

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CAMBRIDGE CITY AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
Held as a virtual meeting by Teams  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 10.30 a.m.**

**Present**

Mr John Bridge, Chairman  
Mr Terry Holloway, Secretary  
Councillor Caroline Hunt, Teversham PC.  
Mr Kevan Craske, Airport Director  
Councillor John Williams SCDC (for part of the meeting from 11:05 hours)  
Mr Trevor Lewis, MASF  
Councillor Nick Gay, Cambridgeshire County Council  
The Reverend Stuart Wood  
Mr Roger Bourdon  
Councillor Mike Davey  
Mr Gary Renault, Airport Manager

**In attendance**

Mr Greg Kearney, Cambridge City Council  
Mr Daniel Image-Flower, Cambridge City Council

No representatives of the media were present, but an invitation to the meeting had been extended.

**Item 1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rob Dryden, Cherry Hinton and Mr Mark Hasted.

**Item 2 – Opening Remarks by the Chairman**

- 2.1 The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.
- 2.2 The Chairman mentioned that holding the meeting by Teams was the only current way to hold the meeting, but that he hoped it would be possible that future meetings could be held in person.
- 2.3 The Chairman mentioned that the plans to relocate the radar from its present location were still the subject of a planning process, and it was noted that the local Council had asked for more time and more information to manage the process currently underway.

**Item 3 Adoption of Minutes of the last Meeting**

- 3.1 The minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were noted and formally adopted.

**Item 4. Matters arising from the last meeting**

- 4.1 All matters arising were dealt with under other Agenda Items.

### **Item 5 Report from the Cambridge City Airport Director**

- 5.1 Mr Kevan Craske, the Airport Director provided a detailed and high quality PowerPoint presentation which covered all aspects of his report for Agenda Items 5 & 6. A copy of this is attached to the minutes.
- 5.2 It was noted that the level of aircraft movements at Cambridge City Airport still remained exceptionally low compared with historic levels, and that the airport was attempting to restore movements to around 20,000 per annum.
- 5.3 Mr Craske said that the new Air Traffic Management System had been completed.
- 5.4 The Airport Director confirmed that the arrangements for the relocation of the new Radar awaited a Council decision, and that the new radar was only being used for training/maintenance purposes, or if there was a catastrophic failure of the old radar which was still in use.
- 5.5 The Airport Director reported that he hoped that full Air Traffic Control Services would be restored to the airport on a 7 day week basis by the end of 2022.
- 5.6 The Airport Director said there was an increase in the use of Drones in the UK, which were benefitting society, and that they came in many forms. Many flights of Drones take place close to the airport, with approval, but worryingly, there was an increase in the number of unauthorised activity, which had the potential of causing a serious incident if a conflict with a passenger carrying aircraft occurred. Mr Craske said he was looking for help to publicise the rules for flights by Drones close to the airport and this was readily agreed by members. Cllr Mike Davey suggested a joint press release, Cllr Caroline Hunt suggested entries for village magazines, and Stuart Wood suggested the use of Social Media. It was confirmed that the web site would contain details of the rules for Drones, which are contained in the Airport Director's report.
- 5.7 The Airport Director said he had nothing to report on Environment matters.

### **Item 6 Cambridge City Airport Flight Evaluation Unit Report**

- 6.1 Mr Kevan Craske presented the noise statistics – a copy of these can be found in the attached report. Just seven aircraft noise complaints had been received so far in 2022. Two of these were not connected with Cambridge Airport, and of the remaining five, two were in respect of light aircraft, and three were military aircraft. It was noted that all were operating within the rules of flight and it was noted that all aircraft operated to noise mitigation rules. In response to questions, Mr Craske said it was thought a recent low flying C-130 was a USAF aircraft, and that it would have been in contact with Cambridge Air Traffic Control. Mr Craske was unable to comment about complaints from Fulbourn residents about aircraft conducting flights from Duxford and Fowlmere, but commented that the Airport maintained a close liaison with all neighbouring airfields. It was noted that the recent change of routes for high level aircraft flying to Luton had no impact upon Cambridge Airport.
- 6.2 Mr Craske reported that the Company had received four complaints about noise from Marshall aircraft maintenance activities.
- 6.3 It was noted that the engine running compound was being used to good effect and that there had only been one occasion during the last year when it had been necessary to conduct non-standard engine running tests outside of that facility.

**Item 7 Any Other Business**

- 7.1 The Chairman undertook to advise the Committee if there were any significant developments about the new Radar prior to the next meeting. It was noted that Marshall was keeping in close contact with local residents about the Radar.

**Item 8. Confirm proposed date for next meeting**

- 8.1 It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on:  
Wednesday, 16th of November 2022 at 10:30 hours.

In closing the meeting, Mr Bridge wished everybody a very happy summer.