

London City Airport Consultative Committee



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MINUTE of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on Wednesday 3rd July 1991 at 7.00pm in the Boardroom at London City Airport

Present:

John Adshead
Stuart Innes
Lewis Moss
William T Charnock
Bruce Unsted
David Simpson
Andrew Hill
Jeff Mendham
Simon Vincent
David Bain
Mrs Duffy
Alan Taylor
Bill Dunlop
Jagdees Pabla

Chair
Honorary Secretary
LDDC
London City Airport
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LDDC
British Midland Airways
Port of London Authority
Beckton Area Team
West Silvertown Area Team
North Woolwich & Silvertown Area Team
SOCATACH Community Forum
Andrew Street Tenants Association
LOCI

Apologies:

Graham Hall
Roger King
David Cooper
David Senior

PLA
LEN
Thameside Tenants & Residents Assoc.
LOCI

In Attendance:

Ian Linton

Manager - Air Traffic Services

1. AWARDS

The Committee noted that the London City Airport and Bill Dunlop had gained awards as part of the LDDC's 10th Anniversary Celebrations. The Committee expressed its congratulations.

2. **MINUTE of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th May**

The Hon. Secretary reported that the minute should be corrected so that in para 4.1 "contracted" should read "contacted" and "economical" should read "commercial". In Item 10 "Stanstead" should read "Stansted". Subject to these corrections the Minute was approved.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

4. **PROPOSED SLUDGE INCINERATION PLANT**

The Hon. Secretary reported that because of TWA staff commitments the presentation on this proposed plant had been postponed to the September meeting of the Committee.

5. **AIRPORT DIRECTORS REPORT**

a) Traffic

The Airport Director reported that the number of passengers is currently less than for the comparable period last year. Although the airlines were operating reduced schedules the load factors were higher, especially at peak times.

b) Airport Planning Inquiry

It was understood that the report of the Inspector had been submitted and the decision of the Secretary of State is awaited. It was anticipated that the decision would need to be announced at the same time as that for ELRIC on which the Inspectors report is still awaited. The Airport continued to press for an early decision so that the development of the Airport could proceed as soon possible. Assuming a decision favourable to the expansion of the Airport, every effort would be made to ensure that the expanded Airport would be operational from 1st April 1992. The Airport was aware of interest by a number of operators in running services to a number of European cities from the expanded Airport.

c) Access - Transport Issues

The Director reported that he continues to press the DTP concerning improved access to the Airport. At present the improvement works at the junction of West India Dock/East India Dock Roads were causing delays - the works appeared to be progressing slowly with less than adequate supervision.

The DLR, Limehouse Link and Lower Lea Crossing contracts were on schedule for completion. The Riverbus Service continued to provide an excellent service with three services per hour - 20% of the Airports passengers used this service.

d) Helipad at Trinity Buoy Wharf

The Hon. Secretary informed the Committee of the application for planning permission to allow the use of Trinity Buoy Wharf for private LDDC helicopter operations for a limited

period. The Airport Director reported that LCY would make known its views to the LDDC. The traffic levels proposed would not appear to present a problem for the operation of the Airport but the position might change if traffic levels increased or the helicopters operated at peak times.

6. **ANNUAL LIAISON MEETING OF ACC CHAIRMEN AND SECRETARIES**

The Chair and Hon. Secretary reported on the Annual Liaison Meeting held at Stansted on 27th/28th June. The Hon. Secretary tabled a draft statement on national airport policy issues which had been discussed at the meeting. This had been circulated to all Airport Consultative Committees for consideration and comment by September. The statement flowed from the discussions of the British Air Transport Policy Advisory Group (BATPAG) following the CAA report (CAP 570) concerning future airport capacity. Some members of the Committee expressed concern that in commenting on or approving a statement on national airport issues the Consultative Committee would stray from its purpose and terms of reference. The Hon. Secretary reported that all Consultative Committees were being asked for comments as the development of one Airport would inevitably have an impact on others. After discussion the Consultative Committee agreed not to comment on the draft policy statement but to support the BATPAG view that there is a need for a national strategy relating to Airports.

7. **NOISE MONITORING**

The Committee agreed that the required 1991 noise study should be undertaken as proposed, i.e. using the noise readings taken in 1988 at the four points prescribed in the S.52 Agreement.

8. **HEATHROW CONTROL ZONE/LONDON CITY SRZ - MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES**

The Committee noted the change of boundaries as set out in the Agenda.

9. **RENEWAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee noted that the Hon. Secretary would be writing to all agencies participating in the Consultative Committee inviting them to nominate or re-nominate their representatives for 1991/92. The Committee further noted that the RDOG/Area Team nominations had already been made for the 1991/92 Consultative Committee year.

10. **DATES OF MEETINGS 1991/92**

The Committee agreed the proposed dates as set out in the agenda.

11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) David Bain expressed his appreciation of the guided tour of the Airport for new members of the Committee.
- b) The Airport Director informed the Committee that charity concerts would be held at the Airport on 10th and 24th August and that he would be inviting members of the Consultative Committee to attend.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.