

# Minutes

Meeting	Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee		
Held on	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2022		
Time	1200 hrs		
Venue	Imperial Room, Departures Building		
Attendees	1.	Cllr Mrs J Jones (Chair)	Hurn Parish
	2	Mr D Skillicorn (Deputy)	Bournemouth University
	3	Cllr A Biggs	Verwood Town Council
	4	Mr John Cook	Crowhill Residents’ Association / Burley Parish Council
	5	Cllr T Cordery	Ferndown Town Council
	6	Mr J Hosker	Dorset Federation of Residents’ Association
	7	Cllr B Goringe	Dorset Council
	8	Mrs J Hudson	Broadstone Neighbourhood Forum
	9	Cllr T Jarvis	Bransgore & District Residents’ Association / Parish Council
	10	Ms J Rock	Bournemouth Chamber of Trade
	11	Cllr S Rippon-Swaine	New Forest District Council
	12	Mr P Thorne	Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce
	13.	Ms R Osborn	Secretary to Consultative Committee
In Attendance	Bournemouth Airport:		
	1.	Mr T Etches	Operations Director
	2.	Mr H Greenman	Estates Manager
	3.	Mr M Twomey	Head of Technical Services
	4.	Mrs C Willoughby-Crisp	Air Traffic & Operations Manager
	5.	Ms K Turner	Cyrrus
Apologies	6.	Mr D Whyte	Cyrrus
	1.	Mrs E Lancaster	Jumpers & St Catherine’s Hill Residents Association
	2.	Mr N Penman	Hampshire County Council & New Forest National Park Authority
	3.	Cllr Mrs M Phipps	BCP
	4.	Cllr P Russell	Crowhill Residents' Association / Burley Parish Council
Meeting dates:	(All Thursdays at 1200 hrs in the Imperial Room) ➔ 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 ➔ 3 <sup>nd</sup> November 2022		

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, Ms Turner gave a presentation on "Airspace Change Initiative". Members were fully briefed, and discussion ensued. Members were encouraged to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the organisations they represented and the link to the online survey would be re-sent to Members for those wishing to complete it later. It was advised that all surveys must be submitted by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2000 hrs. The Chair thanked Ms Turner for a most comprehensive presentation and stressed to Members the importance of getting their views officially noted via the questionnaire on behalf of the people they represented and also on behalf of the Consultative Committee.

## Introduction

The Chair expressed her thanks to the outgoing Chair, Mr Peter Thorne, for his commitment to the Committee over the last few years and his valued knowledge, expertise and leadership. Mr Thorne remained on the Committee as the Representative for Christchurch and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce.

The Chair welcomed Mr David Skillicorn, Member for Bournemouth University, as the incoming Deputy Chair and looked forward to working alongside him.

1. **Apologies**

1.1 As above

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting / Matters Arising**

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019, were approved by those present.

**ACTION** **Investigation into the Community Fund area of eligibility being extended to outside of the Christchurch Boundary, covering specific areas affected by Airport activity.** Update 17/2/22: The Airport advised they were to undertake Noise Contour Mapping. This will inform the exact areas potentially affected and will form the basis of discussions.

3. **Airport Business Update**

3.1 **Welcome:** Mr Etches welcomed Members back to the Airport after the interruption due to Covid. He gave a brief introduction on how the Airport had been affected and how difficult it had been to retain an operational airport, both through the Covid period and going forward.

3.2 **Ministerial Visit:** Aviation Minister Robert Courts was at Bournemouth Airport on the 27<sup>th</sup> January to see the vital role the Airport played in the battle against coronavirus. His visit coincided with a recruitment open day at the Airport, as it geared up for the new season and growth in its international air cargo business.

Since April 2020, the Airport played a critical role importing tens of millions of pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) and coronavirus testing kits from the Far East for the NHS. It also helped Bournemouth fill the gap left in international freight capacity caused by the sudden reduction in transatlantic airline travel.

During his tour, the Minister met aviation students from Bournemouth and Poole College and some of the local people applying for vacancies at the airport.

