

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRISTOL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

HELD USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 21st OCTOBER 2020

Meeting commenced: 2.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.02pm

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
Councillor Roger Wood	Yatton Parish Council
Councillor Hilary Burn	Cleeve Parish Council
Councillor Gill Patch	Winford Parish Council
Councillor John Sleight	Backwell Parish Council

Also in attendance:-

Simon Earles, Planning and Sustainability Director, Bristol Airport

Jacqui Mills, Public Relations Manager, Bristol Airport

James Shearman, Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport

James Ryan, Public Affairs Manager, Bristol Airport

Simon Hunter, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust

Simon Henley, ICCAN

Rupert Bashman, ICCAN

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.

2035. Apologies for absence

Wendy Walker	Passenger interests /ABTA/ATOL
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Neil Bromwich	CBI
Christian Gresswell	Inspector, Bristol Airport
Councillor Joachim Steinbach	Wrington Parish Council- Technical issues

2036. Declarations of Interest for Local Authority Elected Members - none

2037. Minutes – 15th July 2020 (previously circulated)

a) Confirmation of Accuracy Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

b) Matters Arising

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

2038. Constitution (attached)

Noted by the members

2039. Public Participation- in accordance with the constitution

The Vice Chairman introduced Simon Hunter from Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART).

Simon advised they are hoping to reduce flooding in local areas. The donation from Bristol Airport has allowed them to take delivery and plant some trees in the ground in Winford. Simon is happy to report with photos of the results.

BART worked with a consultant who deals with flood risk monitoring and created a field scout map as to where tree planting can help to reduce that surface water/flooding. They are now involved in strategic engagement with landowners to discuss the ideal locations for tree planting.

Simon thanked the airport for their donation as it has allowed BART to slow the course of the water.

KW- Chew Valley Climate and Nature Emergency meeting was 20/10/20, she advised it interesting to find out that planting in the wrong place can have the wrong effect.

HB- advised she would prefer the airport does the work onsite by reducing Carbon emissions before carbon offsetting by planting trees externally.

JM- thanked Simon Hunter for his presentation.

DL- advised he found the presentation very insightful and asked if BART are receiving other private sector support? SH- we are managing to deliver different projects and receiving funding for some projects for attenuation ponds etc but a lot are not keen on funding trees.

Jackie Head- Please can you clarify how you intend to reach carbon neutrality in terms of domestic flights (given that CORSIA only covers international flights).

Bristol Officer - will be sending a written response after the meeting.

2040. Chief Executive Officer Report

Downsizing of resources:

The consultation process has now concluded and there have been a number of friends and colleagues who have now left the business. Bus driver jobs have been protected following talks between Bristol Airport and First West of England. The arrangement, facilitated by Unite the Union, saw almost 70 drivers across external and internal airport bus routes relocated to operate on First Bus services in Bristol. Following a unique agreement with Bristol Airport, First West of England now temporarily employ 25 airport drivers who usually operate the internal shuttle buses to and from the airport car parks.

Reducing winter operating hours- no flights between midnight and 6am.

Recovery and operational update

Soho Coffee Co opened in the terminal at the beginning of October. Bristol Airport also hosted a drive-in cinema during September using car parking spaces at the Silver Zone.

Airline partners have also adapted to the constantly evolving operational situation by introducing new flights and extended sales for next summer to cover the 2021 summer holidays.

Government engagement and quarantine

The airport and aviation sector continue to engage with the Government, and I (Dave Lees) joined industry leaders through the Airport Operators Association (AOA) in writing to the Prime Minister calling for the urgent implementation of testing at the airports.

We have also responded for a call of evidence from the DfT to support the need for airside cafes and restaurants to be open before 5am, contrary to the current 22.00-05.00 curfew.

We have also submitted responses to several Government Consultations and engaged with MPs on Brexit related issues that would have significant operational or financial impact on our business.

