

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRISTOL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 27th January 2021

Meeting commenced: 2.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.29pm

Present:

Barry Hamblin	Chairman
Ian Porter	Vice Chairman
Dave Lees	Chief Executive of Bristol Airport
Karen Warrington	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Richard Capps	TUC, Bristol and South West Region
Robert Durie	GWE Business West
Jane Harrison	Tourism, North Somerset Council
Councillor Hilary Burn	Cleeve Parish Council
Councillor Gill Patch	Winford Parish Council
Councillor John Sleigh	Backwell Parish Council
Wendy Walker	Passenger interests /ABTA/ATOL
Neil Bromwich	CBI
Christian Gresswell	Inspector, Bristol Airport
Councillor Joachim Steinbach	Wrington Parish Council
Edward and Leah-	Graduate students from Weston College

Also in attendance:-

Jacqui Mills, Public Relations Manager, Bristol Airport

James Shearman, Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport

James Ryan, Public Affairs Manager, Bristol Airport

Liz Higgins, Planning Manager, Bristol Airport

Alicia Fox, Secretary

Two members of the public.



The secretary started the meeting by reading out the etiquette policy and conducting a roll call for attendance.

2054. Public Participation- in accordance with the constitution

A question which was emailed the morning of the meeting was read to the committee by the member of the public. Bristol Airport officers were asked whether the questions could be answered in writing prior to the next meeting. JS advised he is happy to discuss over the telephone and follow up in writing.

It was requested whether the minutes could be circulated prior to the 3 week deadline for public questions to be submitted.

Meeting closed for further comments by members of the public

2055. Apologies for absence

Cllr Steve Hogg	District Councillor
Councillor Roger Wood	Yatton Parish Council
Simon Earles,	Planning and Sustainability Director, Bristol Airport

2056. Declarations of Interest for Local Authority Elected Members - none

2057. Minutes – 21st October 2020 (previously circulated)

a) Confirmation of Accuracy Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising- Cllr Burn requested the responses to the questions asked by the member of the public are circulated to all members. This was agreed by JS.

Resolved: Proposed as an accurate record by Vice chairman Ian Porter, Seconded Chair Baz Hamblin

Following the meeting JH advised in the minutes of 21st October she was missed off as being present.

2058. Constitution (attached)

Noted by the members.

Chairman asks changes to the constitution are discussed in the April meeting prior to being agreed at the July AGM.

JSt says that the local authority members of the ACC should be represented only by elected councillors, who are accountable to the electorate, not by officers. He asks that his written proposal for a corresponding change to the ACC constitution should be circulated to members for consideration before the next ACC meeting.

BD will be putting forward a proposal to extend to members within the wider community who have an interest in Bristol Airport.



NB stated that he understood this body was not a body for only elected members.

JH- happy to review proposals and obtain necessary legal advice.

DL- DFT guidelines to be circulated in advance of the next meeting as they would be useful for allowing informed discussions regarding membership.

2059. Presentation of the logo from Weston College.

Two students from Weston College were introduced and made their presentation as to how and why they came up with the logo.

The students were thanked for their hard work and praised on the logo creations.

The team presented the 2 colour options and the members voted to go with logo one. This will now be included on future Bristol ACC papers and website.

2060. Chief Executive Officer Report

This was circulated with the papers. Dave has confirmed as at the 27th January there are no tourists using the airport. The only users are those who can travel under current regulations.

Recovery and operational update

Bristol Airport was granted a rating of 'very good' in the Civil Aviation Authority's disability access report.

In recent years significant investments have been made, including a *Changing Places* toilet to support passengers with complex health care needs. Also £400,000 has been spent on an improved waiting area in the departure lounge, continued investment in training and a Dementia Friends awareness programme across the business and in Spring 2021, an experiential facility for autistic travelers will open to enhance their experience when travelling.

Jet2holidays will be flying from Bristol Airport from April 2021 and Bristol Airport will continue to work closely with Jet2holidays on the strategic partnership and develop further opportunities in the future.

Government engagement and "Test to Release"

We welcomed the "Test to Release" regime from the 15th December and see it as a hugely positive first step towards eliminating the need for quarantine for arriving customers at UK airports.

