

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRISTOL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE
HELD USING MICROSOFT TEAMS ON 13th July 2022**

Meeting commenced: 2.30pm

Meeting concluded: 4.08

Present:

Barry Hamblin	Chairman
Ian Porter	Vice Chairman/ Interim Chairman
Neil Bromwich	CBI
Councillor Steve Hogg	North Somerset Council
Councillor Laurie Vaughn	Wrington Parish Council
Councillor Hilary Burn	Cleeve Parish Council
Councillor Gill Patch	Winford Parish Council
Councillor Joachim Steinbach	Parish Council Airport Association
Councillor John Sleigh	Backwell Parish Council
Richard Capps	TUC, Bristol and South West Region
Wendy Walker	Passenger interests /ABTA/ATOL
Councillor Robin Moss	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Carl Symonds	Airlines operating from the Airport
Simon Earles	Sustainability and Corporate Affairs Director, Bristol Airport
Matthew Sharp	Planning Manager, Bristol Airport

Also in attendance:-

Harry Ellis	Corporate Affairs Executive
James Cox	Public Affairs Manager, Bristol Airport
Rupert Lawrie	Commercial Director
Alicia Fox	Secretary

1 members of the public.

3062. Presentation from David Eccles- Hydrogen project

The presentation slides are under appendix A.

Hydrogen South West is a group of partners who have been working together since the beginning of 2022 with the full public launch in June 2022.

The ambitions of the Hydrogen Project are to build on the strength of the region and replace fossil fuels with hydrogen and add to the economic value of the area. The project is looking to include aviation but also branching out into other sectors.

There are 9 core members of the consortium: Bristol Airport, Airbus, Easyjet, Wood, Hynamics (EDF group), Wales & West Utilities, The Bristol Port Company, Constain and GKN Aerospace.

Each core member has its own unique attributes to bring to the project, for example The Bristol Port Company have the real estate that could be utilized and are in an ideal location with positive connection links. GKN/ Airbus already have programmes for future aircraft which are powered by Hydrogen.

Within the core members some of their roles are enabling providers such as Hynamics (EDF Group). In France EDF are driving the production of Hydrogen and they hope to replicate this within the UK. In the UK EDF have created a company called Hynamics which aim to recreate their efforts in France.

Wales and West Utilities are looking to develop opportunities and pilot villages/ towns to run on either a Hydrogen mix or pure Hydrogen.

The Hydrogen Project want to broaden the band to involve transport other areas.

Delivery partners are:

Business West, Copper, Western Gateway Porth y Gorllewin, Ernst and Young and GW4. Each partner can offer different skills to the project.

Both Bristol Airport and The Bristol Port have great locations for future trials. We are also looking for larger projects.

Government has now doubled its ambition for Hydrogen from 5gw to 10gw which means a huge amount of work in a short time.

Questions:

JSt- How much of Hydrogen production requires nuclear plants.

DE- The green hydrogen will be wedded to nuclear plants, the longer term green hydrogen could be delivered at the nuclear plant scale. In the short-term things such as wind turbines can be used.

SH- Interested in decarbonisation, what do you feel the ambition is for aviation with the practical implications. What is a realistic expectation for short haul flights using hydrogen?

DE- in the short-term we are focussed on heavy ground transport (HGV and heavy ground plant machinery). Aviation is more complicated, there are some companies that have small aircraft that they are testing on pure hydrogen.

SE-The aim for an airbus to run on Hydrogen is looking at 2035with it taking time for airlines to integrate into their fleet. A new aircraft needs a network of airports for it to be able to work which is why it is important for collaborations.

HB- What SE has said does not fit with the Committee of Climate Change Report June 2022 which stated that only a small number of aircraft will be using aircraft by 2050.

HB the read from the report the following:

“Given the likelihood that hydrogen aircraft will have only a small impact on aviation emissions even by 2050, their long-term prospect should not distract from efforts to decarbonise using SAF, demand mitigation and efficiency improvements in the meantime.”

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Progress-in-reducing-emissions-2022-Report-to-Parliament.pdf> Box 9.2

DE- agreed with SE that by 2035 aircraft will start to use hydrogen.

HB- New aircrafts and airports will need to be prepared to make the hydrogen aircrafts viable options so it will be a minimum amount for a long time. Important that the public understand the reduced emissions in aviation will not be coming by 2030, more likely 2050.

BH- When hydrogen is used as a fuel it emits water vapour rather than carbon dioxide. However, water vapour is the greenhouse gas responsible for between 70 and 74% of atmospheric heating as opposed to approximately 20% of atmospheric heating caused by CO2. What is the predicted effect on global warming if hydrogen becomes widely used as a fuel?