Sustainability

The draft Annual Monitoring report which was issued in the July meeting is now finalized and published. You can review it here: <https://www.bristolairport.co.uk/about-us/environment/sustainability>

Highlights include:

- 99.99% of waste was recycled or recovered

- overall public transport usage for airport passengers increased to 13.8%

- absolute Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions have decreased by 7% and the volume of CO2 emitted per passenger decreased by 10%.

All the measures highlighted contribute towards the airport itself being carbon neutral by 2025. We have implemented several initiatives over the last three months, continuing our focus on sustainability and responsible growth. These include:

- Animal and Plant Health Agency visited Bristol Airport
- The airport undertook a tender process earlier in the year for a carbon offsetting procurement specialist to oversee the purchasing of international and national offsets so the airport can meet its pledge to offset all passenger journeys by road to and from the airport from 2020. First Climate were the successful company.
- Since 2012 the Bristol Airport's Local Community Fund has supported over 280 projects within the local area.

Planning

On 6th August Bristol Airport confirmed that it intended to appeal against North Somerset Council's decision to refuse its planning application to increase capacity from 10million to 12 million passengers per year.

A comprehensive package of measures is also proposed to minimize the adverse environmental impacts of the additional 2 million passengers per annum.

Slot Coordinated Status

Bristol Airport has applied to change its status to become Level 3 coordinated to give the airport greater control over timings and number of passengers by using the industry standard of greater coordination of flights. This is particularly important to ensure that Bristol Airport remains within its current planning permission for 10 million passengers per year.

HB- You currently only have 10million passengers why not wait until you had received before the planning application response before making the application?

DL- Aviation looks several years ahead, so airlines look 2-3 years into future which is why we looked in advance at the point so we can manage the demand in a timely manner.

RC- Has there been any support from local MPs?

DL- We have raised with MP's, UNITE have also raised issues.

RC-Led to believe at Heathrow redundancies are significantly higher. The redundancies in Bristol Airport, are they being back filled with temporary staff or are the jobs no longer redundant?

DL-We have not backfilled with temporary staff. We have made the most of the job retention scheme.

2041. Policing at the airport

Policing provisions during the year have fluctuated but have always been in line with the latest risk assessment. Crime within the airport footprint has reduced by approximately 25-30%.

The summer period brought about the usual challenges mainly involving alcohol. Some tensions have been seen with the need for face coverings in the terminal and on flights.

Over the August bank holiday there was a nationwide protest organized by Extinction Rebellion. A peaceful protest whilst ensuring the law is upheld is always a challenge and close working relationships with Extinction Rebellion and the airport are especially important.

2042. Questions to Airport Management

Cllr Burn submitted a question to Airport Management:

Bristol Airport: designation as a 'coordinated' airport consultation

"As a member of the Airport Consultative Committee, I am requesting airport management to explain why members were not informed of the above consultation which affects parishes and their residents? The deadline for the consultation is 3rd April, before the next meeting, and management approached the Department for Transport in November 2019 sometime before our last meeting in January 2020.

A similar occurrence happened in 2018 when the airport approached the CAA in respect of becoming 'partially coordinated' and the airport eventually issues an apology for not informing the committee."

The question has been covered in the report by Dave Lees.

2043. Planning Update

Simon Earles provided the following update:

12mppa Planning application update:

- As previously mentioned in the CEO Report. Bristol Airport Limited (BAL) has now submitted an appeal against NSC's decision to the Planning Inspectorate.
- BAL are awaiting validation of the planning appeal by the Planning Inspectorate, so I am afraid I will not be able to answer any questions at this stage.

Update on Applications submitted to NSC following the last meeting:

The following GPDO consultation requests have been submitted since the last meeting:

- Temporary COVID-19 temperature testing facility (20/P/1928/AIN)- approved 15th September

Applications to be submitted in the next quarter:

No planning applications are expected in the next quarter. Due to the nature of operational development, there is possibility of additional GPDO requests/ planning applications in the next quarter.

2044. Airspace information- transparency about airspace use and aircraft movements

This has been tabled in the Annual Monitoring pack.

