

Minutes

Meeting	Bournemouth Airport Consultative Committee
Held on	Thursday, 30 th November 2023
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. Cllr T Cordery	Ferndown Town Council
	5. Mrs J Hudson	Broadstone Neighbourhood forum
	6. Mr T Jarvis	Deputy - Bransgore & District Residents Association
	7. Mrs S Fotheringham	Deputy – Friends of St Catherine’s Hill
	8. Cllr Mrs M Phipps	BCP
	9. Cllr S Rippon-Swaine	New Forest District Council
	10. Mr R Shea	Bransgore & District Residents Association
	11. Mr P Thorne	Christchurch & District Chamber of Trade & Commerce
	12. 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
Apologies	1. Mrs K Glynn	Crowhill Residents’ Association / Burley Parish Council
	2. Cllr J Cook	Deputy - Crowhill Residents’ Association / Burley Parish Council
	3. Ms D Hart	Dorset Chamber of Trade & Industry
	4. Cllr B Gorringe	Dorset County Council
	5. Mr B Perkins	Bournemouth Chamber of Trade & Commerce

Meeting dates:	(All Thursdays at 1200 hrs in the Imperial Room)
	→ 21 st March 2024
	→ 25 th July 2024
	→ 21 st November 2024

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting, held on 27th July 2023, were approved by those present.

2. Actions from Minutes of Last Meeting

There were none.

3. Airport Business Update – Tim Etches, Operations Director

- 3.1 **Passenger numbers** for October stood at 97,846, slightly ahead of budget. Year to Date (from April 2023), passenger numbers stood at 737,224, in line with budget. There were 594 passenger aircraft movements in the month of October, 60 cargo movements and 1,319 General Aviation movements (including light aircraft).
- 3.2 The Airport was expecting to be busier next year, with a second TUI based aircraft and an 8% increase in Ryanair flights. The flying schedule would go from 80 flights per week to 94. Dublin was not on the radar for next year, but there was the addition of Ryanair operations to La Rochelle and Agadir (TBC). The Airport expected to welcome over 1 million passengers next year.
- 3.3 “Project Sparkle” was currently on the go to improve the Airport’s facilities, including decorating, refurbishment of toilets, car park works and re-covering of the History Wall. In addition to passenger areas, Project Sparkle had also been extended to staff crew rooms.

- 3.4 Between now and next summer, the Airport was investing circa £6m on passenger operational areas / equipment. There was to be a new baggage system, baggage x-ray, conveyor and make-up systems etc. Existing areas in the Terminal would be utilised causing minimum impact. A temporary building was being installed adjacent to Arrivals to allow for a 4th carousel, providing more capacity, and a marque for queuing passengers in inclement weather. C3-level x-ray machines were to be installed allowing an easier transit for passengers through security as there would be no need to separate liquids from hand luggage or take laptops out of bags. This was the latest technology.
- 3.5 In addition, the Airport had procured a new Fire Engine and the new Radar installation had gone well and was expected to be online in January.
- 3.6 Cargo had taken off well, with currently 8 flights per week to China, with 75 tonnes of incoming cargo per day.
- 3.7 A Member asked about car parking. Mr Etches replied that the Airport had circa 2,800 spaces with another 300 to go online for next summer. Other options were being explored.
- 3.8 A Member expressed concern over the off-site car parking facility at Adventure Wonderland, which had been the subject of an article in the Bournemouth Echo that day. The Member stated that the marketing stated it was within a 20-minute walk of the Airport and the Member was concerned over pedestrian safety on Parley Lane. Mr Etches replied that the Airport shared their concern, although the matter lay with BCP Council. The Airport continued to work closely with BCP and Parkfield School on the subject of pedestrian access. Mr Etches stressed that the safety of the public was paramount and was not remotely about revenue. The Member for BCP advised that BCP were aware and Enforcement were investigating, conducting a full assessment.
- 3.9 A Member referred the meeting to an article in the Bournemouth Echo that morning, stating that the Airport “had most expensive car parking in the UK”. Mr Etches replied that, in fact, Bournemouth was one of the cheapest in the UK. There were other factors involved in this survey which Bournemouth did not have and could not compete, such as free remote parking with busing to terminals.
- 3.10 A Member stated that the contribution that the whole Bournemouth Airport site contributed to the local economy should not be under-estimated. There was a huge amount of employment both onsite and generating employment via services required in the area.
- 3.11 A Member expressed concern over traffic congestion, particularly at Parley Cross. A discussion took place on planning, road infrastructure and the number of roadworks being undertaken, which created a knock-on effect to areas such as Parley and Hurn Court Lane, which had subsequently had bollards installed to prevent parking. It was noted that the Airport had no jurisdiction in this area, although had made a significant contribution to road infrastructure via the Section 106 Agreement when planning was granted for the Terminal redevelopment.

