

London City Airport Consultative Committee



MINUTE of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th July, 1988 at London City Airport.

PRESENT	John Adshead	Chair
	Stuart Innes	Hon. Secretary
	Dru Vesty	LDDC
	Bill Lindsell	London City Airport
	Nicholas Hopkins	John Mowlem & Co PLC
	Jonathan Wilson	London City Airways
	Peter Mitchell	London City Airways
	Tony Auld	Brymon Airways
	Clive Arrow	PLA
	David Fountain	PLA
	Cllr. B. Chapman	LBN
	Alan Turner	DBC
	David Senior	London Chamber Commerce
	David Reynolds	Guild of Business TA
	Chris Miller	NDF
	D. Duffy	Andrew Street TA
	Anne Batchelor	Thameside TA
	Bert Pile	Northside TA
	Roy Featherstone	ABTA
IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Sutton	London City Airways

1. LONDON TERMINAL MANOEUVRING AREA

Presentation given by Brian Stevens and Jim Downing of NATS concerning the proposed reorganisation of the LTMA and the introduction of the Combined Control Function. This was followed by questions and discussion when concern over the timescales was expressed. The congestion in the LTMA is already a serious problem and the effect on the City Airport, whose traffic is excluded, is especially severe.

2. FUMES NUISANCE

An Environmental Health Service report about the odour problems in the vicinity of the Airport had been circulated with the Agenda papers. Mr. Simpson of the London Borough of Newham's Environmental Health Service presented the report and answered queries from Members. Councillor Chapman was assured that monitoring would continue. Questions were raised as to the cost of this and who should bear it. It was urged that there should be collaboration with the local authorities at Heathrow who had similar problems. It was acknowledged that opinion varied as to the levels of hydrocarbons in the atmosphere which might be considered dangerous to health, but the levels present here were much too low to justify action.

3. MINUTE OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH MAY, 1988.

Agreed

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Noise Insulation

A further letter circulated to residents by the Airport Director was duly noted. The Airport Director reported that negotiations were still in progress with the LDDC and LBN. A visit was being arranged by the LBN to view other systems, in particular a system installed in Little Ilford. Other ideas had been submitted and these were being explored. Dru Vesty reported that Mowlem's had submitted a specification which met the noise protection criteria. The Airport Director said that steps were being taken to complete the installation of the secondary glazing in Drew Road School during the school holidays.

(b) Security Fencing

The Airport Director reported that completion of the works on the security fencing would take between four and six weeks. The completion date had slipped slightly. Chris Miller raised a question regarding fencing works agreed some time ago with the previous Airport Director. Bill Lindsell undertook to investigate the matter.

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5. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

The Hon. Secretary reported that as agreed at the last meeting of the Consultative Committee, he, together with representatives of the London Borough of Newham (Mike Heraty) and the LDDC (Peter Polish), had met the present representatives of the community at a meeting held on 23rd June. It had been accepted that it would be inappropriate to increase further the size of the Committee, which is already very large, but the problem of choosing just four people to represent a number of local communities was very difficult. There is at present no suitable local machinery which can be used for this purpose. It had been noted, however, that the Council and the LDDC were presently in discussion over local consultative arrangements for the redevelopment of the Royal Docks. It was likely that a number of area groups would be established for this purpose and it was felt that these might provide a suitable basis for choosing the representatives to serve on the ACC. It had been AGREED, therefore, to hold in abeyance the review of the community representation on the ACC pending the outcome of these wider discussions which might be concluded towards the end of the year. In the meantime, it was RECOMMENDED that the present arrangements should continue in force for another year.

There followed a discussion during which Councillor Chapman advanced the claim of the Drew Road Tenants Association to be represented on the Committee, and Bert Pile reiterated that if further members were appointed to represent the communities to the south of the Airport, the northern groups would expect to have an additional member also. The Committee reaffirmed its view that the Committee should not be allowed to grow any further in size.

The Committee AGREED that the present arrangements should continue for the time being. They would, however, be reviewed as soon as the wider discussions on the local consultative arrangements for the Royal Docks redevelopment had been brought to a conclusion, and any changes agreed would be brought into force immediately. Progress would be reported to the Committee at their December meeting.

During the discussion on the 23rd June, there had been further consideration of the proposal to allow individuals or deputations to address the Committee on specific issues. Using the LBN Standing Orders as a basis, Chris Miller had produced some draft rules for this purpose. These were tabled.

