

Notes of the **AIR TRAFFIC COMMITTEE** meeting held on Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.30pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

PRESENT: Chair Nick Anderson (NA), Cllr Andrew Fane (AF), Cllr Marcus Tarling (MT) Members of the Public: Paul Watkins (PW)

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public are encouraged to come to the meetings and there is a 10 minute opportunity at the start of the meeting for them to address the Air Traffic Committee. There were no members of the public present.

1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING - None
2. APOLOGIES - None.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2018

001413 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes.

Completed

- Noise Monitor application submitted to Gatwick. Date for decision: May meeting of the Gatwick Noise Monitoring Group. PW was thanked for his contribution to this and for attending the Parish Council meeting and speaking on this item. It was noted that should the Parish Council be successful in achieving a noise monitor, a request should be made to receive copies of the data collected to tie in with the Air Traffic Committee meetings.

Outstanding

- A reference Sheet is still in progress. NA to presented at July meeting
- Website page to be updated based on text provided by PW. Assistant Clerk to update for July meeting.
- Air Quality Mapping toolkit information. NA to finalise for July meeting.

5. GATWICK AIRPORT ARRIVALS REVIEW: PERCEPTION OF AIRCRAFT HEIGHT AND NOISE REPORT

Brighton University who have published this report have stated that they welcome comments on the report. It was agreed that this was a useful and unique study. The Air Traffic Committee agreed to read the report and provide the Assistant Clerk with any comments for collation and agreement. These would then be sent in response to the report.

Items 6 & 7 of the agenda were considered at the same time

6. HMG REPORT :-NEXT STEPS TOWARDS AN AVIATION STRATEGY APRIL 2018

7. CONSULTATION OUTCOME - A NEW AVIATION STRATEGY FOR THE UK: CALL FOR EVIDENCE

It was noted that the response from the Government to the consultation are very disappointing and the responses to noise and air pollution were limited. It was considered that the content was predictable but appeared to highlight greater awareness of public perception and other organisations.

8. PROVISION OF INFORMATION FROM ESCCAN FROM NOISE MANAGEMENT BOARD

It was noted that ESCCAN are considering their position as part of the Noise Management Board. They are unsure of the benefit of being a member and there was a feeling of despondency with outcomes and achievements. It was further noted that ESCCAN are producing a paper currently titled "An Alternative View". It was agreed that once available this would be reviewed by the Air Traffic Committee.

Action: The Assistant Clerk was asked to add to a future agenda when available.

9. RE-OPENING OF THE HEATHROW CONSULTATION –

This was noted and the Air Traffic Committee agreed to continue to monitor this as it develops.

10. UPDATE ON MEETINGS ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PW had previously circulated a report on his Gatwick Airport tour and reiterated that it was useful and he would recommend it. It was noted that a further invitation has been received and the Assistant Clerk was asked to share with all councillors.

Action: Assistant Clerk to share Gatwick invitation with all Councillors.

11. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Air Traffic Committee had received the existing Terms of Reference prior to the meeting.

001414 **RESOLVED** to recommend to May Council the current Terms of Reference

12. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

It was agreed that the Air Traffic Committee would hold an informal meeting for the members to discuss and become more familiar with technical information with regards to flights and aircraft.

It was noted that light pollution is a possible area that the Air Traffic Committee should consider for future meetings.

It was noted that Nus Ghani the Member of Parliament for Wealden is also a Minister in the Department for Transport.

13. DATE OF MEETING

It was agreed to amend the date of the next meeting to the 13th August 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm