

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Swann, Chairman of Consultative Committee
Ron Abbey, Merseytravel
Councillor Terry Aldridge, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council
Councillor Steve Ball, Halewood Parish Council
Michelle Cameron, Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce
Councillor Keith Deakin, St Helen's Metropolitan Borough Council
Norman Elias, passenger representative
Councillor Allan Harvey, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Roy Harvey, Hale Bank Parish Council
Councillor Evelyn Hudson, Hale Parish Council
Jordi Morell, West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce
Marshall Morris, Deputy Chairman
Alex Naughton, Merseytravel
Simon Osborne, National Trust
Councillor Steve Parish, Warrington Borough Council
Steve Pearce, Friends of Liverpool Airport
Tony Rice, disabled persons
Angus Tilston MBE, Wirral Transport Users Association
Councillor Jeremy Wolfson, Liverpool City Council
Liverpool John Lennon Airport
Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, Peel Airports
Secretariat
Mike A Jones, Assistant Secretary

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OPENED THE MEETING

55 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Assistant Secretary invited nominations for the role of Chairman.

Councillor Allan Harvey nominated Councillor Bob Swann, seconded by Jordi Morrell.

There were no other nominations.

DECIDED: That

Councillor Bob Swann be appointed Chairman of Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee for the 2016/2017 year.

BOB SWANN IN THE CHAIR

56 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman invited nominations for the role of Vice-Chairman of the Consultative Committee.

The Chairman nominated Marshall Morris, seconded by Norman Elias.

There were no other nominations.

DECIDED: That

Marshal Morris be appointed Vice-Chairman of Liverpool Airport Consultative Committee for the 2016/2017 year.

57 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Andy Dams Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council
Councillor Tom McInerney Halton Borough Council
Councillor Ralph Oultram Cheshire West and Chester Council
Councillor Colin Rowan Hale Bank Parish Council

58 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

59 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Caroline Ashton to her first meeting of the Consultative Committee, as representative of Frodsham Town Council.

60 MINUTES

DECIDED: That

subject to Councillor Colin Rowan being noted as having apologised for absence, the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 20 November 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

61 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

DECIDED: That

the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 15 January 2015 be received.

62 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present and no questions had been submitted in advance, besides those in item 66, below.

63 MEMBERSHIP

The Assistant Secretary informed the Committee that the representative for Frodsham Town Council would be Caroline Ashton following the resignation of Mark Warren as a Councillor from the Council.

Mark Warren was also the representative for easyJet and had provided informed comments and explanation from his point of view as a pilot in many discussions. Following the reorganisation of the management of easyJet's bases, he was no longer able to fulfil this role and there was no possibility of a replacement. The Committee expressed regret at losing such a valued member.

64 APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND PANELS

DECIDED: That

in accordance with paragraph 8.5 of the Constitution the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee and General Purposes Sub-Committee be reappointed for 2016/2017 with the Terms of Reference and Membership as detailed in the Constitution dated September 2015.

65 QUARTERLY REPORT

Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, presented the Airport's Quarterly Business Report, covering October to December 2015. Overall, there had been an 8% increase in passengers compared to the previous year, and the first sustained growth since 2011. In November there had been a 19% increase. At the end of the period there were 9 airlines and 13 new routes announced.

Key points (with increases given in comparison with the equivalent period in the previous year) included:

- easyJet had seen an increase in passenger numbers and announced a new route;
- Ryanair's capacity and passengers increased and announced two extra weekly services;
- Flybe commenced a service to Edinburgh and announced a new service to Newquay;
- Wizz Air announced two new services to Budapest and Katowice;
- Blue Air announced it would operate a third service in June 2016;
- Aer Lingus commenced a sixteen times a week service to Dublin, from where ten destinations in North America could be reached directly;
- Vueling operated Christmas services ahead of its scheduled launch in March 2016;
- the extension of the perimeter fence to the East of the runway was held up by an objection to the Stopping Up Order of Dungeon Lane, however this was due to be withdrawn shortly and the Stopping Up Order was then expected to proceed.
- the Master Plan would be updated in the near future, and would include consultation, including with the Committee;
- the Customer Services ASQ survey results were particularly strong, reflecting investment. The Airport outranked Manchester Airport in 9 of 13 categories;
- the Airport continued to work with Merseytravel to look at ways to improve public transport access;
- customer feedback had led to improvements such as new toilet facilities, new large flight information screens and improved flooring, fast track parking and seating;
- the Airports work with Trinity Mirror was expanding into other regional newspapers in addition to the Liverpool Echo.

Members debated the car parking arrangements and statistics, disabled access, bus subsidy and the Red Route. The latter was the no-stopping access route on the Airport land, and they gave examples of dangerous manoeuvres such as u-turns and driving the wrong way down one way roads, and the extra dangers which would result if the rules were relaxed.

DECIDED: That

the quarterly report be received.

66 COMPLAINTS AND QUERIES

The Assistant Secretary raised two pieces of correspondence which he had received on the Airport’s behalf.

The first was from Richard Buttrey, who had sent in five questions and a preamble concerning the no stopping ‘Red Route’ to the airport on the airport’s land. He disputed answers given to questions posed at the Committee’s meeting on 30 May 2015 (Minutes 21 and 25 refer) and the information in a report presented to the 11 September 2015 meeting (Minute 37 refers). They had been passed on to the Airport to respond.

The second was an email from a father requesting a week’s piloting experience for his daughter in her preparation for A levels. This had also been passed on to the Airport to respond.

67 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no business under this item.

68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

DECIDED: That

the dates of meetings for the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee (LJLACC) and the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee (NMSC) up to the February 2017 Annual General Meeting be confirmed as follows and circulated to members:

NMSC	LJLACC
15 April 2016	27 May 2016
15 July 2016	16 September 2016
28 October 2016	18 November 2016
20 January 2017	17 February 2017

Chairman

Date