3.3 **HR Recruitment Day:** Held on the 27<sup>th</sup> January, the same day as the Ministerial visit. The Airport was looking to fill approximately 75 vacancies in the areas of Security, Ground Handling, Passenger Services and Cleaning. This was a very successful day, with over 220 attendees plus others wishing to be contacted who could not make the day. It was a very well organised event, with interviews held on the day resulting in a number of applicants subsequently being offered contracts of employment. Mr Etches advised that this event was very encouraging, as the Airport had found it difficult to recruit post-pandemic, as had many businesses in the UK.

3.4 **Operational Update:** As a traditional regional passenger airport, the pandemic had a marked effect on operation. Capturing the British Airways aircraft parking and reintroducing cargo operations into Bournemouth enabled the Airport to survive through a very difficult FY21. Whilst more positive than 2020, it was still challenging. A number of lockdowns and the lack of confidence in international travel reduced passenger numbers to circa 300,000, which was a 63% reduction on 2019 levels. As a result, commercial business suffered. Implementation of cargo operations, alongside existing passenger profile, had enabled Bournemouth to consolidate the business and survive.

3.5 **Statistics:** Mr Etches briefed Members on the fluctuation in passenger numbers from Financial Year 2020 to the projection for Financial Year 2023, as follows, and included cargo tonnage and employee headcount comparison:

	Budgetted Passengers (000s)	Actual Passengers (000s)	Cargo Tonnage (000s)	Employee Headcount
FY20	841	808	-	230
FY21	861	67	9,039	225
FY22	602	301	20,785	231
FY23	803	803	25,349	292

- 3.6 Mr Etches stated that the coming summer was an opportunity for Bournemouth to reinstate passenger operations and had 705,000 seats on sale for the summer season alone. He stated that the close working relationship with the airline partners meant that they had confidence in the Airport and its friendly and efficient operation. The airline partners had increased their offering for the summer to include five new destinations and had grown their existing routes.

In summary, there were three key airlines, TUI, Ryanair and easyJet. There were seven tour operators working with the Airport, namely Hays Travel, Hurtigruten, Newmarket Holidays, P&O Cruises, Santa's Lapland, Transun and TUI. The Airport flew to thirty-three destinations in sixteen countries.

Full List of Destinations:

Ryanair - Alicante, Bergerac, Budapest, Dublin, Faro, Girona, Gran Canaria, Krakow, Lisbon, Majorca, Malaga, Murcia, Tenerife Wroclaw and Zadar

TUI - Antalya, Corfu, Crete, Dalaman, Gran Canaria, Ibiza, Kefalonia, Lanzarote, Majorca, Menorca, Paphos, Rhodes, Tenerife and Zante

- 3.7 **Cargo:** The development of cargo operations into a regular offering at Bournemouth provided customers from overseas to capitalise on the London and UK market. Bournemouth provided an efficient and timely solution for their supply chain which outstripped the use of the traditional London airports.

Collectively, the increase in passengers and development of cargo operations would build jobs for the region and contribute to the success of the business in the local area.

To underpin the Airport's commitment to cargo operations, it now had a Head of Cargo, who was busy working with partners around the world to promote the advantages of working with Bournemouth Airport.

The pandemic provided a regular schedule of flights to China, collecting PPE and test kits on behalf of the NHS. This operation was being transitioned to move e-commerce from China to the UK on a routine basis. The advent and increase in online shopping had delivered a whole new world of cargo.

In parallel, a weekly schedule to JFK exporting and importing freight to the USA had been operating for over a year. It was hoped that this success could be replicated with other countries and to other continents.

Whilst BREXIT had seen the UK move away from routine European business, an opportunity had arisen to fly freight from Europe into the UK via Bournemouth. The Airport was working hard to bring this to fruition.

