

# London City Airport Consultative Committee



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MINUTE of the meeting of the London City Airport Consultative Committee held on Wednesday 4th September 1991 at 6.30pm in the Domestic Departure Lounge at London City Airport

## Present:

John Adshead	Chair
Stuart Innes	Honorary Secretary
Bruce Unsted	London City Airport
Tony Auld	Brymon
Robert Quy	Port of London Properties
Graham Hall	Port of London Properties
Lewis Moss	LDDC
Ian Fines	LEN
Cllr. Tom Jenkinson	LEN
Alan Taylor	SOCATACH Community Forum
Sid Keys	Thameside Tenants & Residents Association
Bill Dunlop	Andrew Street Tenants Association
Mrs Duffy	North Woolwich & Silvertown Area Team

## In Attendance:

John D Johnson	LDDC
A Cattell	Drew Road Tenants & Residents Association
B Cattell	Drew Road Tenants & Residents Association
S Wolfrum	NVAC Docklands

## Apologies:

William T Charnock	London City Airport
Opt. Andrew Hill	British Midland
Carlo Englebert	Flexair
H W J Steenoven	Flexair
Colin Silver	ABTA
Cllr. Gillespie	LEN
Micheal Carrivick	Brymon Airways
David Simpson	LDDC
Jeff Hennessey	LDDC

1. **PRESENTATION BECKTON TWA SLUDGE INCINERATOR**

The Committee received a presentation from Wayland Pope on behalf of TWA concerning the proposals for a sludge incineration plant at Beckton.

Following the presentation members raised a number of questions concerning the operation of the proposed plant. Following the departure of Mr Pope for another meeting, members of the Committee raised a number of further questions and agreed the Hon. Secretary should convey these to Thames Water with a request that representatives of the TWA should attend the next meeting of the Committee for a resumed discussion of the proposals.

2. **MEMBERSHIP**

The Hon. Secretary circulated a list showing the membership of the Committee for the 1991/92 Committee year. The Hon. Secretary requested what where possible members should provide exact details of postcodes and telephone/contact numbers and the names of deputies where these had not already been notified. The Hon. Secretary agreed to add to the mailing list the Drew Road Tenants & Residents Association and the Newham Voluntary Agencies Council.

3. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND HON. SECRETARY**

It was proposed and agreed that John Adshead continue as Chair. It was proposed and agreed that Stuart Innes continue as Hon. Secretary.

4. **COMMITTEE EXPENSES**

The LDDC had indicated that without prejudice to the provisions of the s.52 Agreement it was prepared to continue to meet the Committee's operating costs for 1991/92 noting that it might have to take up a different stance on this in future years.

5. The **MINUTE** of the meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July was approved.

6. **MATTERS ARISING**

Annual Liaison Meeting of ACC's - 27/28 June 1991.

The Committee noted that the minutes of the meeting has been circulated.

7. **AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

a) Passenger Flows

On behalf of the Airport Director, Bruce Unsted reported a reduction in the number of passengers although with fewer flights load factors were higher. This was to be expected during the holiday period.

b) Airport Planning Inquiry

The Airport continued to await the decision of the planning inquiry into the proposed expansion of the Airport. Bruce Unsted noted that for some weeks the Airport had been engaged in works relating to the possible use of the BAe 146 jet and other aircraft. These works are at or below ground level and do not intrude on the environment. The Airport appreciated that the monies involved were expended entirely at its own risk but felt nonetheless it was appropriate to progress the work with a view to achieving the minimum possible delay in the provision of enhanced services at the Airport if and when planning approval is forthcoming.

c) Surface Access

Referring to the problems of surface access, Bruce Unsted noted that the Lower Lea Crossing is likely to be completed ahead of schedule - hopefully by the end of the year.

d) Helipad at Trinity Buoy Wharf

Lewis Moss reported that the LDDC Planning Committee had approved the planning application for the Corporation's use of Trinity Buoy Wharf as a helipad, subject to conditions. The pad would be used for marketing etc. flights.

e) Silvertown Way - Closure

Cllr. Jenkinson expressed his concern over the delay in repairing and re-opening the Silvertown Viaduct following a fire. He suggested that the Committee should express its dissatisfaction to LBN/LDDC and the Department of Transport. Ian Fines (LBN) agreed to request the Head of Engineering (LBN) to investigate the issues raised by Cllr. Jenkinson and write to the Hon. Secretary setting out the latest position for circulation to members of the Consultative Committee.

f) Minister for Public Transport - Docklands Visit

Lewis Moss asked whether executives of the LCY had been given the opportunity to meet with Roger Freeman MP during his present week long visit to Docklands to raise issues of concern. He urged the Airport Director to make every effort to contact Roger Freeman directly.

g) North London Line/Woolwich Foot Tunnel

Bill Dunlop and Cllr. Jenkinson asked whether or not BR had informed the LCY of the intended cessation of services on the North London Line while works are undertaken. The Hon. Secretary agreed to investigate the issue on behalf of the Committee. Committee members expressed similar concerns regarding the closure of the lifts in the Woolwich foot-tunnel. The Hon. Secretary similarly agreed to investigate on behalf of the Committee.

h) Fishing by Children

The Chair expressed concern that children were fishing from the Dock within the perimeter of the Airport.

i) Public Telephone

Mrs. Duffy asked whether a public telephone could be installed outside the Airport for use by those leaving the Airport or visiting the Airport after its closure. The Airport Director reported that a bell had now been installed to enable callers to summon the Duty Officer outside of normal hours. He would explore with BT the installation of a public telephone outside the Terminal building.

j) Bus Services

Arising from Mrs Duffy's experience following the last meeting Bill Dunlop suggested that the Hon. Secretary should contact LRT - Traffic Manager, West Ham Garage to ensure that the local bus services are not omitting the stop at the Airport once the Airport is closed.

k) Tour for Members

Bruce Unsted offered a guided tour of the Airport to new/existing members of the Committee.

8. CAR PARKING IN ADJOINING STREETS

Bill Dunlop expressed concern on behalf of local residents that cars of Airport users and others are being parked in local streets for long periods presumably to avoid payment of car park fees. He was worried that this problem would grow worse following the expansion of the Airport and suggested that the Consultative Committee support local residents by making representations to the appropriate authorities for a residents only parking scheme to be introduced in the streets adjacent to the Airport.

The Chair suggested that the likely charge to residents by the local authority may deter support for such a proposal. Cllr. Jenkinson suggested that the major parking problem was posed by employees of Tate and Lyle parking in nearby streets to avoid the walk from their own car parks.

The Hon. Secretary suggested that the matter be referred to the RDCG/Area Teams for appropriate action where possible from LBN/LDDC. It was further suggested that Airport advertising literature might seek to dissuade users of the Airport from parking in nearby streets although it was recognised that this might draw attention to these streets as an alternative to the official Airport car parks. Bruce Unsted undertook to consider the proposal.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Garages adjacent to LCY

Bill Dunlop informed the meeting that the Airport had given an undertaking to prune the trees in the Airport grounds overhanging some garages immediately adjacent to the Airport boundary. This work had not however been carried out and the garages were subject to continuing damage. Bruce Unsted agreed to investigate the matter.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 6th November at 7.00pm in the Boardroom at London City Airport.

John Adshead gave his apologies for the November meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.