

PRESENT:

Councillor Bob Swann, Chairman of Consultative Committee
Michelle Cameron, Liverpool & Sefton Chamber of Commerce
Normal Elias, passenger representative
Councillor Chris Ellams, Helsby Parish Council
Councillor Edna Finneran, Halewood Town Council
Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Stan Hill, Halton Borough Council
Councillor Evelyn Hudson, Hale Parish Council
Keith Levin, Liverpool Airport General Aviation Users Association
Jordi Morell, West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce
Marshall Morris, Deputy Chairman
Alex Naughton, Merseytravel
Councillor Brian O'Hare, Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council#
Simon Osborne, National Trust
Councillor Steve Parish, Warrington Borough Council
Steve Pearse, Friend of Liverpool Airport
Tony Rice, disabled persons
Councillor Colin Rowan, Halebank Parish Council
Angus Tilston MBE, Wirral Transport Users Association
Councillor Jeremy Wolfson, Liverpool City Council
Others
Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, Liverpool Airport
Andrew Dawson, Head of Environment
Mike A Jones, Assistant Secretary

46 APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from:
Councillor Caroline Ashton, Frodsham Town Council
Cedric Green, North Cheshire Rail Users Group

47 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of personal interests.

48 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

49 MINUTES

DECIDED: That

the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 22 September 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

DECIDED: That

the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee on 27 October 2017 be received.

51 MEMBERSHIP

It was noted that:

- for Liverpool LEP, the representative no longer worked on Fridays, and had changed role. She was content that Alex Naughton, Merseytravel, could feed information into the Combined Authority and the LEP.
- For Cheshire West and Chester Council, the two representatives had difficulties with attending the meetings because of their workloads within a reduced team, but were willing to continue to be notified about meetings and events.
- For Wirral Older People's Parliament, both representatives had difficulty in attending, either because of transport difficulties or because Friday clashed with other appointments. They were willing to continue to receive notifications.

DECIDED: That

The update on memberships be noted.

52 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present and no questions had been submitted in advance.

At this point the Chairman brought forward the Quarterly Report item to enable Andrew Dutton time to prepare for his presentations.

53 QUARTERLY REPORT

Robin Tudor, Head of Public Relations, presented the Airport's Quarterly Business Report, covering July to September 2017. Overall, there had been 3.6% growth in passenger numbers compared to the previous year which had continued from previous quarters.

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

- EasyJet had a 92% load factor and announced that they would base an 8th aircraft at the airport as well as increasing the size of two other aircraft already based here.
- Ryanair had seen a 9% increase in passengers;
- Flybe increased load factors by 11%;
- Wizz Air increased capacity with the introduction of a larger aircraft, with 49% growth in numbers and load factors averaging 90%;
- Blue Air increased passenger numbers by 157%;
- TUI achieved 95% load factors for Palma and Ibiza;
- The extension of the perimeter fence to the East of the runway was progressing with the agreement now with Liverpool City Council for final sign off;
- The ASQ passenger opinion survey results showed that the Airport was ranked in the top 10 of the 18 monitored airports in 11 of 13 categories, A task force had been established to oversee a focussed cleaning programme in key areas to return scores to previous higher levels.
- The Airport had been awarded a 5-star rating for punctuality by the world's leading air travel intelligence company. It was the only airport in the North of England to achieve this and one of only three in the UK;

- The Airport had launched a campaign among local travel agents to promote departures from Liverpool ahead of departures from elsewhere;
- easyJet celebrated its 20th birthday of being based at the Airport;
- the 'A-Team' community initiative was launched which gave people, who may find it difficult to secure employment, a chance to work as a volunteer helper for the public in the terminal;
- The Air Transport Forum had met with updates on the Lime Street railway station and feedback from the ATF Marketing Sub-Group.
- General Aviation aircraft movements had reduced by 12%.

Members discussed the Report and issues which impact on the Airport such as: changes to aircraft sizes; the Mersey Gateway bridge tolls; the loss of long haul links; and Arriva bus strikes.

DECIDED: That

the quarterly report be received.

At this point one member suffered a medical episode and the meeting was adjourned whilst he was cared for and taken away by medical staff. He later went on to make a full recovery.

54 AIRSPACE CHANGE

Andrew Dutton gave a presentation to the meeting regarding two separate airspace change matters, one that had happened in July 2016 and the second that potentially would happen in the future.

The first related to the introduction of an alternative GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite System) procedure that simulated the ILS (aircraft based Instrument Landing System) approaches for the Airport runways 09 and 27. Following a consultation in 2016 this had been implemented in July 2016 and the aim was to match the current ILS approaches which would not cause any change to flight paths in the immediate vicinity of the airport. He invited any feedback or comment to include in the implementation of the change.

The Chairman informed members that he had attended a meeting of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Community Discussion Forum (CDF) meeting with other ACC representatives where the issues had been raised and he urged members to make comments to the Airport or him if they had anything to note or wanted taking into consideration. Further to this the Chairman commented that the CAA was holding its next CDF in Manchester in January and he would attend then. Any feedback to take to the meeting would be welcomed.

Andrew then explained the potential bigger airspace change ahead, and where this fitted in with the FASI-N (Future Airspace Strategy Implementation for the North of the UK) process. The presentation included a video concerning the need for change. This included the switch from land- to satellite-based navigation.

The CAP 725 airspace change process guidance document was to be updated to CAP 1520 by the CAA in December 2017, which would introduce more rigorous guidelines and seven steps in a 108 week process. The airport company wanted members of organisations to participate in the design process prior to consultation.

55 ENR NOISE ACTION PLAN

Andrew Dutton informed the members with a brief presentation about the Noise Action Plan. This was a requirement of the Environmental Noise Regulations 2006 and worked on a 5 year rolling cycle. In the Government, DEFRA had to approve a draft Plan, which was to be published in 2018. Andrew welcomed feedback from any organisation.

The Chairman informed members that at the CDF meeting there was talk about the creation of a Noise Regulator, and there was to be a workshop to determine the parameters. The resulting parameters seemed driven by the area around Heathrow as only community representatives from there were represented. In January the next CDF meeting scheduled to be held in Manchester.

56 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

DECIDED: That

the Work programme be noted.

57 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no business under this item.

58 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members raised several issues that caused them concerns:

- Renewed rail franchises had cut the link between Liverpool City Centre and Liverpool South Parkway, the main station for links to the Airport. The Airport was aware of this and was investigating any potential links from Lime Street Station in the city centre.
- The lack of a Payzone facility at the Airport for the Mersey Gateway bridge. The Airport had explored this opportunity with MerseyFlow, the toll operator, but unfortunately no retailers at the Airport have this link. However, to date the lack of payment facility at the airport had not been raised by passengers as an issue, with payment via phone or the internet available to drivers who have used the new crossing.
- Dubai Airport was working toward obtaining the accolade of the most accessible airport. One member was part of the project team and offered to feed back.

59 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Liverpool John Lennon Airport Consultative Committee is scheduled for Friday 16 February 2018 at 10.30 am in the Cavern Suite, Liverpool John Lennon Airport L24 1YD

Chairman

Date