- 3.8 **Net Zero Carbon Emissions:** Regional and City Airports (RCA) was committed to net zero carbon emissions from airport operations fully within its own control by 2050 at the latest, reducing absolute emissions to the furthest extent possible and addressing any remaining emissions through investment in carbon removal and storage. The Targets were:

- The establishment of suitable business practices and management routines to support progress towards the strategic objective, including developing a reporting structure for the RCA Group board to monitor progress;
- To successfully apply for ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) membership for Exeter, Bournemouth and Norwich Airports;
- To achieve ACA Level 1 Mapping accreditation for Exeter, Bournemouth and Norwich Airports.

Mr Etches was pleased to advise that Bournemouth, Exeter and Norwich airports had met all the necessary requirements for Level 1, "Mapping of the Airport Carbon Accreditation Programme" awarded by Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) and were now working towards Level 2. A copy of the communications issued to staff explaining the rationale was distributed to Members for their information.

#### 4. **Corporate & Social Responsibility**

##### 4.1 **Environmental and Sustainability Officer**

Mr Twomey advised that recruitment for a new Environmental and Sustainability Officer had been interrupted by the pandemic. This had now restarted, and it was hoped to appoint in the new Financial Year.

## 4.2 **Community Fund**

No meetings had taken place due to the pandemic and change from Christchurch to BCP. However, there had been internal progress via a plan to carry out Noise Contour Mapping. This will inform the exact areas potentially affected and could form the basis of discussions.

## 4.3 **Noise Complaints**

Rolling Year January 2021 to January 2022:

- 18 complaints for the year
- 17 complainants
- 14 within Bournemouth's control zone, 4 outside

Jan 2021 - Jan 2022 Noise Complaints Locations			
Complaint No	Within Bournemouth Controlled Zone	Outside Bournemouth Controlled Airspace	Comments
1	Wallisdown Area		
2	Fairmile Area		
3	St Catherine Hill Estate		
4	New Forest Burley		
5	Ashley Heath St Leonards Area		
6	Homefield Park		
7		Hamworthy	
8		Ringwood Rd Ferndown	
9	Bearwood		
10		Southampton	
11		Southampton	
12	Corfe Mullen		
13	Broadstone		
14	West Moors		
15	Ashley Heath St Leonards Area		
16	West Parley		
17	Bransgore		
18			No post code address given by noise complainer
			Location unknown

## 5. **Property**

### 5.1 **Property - Occupancy**

Mr Greenman briefed Members on the activity in Bournemouth Airport's Property sector. The occupancy level was over 95%, with a high demand for hangarage and warehouse / distribution premises.

### 5.2 **Property - Area Wide Travel Plan for Aviation Business Park and Bournemouth Airport**

- Staff travel survey currently being undertaken, closes 18<sup>th</sup> February
- How employees travel to and from work
- Attitudes to sustainable travel e.g. car sharing, public transport, walking and cycling
- Measures to facilitate more sustainable travel that is appropriate and effective

### 5.3 **Property - MEES - Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards**

- Currently EPCs must be at least an E
- Must be at least C or above by April 2027 and B or above by April 2030

Mr Greenman briefed Members on the changes in regulations for leased / rented properties in relation to energy consumption. This included private rental properties.

5.4 **Property – Planning Applications**

1. Outline planning consent for 85,100 sqm employment floorspace. Creating 2,600 jobs and a potential £100 million benefit to the economy. 25 hectares of new industrial land with road improvements – at least 60% for storage or distribution, with the rest for other industrial uses and a smaller proportion of offices.
2. Planning consent granted for a link road to be developed between Aviation Park East and Aviation Park West. This will alleviate unnecessary business park traffic utilising public roads, as well as facilitating improved cycle and pedestrian access.
3. Detailed planning consent for a 10,328 sqm unit on Aviation Park East for light industry, general industry and storage and distribution

6. **Any Other Business**

- 6.1 The Chair commended the Airport Team for their efforts in keeping the Airport operational during what was a most difficult time, adding that we all were very lucky to still have an Airport, this was echoed by the Members.

Chair .....

Date ..... 2022

**Future Meeting Dates**

To commence at 1200 hrs in the Imperial Room

→ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022→ Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022