

London City Airport Consultative Committee



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MINUTE of meeting held on Wednesday 31st May 1989 at 7 p.m. in the Board Room at London City Airport.

PRESENT:	John Adshead	Chair
	Stuart Innes	Hon. Secretary
	Jonathan Wilson	London City Airways
	W Dunlop	Andrew Tenants & Res.Assoc.
	N J Edwards	Beckton Residents Assoc.
	D A Cooper	Thameside Tenants & Res.Assoc
	A Cattell	N D F
	Jeff Hennessey	L D D C
	Cllr J Garfield	London Borough of Newham
	Lewis Moss	L D D C
	Alan Turner	Docklands Business Club
	Bruce Unsted	London City Airport
	Bill Lindsell	London City Airport
	Roy Featherstone	A B T A
	Tony Auld	Brymon Airways
	Peter Mitchell	London City Airways
IN ATTENDANCE:	Wanjiku Nyachae	Minutes Secretary
	Peter Dallaway	London City Airways
APOLOGIES:	Dru Vesty	L D D C
	Cllr S Timms	London Borough of Newham

1. MINUTE of the Meeting held on Wednesday 19th April 1989.

Cllr. Garfield tabled a letter received from Mrs. Connie Hunt and Ms. Sharon O'Callaghan of the Pier Estate Action Group indicating that the reference in the Minute (Item 3c) to their meeting at the Airport about the alleged pollution of dockwaters was inaccurate. Bill Lindsell said that he had understood that a satisfactory discussion had taken place and apologised if this assumption had been incorrect. Stuart Innes had written to Mrs. Hunt apologising for any embarrassment the minute may have caused. The Committee RESOLVED to approve the Minute subject to

the comments received from Mrs. Hunt and Ms. O'Callaghan which would be circulated with the Minute of this meeting [attached]. Bill Lindsell was asked to speak to Mrs. Hunt in case there are any outstanding matters of concern with which he might be able to help.

[Action: SWI/BL]

2. MATTERS ARISING

a) Low Flying Aircraft - Complaint by Resident - Item 3(b)

The Secretary's letter to Mr. Clement was NOTED.

Cllr. Garfield said she had been in contact with Mr. Clements about the noise arising from bird scaring operations at the Airport. A letter had now been received from Mr. Clements stating that he had been to see the bird scarer and was happy that these operations were essential for the safety of passengers.

b) Information on Roadworks - Item 8

It was confirmed that the first of a regular series of LBN/LDDC Bulletins on roadworks would be issued in mid-June. The Bulletins would be circulated regularly to the Committee with its Agenda Papers and Minutes etc.

c) Albert Road Parking Restrictions - Item 9 (a)

Arthur Cattell had spoken to Derek Burgess (LBN) but had heard no more.

Cllr. Garfield pointed out that many of the traffic problems were caused by workers from Tate & Lyle parking in the streets. Given that LCY passengers used these roads could not LCY and LDDC get together with Tate & Lyle's management to see if this parking could be stopped. Bill Dunlop pointed out that Tate & Lyle employees had off-street parking facilities and were paid for the time taken to walk from the car park to the plant.

Roy Featherstone raised the question of responsibility for the permanent reinstatement of roads following works. Jeff Hennessey said this was the responsibility of the Highway Authority. There had been an LBN note about this at an earlier meeting which had been circulated to members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

a) Thameside Tenants & Residents Association

Mr. D. Cooper, who had succeeded Anne Batchelor as representative of the Association. was welcomed to the Committee.

b) Guild of Business Travel Agents

Members noted the resignation of GBTA from the Committee.

4. NOISE MONITORING

The original 5.52 noise forecasts were based on 120 air traffic movements per day. Currently there are 42 such movements compared to last year's figure of 36 which had produced an actual 35 NNI contour well within that forecast in the Section 52 agreement. Given that there have been no significant changes in the number of flight movements the Airport had asked the Committee to waive monitoring this summer and until such time as there is sufficient growth in traffic to bring NNI levels close to the original forecast.

Subject to confirmation by the CAA that the NNI Contour is unlikely to have changed significantly since the last exercise in 1988, the Committee AGREED to waive the CAA's monitoring of noise levels this summer. The waiving of this requirement in future years would be considered by the Committee in the light of the circumstances prevailing at the time.

