

London City Airport Consultative Committee



c/o London Docklands Dev Corporation
Great Eastern Enterprise
Millharbour
London E14 9TJ

MINUTE of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on Wednesday 10 January 1990 in the Boardroom at London City Airport.

Present :

John Adshead
Stuart Innes
Bill Lindsell
Bruce Unsted
Tony Auld
Andy Todd
David Senior
Noel Edwards
Dave Cooper

Dru Vesty
Graham Hall
Jeff Mendham
Mike Dash
Alan Turner
Brian Axon-Boyes

Chair
Honorary Secretary
London City Airport
London City Airport
Brymon Airways
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LCCI
Beckton Residents Association
Thameside Tenants and Residents
Association
LDDC
PLA
PLA
London City Airways
Docklands Business Club
ABTA

In Attendance :

Bill Charnock
Mike Heraty
Robert Hardless
John D. Johnson
Gillian Crawley
David Dash

L.C. Airport
LBN
Brymon Airways
LDDC
Newham Recorder
London Planning Advisory Committee

Apologies :

Cllr. Julia Garfield
Bill Dunlop

Jonathan Wilson
Lewis Moss

LBN
Andrews Street Tenants & Residents
Association
London City Airways
LDDC

1. PRESENTATION

Alby Jig gave a presentation outlining the work of H.M. Customs at the Airport.

Following the presentation there was a period for questions and discussion. The meeting thanked Alby Jig for his interesting talk.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 1989

The Minute was corrected to show Mike Dash (London City Airways) as being present at the meeting. The Minute was then agreed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Item 8 - Parker Street

Bill Lindsell said that there had been discussions with representatives of the local community and the local home-beat police officer. Increased security had also been arranged.

This had improved the situation but the position would be kept under review.

Item 11(b) - Transport Issues

Dru Vesty briefed the Committee on the key transport improvements for the Royal Docks Area:-

- Connaught Crossing: The new bridge had been installed. The target date for completion of work is the 2 February. The bridge should, therefore, be fully open to traffic by the middle of February. To minimise disruption work would as far as possible be undertaken at night. However, for the period 26 January - 2 February it would be necessary for work to be carried out during the daytime.
- Royal Albert Dock Spine Road ("RADS"): The carriageway is scheduled for completion by July 1990 with full operation planned for Spring 1991.
- Lower Lea Crossing: It was hoped that contract for this project would be let in the near future.
- DLR Extension: Work on the extension would commence very soon.

The Committee then discussed the impact on Airport operations of the disruption to traffic caused by roadworks on its access routes. There had been a number of serious problems in recent weeks. Members of the committee expressed considerable concern on the issue and especially the effects on ordinary passengers who found their personal and business lives disrupted. It was felt that the various agencies involved needed to improve coordination and planning to ensure that disruption to Airport users, and the local community, is minimised.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to instruct the Hon. Secretary to write to Michael Portillo, M.P., in his capacity as Chair of the Docklands Transport Steering Group, to express their serious concern, with copies to the LDDC, LBN and other concerned agencies. It was further agreed that members of the Committee would contact the Hon. Secretary who would liaise with Mike Heraty (LBN) to arrange for officers of the LBN Highways Department to attend future meetings of the Committee where it was felt this would be helpful. The Committee agreed to convene a special meeting of the ACC should it be necessary to discuss transport problems.

[ACTION: SWI]

4. AIRPORT DIRECTORS REPORT

(a) Passenger Numbers

The number of passengers had continued at 6,000 per week during the period prior to Christmas.

(b) Retirement of Director

Bill Lindsell informed the Committee that he would be retiring before the next meeting of the Committee. His post would be taken up by Bill Charnock. The meeting agreed to record its thanks to Bill Lindsell for his unfailing energy and sensitivity in dealing with the Committee's concerns. Bill thanked the Committee for their comments and expressed his appreciation for the friendship and support he had received from members of the Committee and the local community.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION

(a) Mike Heraty circulated copies of the LBN report to Council on the Airport planning application and outlined briefly the stance which had been taken by LBN members.

(b) Members of the Committee questioned the accuracy of paragraph 2.7 of the LDDC report on the planning application regarding the number of traffic movements. Dru Vesty undertook to check the figures.

[ACTION: DV]

- (c) Bill Lindsell informed the Committee that an environmental impact assessment on the proposals for the expansion of the Airport had been completed. Copies of the report would be available for inspection at the Airport for the foreseeable future.
- (d) Bill Lindsell informed the Committee of a new planning application by LCY, the effect of which is to propose minor alterations to the original application, e.g. to the starter strips, approach lighting, etc. Dru Vesty informed the Committee that the LDDC would consult about the new application. Bill Lindsell undertook to provide the Committee with a copy of the application. As the new application proposed no significant alteration to the previous one, the Committee agreed to reaffirm the position taken at the meeting of the 8 November 1989.

[ACTION: SWI]

6. LONDON PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David Dash made a brief presentation to the Committee in relation to the LPAC's request for Committee membership. After discussion the Committee agreed to request LPAC to clarify the form of its proposed representation, i.e. would it be at member or officer level.

In discussion concern was expressed over the need for LPAC representation in current circumstances bearing in mind that demands for additional representatives of the local community had been rejected. David Dash said he would inform LPAC of the sense of the ACC's discussion and seek further instructions.

[ACTION: DD]

7. MEMBERSHIP

Stuart Innes (Hon. Secretary) circulated Committee Members with a current list of members.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Signing

The Chair raised the issue of inadequate road signing on the M11 approach to the Airport.

[ACTION: BL]

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 7 March 1990 at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom at London City Airport.

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.