DE- New technologies need to be addressed to avoid any more risk to global warming.

3063. Public Participation

None

BH- Introduced Rupert Lawrie a new member of the executive board at Bristol Airport.

3064. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2022/23

Ian Porter was proposed as Vice Chairman by Neil Bromwich this was seconded by Dave Lees.

11 votes in favour of Cllr Ian Porter.

1 abstention

Cllr Ian Porter has been elected as Vice Chairman for 2022/23.

BH was thanked for his work on the committee and given a leaving gift.

3065. Appointment of Chairman/ Interim Chairman

Cllr Ian Porter will stand as interim Chairman.

3066. Membership of the committee 2022/23

This was previously circulated and agreed by the committee.

3067. Apologies for Absence

Dave Lees	Chief Executive of Bristol Airport
Jacqui Mills	Public Relations Manager, Bristol Airport
James Shearman	Head of Sustainability, Bristol Airport
Councillor Roy Hill	Chew Valley Cluster of Parishes
John Savage	Visit West
Robert Durie	GWE Business West

3068. Declarations of Interest for Local Authority Elected Members - none

3069. Constitution- A copy of the Committee's updated Constitution was circulated in advance

All members agreed the constitution

3070. Dates and Times of Meetings of the Consultative Committee for 2022/23

Wednesday 12th October 2022

Wednesday 18th January 2023

Wednesday 19th April 2023

Wednesday 12th July 2023

To be held at 2.30pm.

Apologies given by HB for the 12th October 2022.

3071. Minutes from 19th April 2022 (previously circulated)

- a) **Confirmation of Accuracy Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.**
- b) **Matters Arising**

3072. Chief Executive Officer Report

The report is attached to the minutes as appendix B

GP- The report does not mention about the location of the airport on the league table produced by The Guardian.

JC- Bristol Airport did not take part in the competition which is why they were put last.

SE shared the trophy that Bristol Airport received for winning the 2022 Eco Innovation Award from Airports Council International.

WW- Pointed out the negative press around the airport. The airlines are cancelling routes which is not the fault of the Airport. Comments from clients are that their frustrations are coming from the huge luggage delays. Jet2 staff are not allowed to help to remove the luggage from the aircraft which they are

able to from other airports. The other comment is where family members have seen a plane has landed and go to the collection carpark but then have heavy parking fines as passengers are waiting for luggage.

CS- If passengers are waiting for bags for longer than 60 minutes Jet2 will now courier the bags out so passengers can leave the airport. Jet2 is providing resources from other airports to help Swissport with luggage removal. We are seeing improvements on the baggage delivery timescales and is now going in the right direction.

GP- Aviation industry did not have any foresight with regards Covid ending which is why we are in this situation.

SE- did not agree with that statement, whilst accepting at times the service has not been good enough, in March as an industry we were still facing huge restrictions. Bristol Airport has had a huge sudden demand to try and meet and we could not have foreseen how pronounced the recovery would have been.

Airlines are still making decisions regarding their allocated slots, Easyjet have said they will be reducing some of their rotational slots.

GP- Complemented CS by saying how she has only heard positive things about Jet2.

CS- Thanked GP Jet2 have been working really hard and it helps having our own front of house team and the fact that we have been able to help with SwissPort. Jet2 have increased staff numbers but not as many people have come back to work after the furlough scheme.

HB- expressed concern after reading the press release about the Twilight drop off of luggage, her concerns were that this was not sustainable as people will be coming to the airport twice and driving away from the airport twice, therefore creating unnecessary carbon emissions.

CS- Jet2 have found the twilight drop off very successful in the months they have been offering the service. From a customer satisfaction point of view, being able to drop your bags off and check it in really helps with the queues. The operational impact is also more positive, it means the bags are sorted the night before therefore not causing congestion in the baggage hall.

HB- Asked how the additional Carbon Emissions can be justified? The local communities will end up with more traffic.

SE- Jet2 have offered it for a while, other airlines have seen the benefits and are going to be doing the same. It is something that will be monitored, but predictions are the additional traffic will be minimal and it will be mostly used by those staying in the onsite hotel and the local community.

HB- Asked how the airport plans to monitor the situation.

JSt- Feels this is a step in the wrong direction, and it is not desirable for local communities and is not the feedback he has received.

SE- reassured the committee that the airport will have regular dialogue with airlines and will discuss the extent to which the extent is taken up, we can bring information to future meetings.

