

LONDON SOUTHEND AIRPORT

Minutes of meeting No. 109 of the Consultative Committee held on Wednesday 1 September 2021 at 2pm at Southend Airport

Present: David Osborn	Chairperson
Murray Foster	Deputy Chairman
Glyn Jones (GJ)	CEO, LSA (attended until 4pm)
Willie McGillivray (WM)	COO, LSA (attended until 4pm)
Jo Marchetti (JM)	Community Affairs Co-ordinator, LSA
Sam Petrie	Airport Development Co-ordinator, LSA
Rob Light	Head Commissioner, ICCAN
Colin Noble	Commissioner, ICCAN
Councillor Tom Cunningham	Essex County Council
Councillor Mike Steptoe	Essex County Council
Zhanine Smith (Officer)	Essex County Council
Ray Howard, MBE	Independent Representative
Councillor Damien O'Boyle	Leigh Town Council
Councillor Stephen Nunn	Maldon District Council
Councillor Ian Ward	Rochford District Council
Councillor Arthur Williams	Rochford District Council
Councillor Simon Wootton	Rochford District Council
Paula Chapman (Officer)	Rochford District Council
Councillor Steven May	Rochford Hundred Assoc. of Local Councils
Councillor Daniel Cowan	Southend on Sea Borough Council
Councillor Keith Evans	Southend on Sea Borough Council
Trevor Saunders (Officer)	Southend on Sea Borough Council
Paul Wilkins	Rochford Board of Trade
Ron Smithson	Southend Flying Clubs
Les Sawyer	West Leigh Residents Association
Emma McDonnell (EM)	Secretary (Minutes)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Reeves, Mulroney, Terry and Mumford, and Glenn Stoneman (UK Border Force), Kim Paxman (Essex Chambers of Commerce) and Ian Butt (Officer) Castle Point Borough Council.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

- 2.1 The Chairperson welcomed attendees, new members and ICCAN guests (Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise).

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 26 MAY 2021

- 3.1 The amendments below to paragraph 3.6 requested by Councillor Mulroney and P Chapman were approved by members:

~~"3.6 Councillor Mulroney advised that Southend Borough Council received an email approximately every week from Mr Smith, in the same emotive format. Councillor Mulroney appreciated P Chapman's comments and economic views, however, the Committee has a duty to listen to residents, and it is obvious that Mr Smith is very incensed." Proposed additional wording: "P Chapman confirmed that she is willing to listen to residents and discuss their views as long as they follow the appropriate procedure for contacting the committee as published on LSA's website."~~

3.2 The minutes were subsequently formally adopted and can be uploaded on to the LSA website.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chapel at LSA

4.1 No further update - GJ to provide update at the next meeting if appropriate. **Points Forward Diary GJ May 2022.**

Local road surface

4.2 WM confirmed no change – he will provide an update at next meeting if appropriate. **Points Forward Diary WM May 2022.**

Update on actions from ‘Transparency Sub-Committee’ meeting

4.3 JM confirmed amendments to LSA’s website, as a result of feedback and other comments made in the ‘Transparency’ forum, will now be progressed as staff have returned to work following cessation of the furlough scheme. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

4.3.1 JM to ensure the following is also captured from the previous minutes: P Hart suggested that LSA add an FAQ page. JM confirmed that LSA already provided FAQs on the ‘noise’ page and would undertake a review to ensure they were up-to-date. Councillor Mulronev stated that it may be helpful if the Airport makes a link on their website to SBC’s FAQ page which explains the S106 agreement. **Remove from minutes.**

Update on actions from review of Committee membership

4.4 The Chairperson advised that 2 additional ‘Independent Representative’ positions had been advertised and subject to a successful interview process, will put forward the single applicant for approval at the next meeting. **DO 18/11/21.**

4.5 The Deputy Chair confirmed that the next Southend Business Partnership meeting was taking place on 7 September, when as Chairperson he will approach the group to see if there is a willing participant to fill the ‘Southend Business Partnership’ vacancy on the LSACC. Deputy Chair to provide update at next meeting. **MF 18/11/21.**

4.6 Following confirmation that Rochford District Council is unable to assist directly in relation to identifying a suitable individual to represent a Residents Association without a political alignment, it was agreed that Councillor Ward and Paula Chapman would approach Mike Davies, Rayleigh Town Museum, to see if he would be interested in joining the ACC as an ‘Independent Representative’. EM to forward the advertisement (from 4.4 above) to P Chapman, and for Councillor Ward and P Chapman to update the Chairperson accordingly. If Mr Davies is interested, then his name will be submitted to the membership committee. **IW/PC 18/11/21.**