The Government also announced new financial support for English airports and the ground handlers serving them. We anticipate the scheme will be open during January. The aviation sector has been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic and Bristol Airport, along with airports across the UK, has never had the opportunity to restart and recover. We have continued to highlight the urgent need for immediate additional economic support for the winter and steps to support recovery.

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Sustainability

- the airport has successfully purchased 26,000T of CO2 through premium standard offsets to mitigate the emissions generated by passengers travelling to and from the airport in 2020.

- the airport successfully completed its first surveillance visit on 9-10th December with Lloyds Register Quality Assurance, in order to retain our ISO 14001:2015 certification. Next surveillance visit will be mid-February where we have plans in place ahead of this to close the last two minors.

Planning

The public inquiry will take place in 2021 and ahead of this Bristol Airport submitted updated information to North Somerset Council at the end of November.

At the end of October Bristol Airport announced plans to bring forward the construction of a new multi-million-pound Public Transport Interchange facility.

Community and Charity

Bristol Airport partnered with Help Bristol's Homeless charity to offer a large food donation from one of our restaurants. With the help of Airport staff and the charity founder Jasper Thompson, they worked together to load up a VW Transporter van which ended up being completely full.

Aviation Action

This is a charity created to support the aviation industry. It launched its first ever fundraising event - Run the Runways on 1st December 2020. Each day volunteers had to run a different UK runway length with the target to raise £10,000 for Aviation Action. The target was exceeded and over £30k raised for the charity.

On the back of this success Bristol Airport have launched a new challenge for January 2021: #BRSdestinationrunway. Members of the airport team will virtually run, walk, cycle and skip the distance of 31 runways at our top destinations across Europe - totaling 81km!


2061. Policing at the airport

The statistics were circulated in advance of the meeting. CG highlighted the importance of his team working to ensure the safety of passengers and staff, and this will remain our focus in the coming year.

2062. Questions to Airport Management

Question from Hilary Burn, Chairman of Cleve Parish Council

"Can members of the Committee, please be informed why the Public Transport Interchange was not reported at the meeting of 21 October? A press release on the Public Transport Interchange was sent to members on 2 November dated 30 October. One of the main purposes of the Committee is a transfer of information to members to allow members to raise concerns. The Airport is failing in its duties to transfer information to members."



Bristol Airport response:

“We do report to each ACC that there may be operational reasons that permitted development requests come forward that haven’t been reported to ACC. The decision to proceed with the PTI had not been taken internally at the point of the last meeting, which can sometimes happen, so we weren’t in a position to share.

However, I am sure that the ACC would welcome this positive step, as it could result in us delivering a PTI much earlier than planned, which will help to further transform the public transport offer at Bristol Airport.”

Cllr Burn was not happy with the given response and said the application should have been made by a planning application so Parishes could give their views and opinions not under permitted development.

Cllr Burn stated that the Public Transport Interchange (PTI) was a condition set under the planning consent of 2011 to grow to 10 mppa. The condition on the PTI was connected to, and time linked with, the delivery of the Multi Story Car Park 2. The construction of the MSCP 2 is important as it will save greenbelt land on the South side from being used for car parking. Although parishes welcome the PTI, it is disappointing that, again, the Airport has breached another planning condition.

2063. Planning Update

Over the next quarter there will be a Solar Panel scheme which will fall under permitted development. The solar panels will be installed on the roofs of the Consolidated Car Hire Centre the Car Wash and the valet buildings, all within the car hire site.

A planning application for a small canopy on the front of the Terminal (Eastern end) side will be submitted to NSC.

2064. Airspace Modernisation Strategy- progress report 2020

No update

2065. ICCAN’s emerging view on the future of aviation noise management

The Chairman gave a brief update on ICANN’s plans and how they can gain statutory powers. Cllr Burn and the UKACC responses were included in the pack which had been circulated.

2066. Airport Consultative Committee questionnaire feedback

AF (Secretary) gave an update on the results from the survey and thanked those who had taken the time to participate. She explained the purpose of the survey and how it works to obtain truthful answers as it cannot be manipulated.

The aim of the survey was to highlight key issues within the ACC and work out ways to change them.