4. **Corporate & Social Responsibility – Mike Twomey, Head of Technical Services**

4.1 **Community Fund:**

The first meeting has been held. Currently all three BCP representatives on the Committee were from Christchurch so it was decided this should be changed to include one representative from each area. BCP and the airport to co-ordinate a joint marketing campaign to announce the relaunch of the Community Fund. Next meeting to be held in January 2024.

Community Fund area:



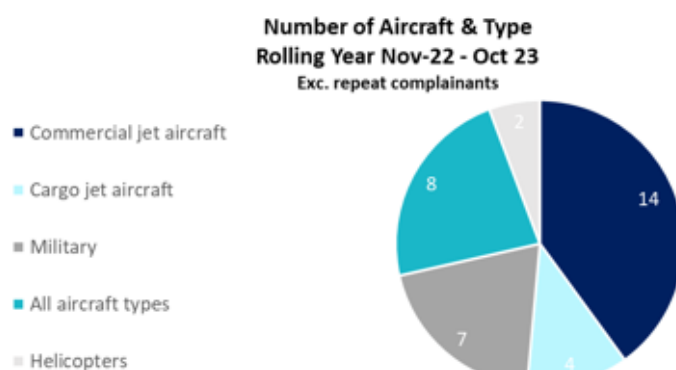
4.2

Noise Complaints:

Rolling Year 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023:

- ➔ 57 complaints for the year – all complaints compliant
- ➔ 44 complainants

Number of complaints per area:



Areas	All complaints	Exc. repeat
Bashley	1	1
Bearwood	1	1
Bournemouth	8	2
Bransgore	3	3
Broadstone	2	2
Brockenhurst	1	1
Burley	18	2
Christchurch	2	2
Ferndown	1	1
Hurn	1	1
Kinson	1	1
Poolle	3	3
Ringwood	3	3
West Parley	5	5
Wimborne	2	2
Other/not known	5	5
Total	57	35

4.3

A Member asked for his thanks to be passed on to Mrs Mallet-Knight regarding the recently circulated Noise Action Plan and stated how well it had been put together. The Chair echoed this and reminded the Committee that this was also testament to the early work of the Consultative Committee when the plan was first introduced. It was noted that the CDA (Continuous Descent Approach) had been proposed by the Committee and adopted by the Airport so that now all aircraft operated in this way as a matter of course. This was a shining example of cooperation and working together to benefit everyone. Members agreed, with the Member raising the point adding that he had no further comment on the new NAP.

5.

Property – Harvey Greenman, Estates Manager

5.1

Mr Greenman briefed Members on the developments on the Business Park, including building APB39, a new warehouse building which would be completed tomorrow. This building had secure cycle parking, 14 EV charging points and high-performance insulation rating amongst other benefits.

- 5.2 Occupancy stood at 98% currently. There had been 10 new lettings since January, 5 to new companies to the Airport site, and 10 lease renewals this year.
- 5.3 The Area Wide Travel Plan was approved by BCP in May and the Annual Monitoring Report submitted. The Sustainable Travel Pack had been launched and was on the website and new cycle paths and footpaths had been installed. There had been a Travel Event in September, to which the Committee had been invited, including representation from Yellow Buses and Dr Bike who provided free cycle repairs. A Travel Forum had been held in October.
- 5.4 The day-to-day work continued on the Business Park, i.e. fixing potholes, flooding, surface water and drainage. Gritting was starting and tree surveys were underway. Meadow flowers had also recently been planted ready for next year.
- 5.5 A Member asked a question about energy supply. Mr Greenman replied that, although the supply was limited, a lot of occupants had found ways of cutting down on their power, so capacity had not been reached. Also, there were many companies operating home working for employees, following covid, and a lot of the businesses had staggered operating hours, i.e. were not 9 to 5.
- 5.6 A Member asked about bussing staff to work at the Airport. Mr Greenman replied that this had been considered, however, it would prove difficult as a survey found that people came from far and wide to work at the Airport and it would be impossible to operate such a service. Also, when a service was operated to the Travel Exchange, there were times when there was no-one travelling on the buses. The Airport encouraged car sharing and staff were participating as this helped with their own finances.

6. **Any Other Business**

- 6.1 The Chair asked whether any of the Members had attended the Teams Meeting on Airspace Change, run by Cyrrus. The presentation had been requested from Cyrrus and would be circulated.

Chair

Date 2024