4.7 GJ to contact Councillor Ward directly in relation to sharing the economic assessment with RDC, once clarity is obtained relating to a technical question. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

5 DFT NIGHT FLIGHTS CONSULTATION

5.1 The Chairperson advised that a sub-committee (Councillors Mulronev, Cowan and Evans) had reviewed the consultation document on 4 August and was being submitted this week to meet the deadline of 3 September. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

6. FASI ACP (FUTURE AIRSPACE STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION) (AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL)

- 6.1 Sam Petrie updated members on the current status – in summary:
- 6.2 LSA is a stakeholder in the development of the wider UK Airspace Modernisation Strategy that is sponsored by the Department for Transport and has been developed by the CAA. This will provide an opportunity to modernise airspace, in particular in the SE region of the UK, that has not had any significant changes for the last 50 years. LSA have filed an Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) to support this strategy.
- 6.3 LSA had decided to pause the ACP due to Covid-19, but the Airport has now ‘unpaused’ the process and is currently working through Stage 1B of CAP 1616. LSA has appointed Cyrus to support the Airport with the development of the ACP. LSA is now working on a ‘Design Principles’ document (ie criteria in terms of designs of airspace, departure and arrival routes), which will develop through engagement (30-day period) with stakeholders and form a qualitative structure against which design options can be evaluated.
- 6.4 It was agreed that an ACC sub-committee could be set-up (S Petrie to liaise accordingly) to review the design principles and provide feedback to LSA end September/early October. There would then follow an update to all members at the November ACC meeting. **All to note.**
- 6.5 WM confirmed that funding has been made available by the government for this initiative, and S Petrie commented that it will be circa 5-7 years before any implementation will take place.

7. SURFACE IMPACT ACCESS ROUTES

- 7.1 Nothing to report.

8. CEO REPORT

- 8.1 The Committee reviewed the report prepared by GJ, covering the period May to July 2021. This report is published separately on the LSA website and should be read in conjunction with comments/questions below. No questions were submitted in advance of the meeting from members.
- 8.2 Questions raised during the meeting:
- 8.2.1 Trevor Saunders asked if an element of the investment being made into LSA by investors will be allocated to assist with environmental issues. GJ confirmed that a meeting was being held next week to discuss such issues.
- 8.2.2 Detailed discussions took place following a review of the Quarterly Section 106 Return for May, June and July – in June and July LSA had exceeded the night flight quota of 120 ATMs per month, by a total of 7 ATMs (102% of the 360 movements permitted). Trevor Saunders asked why, when S106 has been in place for 10 years, LSA is breaching its quota. JM explained the reasons for this and outlined the forecast process. GJ responded stating that the Airport had breached its quota only on 3 occasions in 10 years and JM confirmed that the S106 provides a mechanism for breaches which the Airport follows. Councillor Cowan commented that GJ had made a valid point, however, there have been 2 breaches in 2 consecutive months. Trevor Saunders confirmed that SBC will be writing to the Airport directly on this matter.

- 8.2.3 Trevor Saunders asked if it was possible for this data to be available to SBC in 7 days of the reporting period. **JM 18/11/21.**
- 8.2.4 Councillor Cowan requested that future Quarterly Section 106 Return reports submitted to the ACC show any breach per month in % terms, not as a percentage over the 3-month period. **JM to note.**
- 8.2.5 Detailed discussions took place in relation to the number of complaints/complainants and how the Airport contributes to the community in terms of jobs, economically etc and the financial viability of LSA.
- 8.2.6 Councillor O'Boyle requested a full cost benefit analysis of night flights, independently scoped and commissioned. Rob Light commented that ICCAN supports such an initiative as currently he is unable to say if LSA compares favourably in terms of number of complaints as there is no comparable or consistency in approach across all airports, and comparisons are necessary to help airports do things better.
- 8.2.7 Councillor O'Boyle asked if there was a related increase in noise complaints when in breach of the monthly night quota. JM confirmed there was no trend. GJ advised that a report can be run in relation to correlation of ATMs at night and complaints. **Actioned – remove from minutes.**

9. PRESS PACK

- 9.1 Not available.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 None raised.

11. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next Committee meetings, starting at 2pm, are as follows:

Thursday 18 November 2021

The meeting ended at 4.05pm

Signed _____ Date: _____