Results from the survey shared with the Committee.

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AF suggested an ongoing agenda item for 'Open discussion' this is when members can discuss and consult with each other about matters of concern.

AF asked members to be forthcoming with suggestions as to changes they would like to see being made to the ACC.

2067. Airport Consultative Committee website

AF and JM explained the changes made to the website. AF requested those who have not yet sent in photos to please do so.

2068. Airport Transport Forum

Minutes to the last meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.

There will be work at Bristol Temple Meads which may have issues with the Flyer. It was asked whether a different pick-up point could be made. The operational side of this will be looked at.

2069. Department for Transport- Consultation on Night Flights Policy

The consultation pack was included in the papers which were circulated.

HB- are the BACC responding to this consultation? Have the airport heard anything as to whether Bristol Airport will become a designated airport. DL- We have not heard anything further from the DfT.

BH- if members wish to send in their views on the consultation, he will write a response.

2070. Presentation from Wendy Walker-Passenger Interests ABTA/ATOL

Wendy explained she has been with Wotton Travel since 1988 and has worked in travel industry 43 years. Wotton Travel Ltd is owned by Renishaw, this means they are responsible for organising a lot of corporate trips.

The travel industry has changed significantly, it is not just a matter of planning a trip/ holiday now, we also provide people with COVID-19 information and regulations and matters concerned with Brexit. Travel agencies are now much more than they used to be.

The travel industry is in complete turmoil, but WW does believe the industry will revive with the vaccine. She highlighted the importance of having access to local airports for corporate travellers, if they had to drive to London it would be tiring and is time consuming.

The extra carpark and hotel that was built a few years ago at Bristol Airport were a great addition.

2071. James Shearman- Sustainability review

JS noted this is a new section within the ACC agenda to allow for further explanation concerning the Environmental Effects Working Party (EEWP) report as necessary plus an opportunity to highlight future questions as they emerged in answer to committee members interest in this topic area.

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As discussed at the EEWP, Bristol Airport have engaged an ecologist to produce a local planting plan on site, with a main focus to the South of the Airport.

As with the time of year, the Airport has begun working collating information on its Annual Monitoring Report covering the 2020 calendar year. This will be presented at the next ACC meeting as part of the Sustainability review.

- On site Solar PV rollout – CRCC and car wash facility. 210,000 kWh per year generation.
- ISO 14001 - retained certification and next external audit booked for May, hoping for it to be an onsite visit.
- The online flight tracking system will be going live in early February
- A Carbon and Climate Change Action Plan is being prepared to provide detail as to how the commitments detailed in the recent Carbon Road Map will be delivered. An update will be provided at the next ACC meeting.
- Airline Recycling Trial – We started a trial with EZY to increase recycling from their flights with new ground handler Up and Away; early signs are positive recycling levels. Awaiting first full month of data for January so will provide information to the EEWP.

GP- Do Jet2holidays have the newer airplanes?

DL- Jet2 operate the Boeing 737-800 aircraft, similar to the fleet which Ryanair operate. At this present time they do not have orders for the Boeing 737 MAX.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

2072. Statistics

2073. Draft Minutes- Environmental Effects Working Party and Environmental Monitoring report

The members noted the minutes which were circulated in advance.

2074. Bristol Airport Local Community Fund

The members noted the minutes which were circulated in advance.


JM- In addition to donating food, cutlery and crockery to Help Bristol Homeless charity we have donated confectionary food to a local Food Bank; local NHS vaccine centre at Langford; and a charity supporting low income families in North Somerset. This week we are arranging for 20 laptops and 30 desktops to be donated to a local secondary and primary school.

2075. BRS Press Releases

The committee noted the press releases. JM advised she would send the secretary the press release from 26th January for circulation.

2076. Items of General Interest

None



2077. Notification of Items of Business for the Next Agenda

HB requested Future of Flight Challenge is added to the agenda.

2078 . Any Other Business

HB- When will the Master Plan be delivered to the local community as it was due to be published in 2019? HB then asked the question 'Is the Airport continuing to plan to grow to 20 mppa as outlined in the 2018 Master Plan consultation.'

DL- I do not have a definitive date to give out at the moment.

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