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Present: Mr V Astling - Chairman

In attendance from Birmingham International Airport Ltd:

Mr R Heard - Managing Director
Mr S Hill - Head of Planning and Development
Mr J Morris - Head of Corporate Affairs

In attendance from Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council:

D Ohdedar & Mr S Copeland - Representing the Secretary

Balsall Parish Council - Cllr M Longfield
Balsall Residents Association - Mr D Ellis
Bickenhill Parish Council - Cllr P Southwick
Bickenhill Parish Council - Cllr R Sleigh
Bickenhill Parish Council - Cllr J Williams
Birmingham City Council - Cllr J Whorwood
Birmingham City Council - Mr G Tringham
Chelmsley Town Council - Cllr A R Harper
Consumers Association - Mr P Orton
Coventry City Council - Cllr N Lee
Elms Farm Residents Association - Mr L Thurstan
Fordbridge Town Council - Mr J Alcock
Kingshurst Parish Council - Cllr J Workready
Knowle Society - Mr J Rowley
MGRA - Cllr J Stevens
North Warwickshire Borough Council - Cllr B Moss
Sandwell MBC - Cllr Dr T Crumpton
Sheldon Residents Association - Mrs M Kennett
Solihull Chamber of Commerce - Mrs D Farley
Solihull MBC - Mr L Osborne
Solihull MBC - Ms B Hill

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Staffordshire County Council	-	Cllr R Smith
Warwick District Council	-	Cllr G Guest
Wychwood Club	-	Mr G Heaps

Apologies were received on behalf of: -

Berkswell Parish Council	-	Cllr D Hitchcock
Birmingham City Council	-	Cllr M Byrne
Dudley MBC	-	Cllr Turner
Hampton Parish Council	-	Cllr P Adams
Hampton-in-Arden Society	-	Mr A Minton

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee, held on 27 April 2005, were submitted.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2005 be agreed.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2005/06

The ACC received Cllr J Stevens name as a nomination.

RESOLVED

That Cllr J Stevens be confirmed as the Vice-Chairman.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2005 AND MATTERS ARISING

The ACC was informed that matters relating to Carbon Free Indices were addressed within the Environmental Monitoring Report.

RESOLVED

That the minute be confirmed as a correct record.

4. AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2005

The Airport Company presented their Airport Activities Report for the period April to June 2005. The contents of the report on the following topics were taken as read.

- Passenger, Cargo and Aircraft Movements.
- Flight Punctuality Statistics.
- Market Development - Aviation.
- Market Development - Commercial
- Customer Services.
- Operations.
- Airport Development.
- Planning Environment and Transportation.

- Community Affairs.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

5. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING REPORT – APRIL TO JUNE 2005

The Airport Company presented their Environment Monitoring report for the period April to June 2005. The report, as submitted, was taken as read. In presenting the report, the Airport Company drew Members attention to work to commission the ANOMS 8 system, which is hoped to be launched before the end of the financial year. Moreover, Members were informed that the statistic was missing within the table under paragraph 1.5 in the June 2005 column, and the table under paragraph 4.1 April 2005 row statistic should have been 1, and not entered as none. The Members were informed that an additional note would be attached to the minute containing the corrections.

Discussion Points

Members raised their concerns over instrument landing system (ILS) being put offline whilst air traffic works are undertaken as this is potentially causing offtracks over local villages.

The Airport Company assured the Members that pilots are using NDB approach whilst the ILS is offline. This includes a radio beacon transmitting nondirectional signals whereby the pilot of an aircraft equipped with direction finding equipment can determine his bearing to or from the radio beacon and home on or track to or from the station.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted;
- (ii) The Airports Company's proposals for the 2005 Review of the Night Flying Policy be noted.

Airport Company Post-Minute Note:

Table 1.5 Engine Ground Running - Idle Ground Runs for the period June 2005 was: 3.

Table 4.1 Oily Deposits Investigations - June 2005 was: 1, but, upon investigation, it was clear that it was lichen and not an Oily Deposit which could have been attributed to the airport/air transport activity. One investigation relating to a property in Sheldon, which upon investigation was lichen and not an oily deposit.

Table 5 Complaints - Further details to be provided regarding offtracks during May 2005 which was: 24 and Noise during June 2005, which was: 21.

The May Investigation of 24 reported off-tracks show 1 due visual approach, 1 off NPR to maintain separation distance, 22 'on-track'.

The June Investigation of 21 reported noise concerns included nil noise exceedences, 1 Police Helicopter, 3 requests for Sound Insulation Scheme, 1 possible military, 1 possible Coventry operations, 3 from one individual in Warwick requesting change in flight paths, 1 relating to airfield works (breaking of concrete on Taxiway Alpha).

6. ENVIRONMENT MONITORING WORKING GROUP

The Chairman of the Environment Monitoring Working Group invited the Committee to receive both the minute of the meeting held on 5 July 2005, together with his report.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the minutes and report be noted.

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7. PASSENGER SERVICES AND SURFACE TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP

The Chairman of the Passenger Services and Surface Transport Sub-Committee invited the Committee to receive both the minutes of the meeting held 5 July 2005, together with his report. The minute and report were taken as read. The Chairman brought the Members attention to the absence of the Airport Company at their last meeting.

Discussion Points

Solihull MBC Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health asked the Airport Company if they would be feeding into the West Midlands Local Transport Plan (LTP), as a number of buses to and from and around the airport were currently under threat. The Airport Company responded that it will get involved in the LTP in matters which affected Birmingham Airport and will be picked up through the Master Plan. The Airport Company also made Members aware that advertising and promoting Birmingham International airport for its business routes and tourist input abroad, was something, which it had been following up with Advantage West Midlands (AWM) to secure pump priming.

RESOLVED

A joint letter from the Airport Company and the PS&STWG to AWM to request pump priming funding.

8. MASTERPLAN – VERBAL UPDATE

The Airport Company gave a verbal update with regard to the Airport Masterplan Review. The information considered by the Committee was taken as read.

Discussion Points

The Airport Company informed Members that there were traffic congestion problems with the M42 modelling. Members felt that the ACC should see the Masterplan before it is publicly launched.

9. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REVIEWS

The Members undertook its annual membership review.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Membership of the ACC be endorsed for a further twelve months and reviewed again collectively in July 2006; and
- (ii) The Membership of the Environmental Monitoring Working Group and Passenger and Surface Transport Working Group be reviewed in July 2006.

10. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES – LIVERPOOL 2005

The Chairman provided Members with a report outlining the key issues discussed at the annual meeting.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Consumers Association asked the Airport Company what Birmingham International Airport market expenditure was.

The Airport Company would submit the information onto the minute as an additional post-minute note.

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RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, 26th October 2005 at 2.30pm at Diamond House.