Cllr. Garfield said she had received representations concerning noise insulation for another 100 houses in the Drew Road area. The concerns expressed by these residents focused not only on aircraft noise but also on the noise generated by increased road traffic and the increased number of trains using the North London line. An Action Group had been established and approaches would be made to the Airport, the LDDC, the LBN and British Rail. The Airport Director said he looked forward to further information. He could not, however, at this stage make any commitments on behalf of the Airport and he reserved his position accordingly.

5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a) Extra Flights to Paris

The Airport Director stated that there is to be an increase in the number of rotations to Paris to 13. Jonathan Wilson said it was anticipated that 30 new jobs would be generated by this increase in flights.

b) Marketing

The Airport's marketing activities had led to the hosting of a number of successful events including a concert by the Docklands Sinfonietta and a charity ball for the Heart Foundation. Another concert was expected soon.

c) Double Glazing

Installation work was going ahead in LBN properties and arrangements have been made for the private owners. Arrangements have been made with Mrs. Francis in relation to the secondary glazing frames installed in her home.

d) Transit Opportunities

Roy Featherstone suggested that the Airport should consider giving emphasis in its marketing to opportunities for using the present LCY destinations (Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam) to connect with flights to other destinations further afield. The Director said this was essentially a question for the airlines but he would talk to them about it. Lewis Moss said that air services to Strasbourg were a prime candidate for this approach. There were many passengers needing to fly there for EEC and Council of Europe purposes and services from the U.K. were not good.

[ACTION: BL]

e) Local Employment

D. Cooper asked what percentage of those employed at the Airport were local people. Jonathan Wilson said that approximately 60% of employees were from the local area and that in filling the 30 new jobs about to be created priority would be given, other things being equal, to local people. Mr. Cooper said he was concerned that there had been no response by the airlines in two cases where local young people had enquired about employment opportunities. Both Jonathan Wilson and Tony Auld said it was their policy to respond to all such enquiries and expressed their amazement that this had not happened in these two cases. The Airport Director stressed that as a matter of policy the Airport impresses upon the concessionaires the policy of the Airport and the airlines to employ local people whenever possible. Jonathan Wilson said that the airlines were keen to employ local pilots and asked whether applications had now been received from local youngsters for the Docklands Air League Scholarship. Stuart Innes confirmed that a number had now been received and, given that the area had no aviation tradition, he was now happier with the response.

6. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

The Secretary outlined the progress which had been made towards the new consultative arrangements in relation to the redevelopment of the Royal Docks. It was unlikely that these would be formally settled and implemented until October or November 1989 and it was therefore unlikely the proposed review of the representation of the local communities on the Consultative Committee could begin until then. In view of the need to renew the membership of the Consultative Committee following the July meeting, it was necessary to decide what interim arrangements should be made for community representation.

The Committee AGREED to continue the present arrangement for the time being and, in particular, to ask the present representative of the groups to the north of the Airport (Noel Edwards) to continue on a temporary basis pending the review later this year, with Bert Pile as his deputy.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the next meeting on 5th July would be the last of this session and Committee members were reminded of the need for new nominations. The Secretary would be writing to all agencies represented on the Committee within the next few days. With respect to the frequency of the meetings Lewis Moss suggested that meetings should take place at two monthly intervals. This was unanimously agreed. The July meeting would take place as scheduled after that meetings would be held at intervals of eight weeks. Stuart Innes will produce a new schedule for the Committee's meetings.

[ACTION: SWI - revised draft schedule attached]

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Late Flights

Arthur Cattell queried the use of the Airport by flights arriving after 10 p.m. The Airport Director confirmed that the Airport closes at 10 p.m. and that there had been only one flight after that time. This had been an emergency flight and the LDDC had agreed to it. All other late flights had been diverted to airports such as Stansted or Southend. He would be happy to investigate specific incidents. A full ATC log is kept by controllers who note arrival times.

b) Visit

Cllr. Garfield thanked all those responsible for arranging the children's flights on 18th March. She asked if the Airport could arrange a tour for five residents of St. Cuthbert's Old People's Home at Westcliffe On Sea at about 3 p.m. on 21st June 1989. Two of the party will be disabled. The Airport Director said he will be pleased to arrange for this. The Airport was fully able to cater for the disabled members of the group.

[ACTION: BL]

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th July 1989 at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom at London City Airport. The meeting will include a presentation by the Chief Immigration Officer at LCY.