NB- Surely the airport need to be given the opportunity to see if they can make this work and then evaluate it. Longer term it can improve the service the airport can offer their passengers. We may find it

will encourage people to use public transport to get to the airport if they do not need to bring their luggage with them.

HB- In the short term it is increasing emissions and upsetting the local communities.

GP- Will the bus stop outside Lulsgate House be reopening?

SE- I will take this away and get an update.

3073. Policing at the Airport

Report circulated in advance.

Jst- Concerned by the statistics. Is the sale of alcohol a contributing factor to this?

IP- this will be sent to CG for a response.

3074. Questions to Airport Management

None

3075. Planning Update

SE- Introduced Matthew Sharp (MS) as the new planning manager.

12mppa Planning Permission

The Planning Inspectors' recommendation and Secretary of State's decision on the associated Compulsory Purchase Order have not yet been received.

The Appeal Decision is currently subject to Statutory Challenge. Hearing dates have not yet been confirmed. [8-9 November currently being held]

Permitted Development Consultations

One permitted development consultation was submitted to North Somerset Council in April 2022 – reference 22/P/0931/AIN. This relates to a proposed car rental repair portacabin to be located in the south of the airport site. North Somerset Council's response was received on 19 May 2022, confirming that the proposal is permitted development.

A retrospective permitted development consultation was submitted to North Somerset Council [30/6/22] in relation to a temporary marquee that has been erected outside of the main terminal. Due to the current situation, the marquee is required to offer shade/shelter to any queuing passengers. Reference 22/P/1636/AIN

A further permitted development consultation is expected to be carried out in the near future involving the relocation of one 40ft portacabin, plus a requirement to place a new 32ft portacabin alongside it. Both portacabins are planned for the east side of the main terminal building on an open piece of hard standing. It is expected the cabins will be in place for 12-18 months. Temporary in nature.

Update on Applications Submitted to North Somerset Council

No planning applications were submitted to North Somerset Council in the last quarter.

Other:

The SASG and ATF (March) have met and agreed priorities for surface access in 2022

including focus for Public Transport Fund expenditure:

- o Marketing campaign to support recovery and growth
- o A3 / 54 service optimisation and support
- o On-site infrastructure improvements

Next ATF currently being scheduled for September – update can be provided to October meeting if that would be helpful.

Consultations and Applications to be Submitted in the Next Quarter

There is currently no intention to submit any planning applications in the next quarter.

(Due to the nature of operational development, there is the possibility of additional GPDO requests / planning applications in the next quarter.)

Potential for consultation in relation to EV charging facilities, but not certain this will be in the period.

RM- joins the meeting

3076. Appointment of Representative to serve on the Airport's Transport Forum for 2022/23

IP will carry on as the ACC representative.

JSt- will it be made a working party of the ACC and be part of the Constitution?

IP- The Transport Forum will not make up the constitution of the ACC it is a different group and governed in a different way.

SE- We are reviewing terms of reference from other Airport Forums.

JSt- it would be appreciated if more information/updates would be useful to that fed back to the Consultative members.

3077. Annual Monitoring report 2021 (previously circulated) BACC feedback

SE advised that the AMR is open for comments from the committee for a bit longer.

HB- final draft with the aviation emissions have not been included, would like the opportunity to comment once these have been added.

REPORTS FOR INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

3078. Statistics (report attached)

(a) Passenger

(b) Aircraft movements

(c) Flyer volumes

These were noted by the committee.

3079. Reports:

- Draft Minutes – Environmental Effects Working Party and Environmental Monitoring Report (on website)
- Bristol Airport Local Community Fund (on website)
- Press releases link was attached to the agenda.

These were noted by the committee.

3080. Items of General Interest

Expectation that the Government will publish their Jet Zero strategy document soon. If we get the pack we will send the link and include it in the next pack.

3081. Notification of Items of Business for the Next Agenda

Twilight drop off- requested by HB
Presentation at the next meeting- TBC

3082. Any other business which the Chairman deems to be urgent

GP- Any plans with regards to the planned closure of the A38 on Sunday
SH- Surface dressing going on across the county. The work is weather permitting and hope for no delays. Work will be kept to a minimum and good communications will be maintained. SH will find out if there will be diversions in place which will cause issues for local villages.

Meeting closed 4.08pm.

Accelerate the change

Introduction to the ecosystem
April 2022

Connecting people, places and projects, to drive the development of hydrogen infrastructure.

The South West has a rich engineering and energy history, and is home to a powerful cluster of leading aerospace and transport businesses.

These dynamic organisations have joined forces to create Hydrogen South West, an infrastructure ecosystem that brings the benefits of hydrogen to the South West of England.



Our partners



Our delivery partners