2045. Airport Consultative website

The secretary advised of the changes being made to the ACC webpage and the importance of making the representatives of the Parishes known to their villages.

2046. Presentation from ICCAN- Simon Henley

'Aviation noise and public health: rapid evidence assessment'

Established in January 2019. In their first year they met with hundreds of stakeholders.

We continued our work into 2020 and we have now achieved our project and released products up to October.

- July- Review of aviation noise metrics/ Toolkit for consulting on airspace change
- September- Aviation noise and public health review
- October- Summer 2020 survey
- To be published in November- Noise engagement practice.

Our response to COVID-19

-reviewed work program to reflect circumstances

-adopted remote working- staff welfare

What have we learnt?

- Still distrust between communities and airports
- We can learn from each other
- Not all airports are the same- but have more in common
- Change is a constant
- Aviation noise must be a priority alongside climate change

ICCAN survey launching October 2020:

- How can ICCAN make the UK the world leader in managing aviation noise?
- ICCAN's future vision and plans
- How could aviation noise be managed in the future?
- Views on ICCANs work so far.

KW- Have you had people responding to night flights more during COVID 19?

Bristol Airport Officer- movements are less but there have still been night noise complaints. A written reply will be given.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

2047. Statistics

Concerns were raised regarding the 15.8% increase of red diesel use on site. The committee were advised that this should be reduced as the airport are now using the new EURO 6 buses and will be replacing older buses in the fleet as required. These buses are now also running on an on-demand service.

The Carbon and Climate Change Action Plan will be released later this year, early next year which will help demonstrate clearer timescales for Carbon emission reductions. The airport cannot promise they will stop using red diesel on site, but this will not prevent their aim on being Carbon Neutral by 2025. Planting for the Southside areas are still being considered.

a) Passenger the full report can be seen in the Annual Monitoring Report. Highlights are:

- The total passengers for 2019 increased by 3.14%.
- Scheduled domestic flights increased by 2.57%
- Scheduled international flights increased by 2.52%

- The charter domestic flights for 2019 had decreased by 89.34%
- Charter international flights increased by 12.60%
- Other decreased by 61.04%

b) Aircraft Movements

This was noted by the committee.

c) Public Transport Use

This was noted by the committee.

The A1 and A2 has seen a yearly growth from 2018 to 2019 of 2.4%, 2020 has drastically fallen due to COVID 19.

The A3 saw an increase for 2019 of 36% however again the 2020 figure is significantly lower due to COVID 19.

2048. Draft Minutes- Environmental Effects Working Party and Environmental Monitoring report

The committee noted the minutes from the EEWP. The next meeting is scheduled for 12th January 2021 at 10.00.

JS did a presentation on air quality analysis for 2020, please see Appendix

Member of the public asked; PM10 went up in April, why?

PM10 can be attributed to various sources due to particles being able to travel some distance, ranging from a few hundred yards to many miles. Weather conditions can effect the distance travelled with extreme or prolonged hot or cold weather creating spikes known as inversions. Therefore, knowing the exact cause for an increase is difficult to determine, this is why referring to regional air quality data (where available) to see if it is a local trend or not. Such reference information was covered in the presentation when analysing the NOx data results. It is also worth noting in May PM10 levels reduced and continued to fall in June.

2049. Bristol Airport Local Community Fund

The members noted the minutes which were circulated in advance.

Highlights: In 2020 the Community Fund granted or pledged £74,000. Since the fund started in 2012 they have granted over £1million to local community projects.

At the last meeting supported projects included:

- Flax Bourton Parish Council- traffic calming scheme
- Wrington Parish Council- traffic calming scheme
- Bristol Avon Rivers Trust- Winford Brook tree planting
- Local resident-noise insulation.

The next meeting will take place on 3rd December 2020.

2050. BRS Press Releases

The committee noted the press releases

2051. Items of General Interest

None

2052. Notification of Items of Business for the Next Agenda

None

2053. Any Other Business

None