After discussion it was AGREED that individuals and deputations could be allowed to address the Committee subject to the following regulations:-

1. Individual members of the public or deputations may be received at any ACC meeting, provided that written notice has been given to the Honorary Secretary, not less than seven (7) days before the date of the meeting. The notice must state the subject on which the Committee would be addressed and give an outline of what would be said.
2. The notice would be read to the Committee at the meeting in question, and they would decide whether or not to hear the individual or deputation, and if so, for how long.
3. A deputation could consist of not more than three (3) people.

These arrangements would be reviewed in the light of experience.

5. RENOMINATION OF MEMBERS

Letters had already been sent to organisations nominating Members of the Committee (except those representing the community), inviting them to submit the names of their representatives and deputies for the year 1988/89. Returns were required by 29th July, 1988. The Hon. Secretary would now write to the Andrew Street and Thameside Tenants Associations and the Newham Docklands Forum.

[ACTION - SWI]

The representative of the communities to the north of the Airport for the coming year would be nominated by the Beckton Residents Association in association with the other groups in that locality, and a letter would be sent to the BRA inviting them to submit the name of the chosen representative. A deputy would be required, and for this purpose, SOCATEC would be approached by Mike Heraty. If there was any delay in a deputy being nominated, it was AGREED that Bert Pile would serve as the Deputy in the interim period.

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It was AGREED that an item would be placed on the next Committee agenda concerning the appointment of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary for the year 1988/89.

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7. AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES - ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING

The notes of the 12th Annual Liaison Meeting, which had been attended by the Chairman and Honorary Secretary had been circulated with the agenda papers. The Chairman said he had reported to the Liaison Meeting London City Airport's invitation to host an Annual Liaison Meeting but it was likely to be some years before the invitation is accepted. The report was noted.

The Honorary Secretary advised the Committee that Members of the Gatwick and Stansted Airport Consultative Committees had asked to visit London City Airport. These visits were in the process of being arranged.

8. A13 COMMERCIAL ROAD/SALMON LANE - TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

The DTp's reply was unsatisfactory. It was AGREED that the Honorary Secretary would write again to the DTp in the sense that there is no indication that the Department is using its best endeavours to complete the works and reopen the road as a matter of urgency.

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9. TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS - BAe 146 DEMONSTRATION

The LDDC had approved the proposed demonstration flights, and the first of these would take place on 24th July, 1988. Prior to the meeting the Committee had been invited to view one of the caravan exhibitions which would be touring the area prior to the demonstration flights. Examples of the literature to be circulated to residents and a note of the locations to be visited by the mobile exhibitions were tabled for the information of Members.

Cllr. Chapman referred to a job advertisement placed by LCA, and asked whether the wording of the advertisement prejudged the outcome of the planning application. He was advised by the Airport Director that in this, as in a number of other areas of work, it is necessary for the Airport to take the risk that their proposal to be allowed to use the BAe 146 might not succeed. This was a matter of commercial judgement.

Dru Vesty said that if there was a planning application for the permanent use of 146 jets at the Airport, a good deal of work would need to be undertaken, and in particular in relation to the noise contours.

10. LONDON CITY AIRPORT MANAGEMENT CHANGES

The resignation of John Douthwaite and the appointment of Bill Lindsell as Airport Director was noted.

11. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Airport Director reported on the new timetables of both airlines operating out of the Airport. He also reported on the fares package being operated by London City Airways.

He reported that there had been no emergency landings of helicopters since the last meeting of the Committee. A number of changes in ground transportation facilities had been introduced, and LBL were running a service into the airport. Freight handling was now being undertaken at LCY. Both riverbus and aircraft passenger numbers were increasing.

Mr. Lindsell referred also to the question of rates which had been raised by Cllr. Garfield. The Airport pays its rates half-yearly. A lump sum for the period to 1st April, 1988 had already been paid. The payment for the period ending 30th September, 1988 had been sent but this cheque had been returned as it had been validated by only one signatory. This oversight had been rectified and returned to LBN. A further payment would be despatched shortly.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr. Chapman read a letter to Members which had been received by Cllr. Garfield from the residents of Barnwood Court in appreciation of their riverbus trip.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th August, 1988.