Mr. Cattell was, however, still concerned over the "no man's land" between the wall and the wooden environmental screen. Both Cllr. Chapman and Bill Dunlop expressed their considerable fears regarding this issue also. John Douthwaite would take advice from the Metropolitan Police Crime Prevention Officers and report back to the Committee.

[ACTION - JD]

Fumes Nuisance

The Chairman allowed discussion of this item out of sequence to enable Ann Batchelor to attend another meeting.

Ann had received several complaints from residents regarding a smell, apparently of aviation fuel. She had visited several homes and found such a smell to be present. John Douthwaite had not received any complaints but undertook to investigate the matter and report back to the Committee.

[ACTION - JD]

3. Admission of Public

John Adshead explained the background to this topic and invited the views of Members of the Committee.

Cllr. Stephen Timms wished to move a motion that the public be allowed admittance to ACC meetings as observers. The motion was seconded by Cllr. Chapman.

John Douthwaite mentioned that the ACC meetings of other Airports were not usually opened to the public, but this should not be taken as a rule. He did, however, express his concern that the Airport had insufficient facilities at this present time to accommodate open meetings of the Committee.

Nicholas Hopkins wondered whether that perhaps there was insufficient reporting back by Members of the Committee to their organisations. There was some discussion on this point which was not accepted by Members.

Jonathan Wilson felt that if meetings were opened to the public it could depress the level of discussion which the Committee might otherwise enjoy as there was a build up of trust among Members. Again, Members did not support this view. There was no objection to sensitive issues being discussed in closed session.

A vote on this issue was taken. It is recorded that ten votes were cast for admittance of the public to these meetings, as there were no opposing votes the motion was CARRIED

The question of accommodation was to be investigated, with Members invited to suggest possible venues. The Drew Road School, the Andrew Street TA and the Will Thorne Pavilion were suggested. Members to provide any other suggested venues to Stuart Innes who would make suitable arrangements.

[ACTION - Members/SWI]

4. Membership

The question of the Drew Road TA request for a seat on the Committee was considered. Stuart Innes outlined the background of community representation for the benefit of new Members. Cllr. Chapman wished to record his opposition to the arrangements for community representation being left to the NDF. He supported this application as this Association, which had been formed only recently, represented people immediately adjacent to the Airport who were most directly affected by the Airport's operations. Chris Miller also felt that the NDF should not become too involved in this issue, although he would be happy to call together the Associations for discussions to try to resolve the situation.

Stephen Pewsey wished to record that the community groups to the north of the Airport would be most unhappy if the south side groups were allowed to have have another representative which, along with the Councillors, were perceived as having 5 representatives already with only 1 for the north, (although it was pointed out that the seat allocated to the NDF should be regarding as covering both areas). He stated that if this application were accepted, the groups to the north would request additional seats on the Committee. Clive Arrow noted that the agreed level of community representation had already been exceeded. John Adshead said that there was a danger that any further enlargement of the Committee would make it unwieldy, and that the opening of these meetings to the public might, perhaps, alleviate to some extent the pressure for added community representation.

Bill Dunlop was opposed to community representation being put back again into the "melting pot".

There was considerable debate on this question and Alan Turner proposed the motion that membership of the Committee be not enlarged. This motion was seconded by David Reynolds. A vote was taken and it is recorded that of the votes cast 11 were for and 1 against. The motion was CARRIED.

The Committee was due to be renewed in July and this would provide an opportunity for the question of community representation in the south to be reviewed. Chris Miller would arrange discussions through the NDF. Stuart Innes would help in the process if asked.

[ACTION - CM]

4.1. Change of Address

Noted.

5. Air Miss Reporting

The information received from NATS was noted.

Chris Miller asked about the suspension of flights from LCA. John Douthwaite advised him that a CAA Board of Inquiry had been set up to look at ATC questions but it was not considering the safety of operations at LCY. He referred to the CAA Press Release which specifically stated that the safety of the Airport was not in question. Hopefully the matter would be resolved quickly.

Jonathan Wilson stated that the Inquiry being held by the CAA was confidential and therefore operators were unable to make any comment at the present time. It was accepted that discussions could be held once the findings of the Inquiry were made public.

Chris Miller wished to know how an Airport, which had been subject to a Public Inquiry at which the ATC issues had been examined, could find itself in a position of having some flights suspended within a few weeks of opening. It was accepted that this question could be debated at a later date.

6. Traffic Congestion

Item noted, although Members expressed the view that the removal of the bridge had not improved traffic flows.

The existing problems at Canning Town roundabout and the Woolwich Ferry were debated. Councillor Chapman felt that letters of protest should be sent by the Committee to the DTp and the LBG. The

Committee supported this action in principle and Members were asked to provide Stuart Innes with detailed information to enable draft letters to be produced for consideration at the next meeting.

[ACTION - Members/SWI]

7. Noise Insulation - progress report

School - Nicholas Hopkins reported that he was awaiting the final report from the Building Services Research and Information Association, who are looking at the efficiency of ventilation. With regard to noise insulation for homes a revised specification, including mechanical ventilation, has been submitted to the Corporation and the Council.

Mike Heraty said the revised specification has been received by LBN and that Environmental Health Officers were undertaking further work based on the double glazing system installed in the Rathbone estate. Some work on reflective noise had obviously been interrupted because of the suspension of flights at LCY. This would be resumed when flights are operating normally. The Council had written to all residents entitled to noise insulation. When the results of the Council's work is available a meeting would be requested with the Corporation and Mowlems. It was hoped that a further public meeting would be arranged at that stage.

8. Airport Director's Report

John Douthwaite reported that landscaping works were being undertaken as were other works to complete the Airport. It was hoped that the Business Centre would be open in the near future. He gave details of a sponsored run from the City to LCY.

Chris Miller requested information on the two emergency incidents. John Douthwaite reported that the first of these had been a test of the emergency procedures and a de-briefing session on the findings had taken place. All parties felt that the operation had been a success. On the morning the de-briefing session was held, an actual emergency landing took place. The passengers were successfully evacuated and all agencies were satisfied as to the effectiveness of the arrangements.

On a question from Bill Dunlop, John Douthwaite assured him that to his knowledge no employee had been "stood down" whilst flights from the Airport had been suspended, although he was, of course, not able to speak for concessionaires etc.

9. Any other busines

Councillor Chapman stated that the roundabout outside the Airport left a lot to be desired. It was badly lit, badly signed and the traffic lights caused a lot of confusion. Dru Vesty said that these issues would be taken up with the highway authority who would need to be satisfied with any remedial works. She undertook to report back to the next meeting. It was also felt that a map of the area might be provided.

[ACTION - DJV]

Stuart Innes enquired whether stationery for the ACC should be obtained. This was AGREED. The choice of the stationery would be left to Stuart Innes.

{ACTION - SWI]

Nicholas Hopkins mentioned that the meeting to be held on 6th April was in Easter week. It was noted that this meeting had been convened on that date at the request of LBN. All Members were requested to bring their diaries to the next meeting when the issue would be raised again.

[ACTION - All Members]

10. Date of Next Meeting

24th February, 1988 at a venue to be notified.