

## HEATHROW AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2000 in the Millenium Dome

#### PRESENT:

Sam Jones, Chairman	-	HACC
Maurice Hudson, Technical Adviser	-	HACC
Sue Heeps, Secretary	-	HACC
Cllr Josephine Barrett	-	LB of Hillingdon
Cllr G Blampied	-	Spelthorne BC
Janet Brady	-	Independent
Danny Brown	-	Independent
Cllr P De Vic Carey	-	LB of Hounslow
Cllr Gerry Ceaser	-	Spelthorne BC
Brian Close	-	FANG
Don Coventry	-	TUC
Cllr S Dhaliwal	-	LB of Hounslow
Dr Paul Ellis	-	IATA
Roy Featherstone	-	ABTA
Virginia Godfrey	-	HACAN/ClearSkies
Cllr J Greer	-	South Bucks DC
Dave Hopkins	-	BATA
Iain Hope	-	HASG
Andy Hull	-	Independent
Sir Peter Innes	-	LCCI
Cllr S Kallar	-	ALG
Cllr H S Kanwal	-	LB of Hounslow
Cllr M Khursheed	-	LB of Hillingdon
Tony Lucking	-	AUC
Cllr James Maxwell	-	Surrey CC
Brian Sharp	-	EANAG
Brian Yates	-	Consumers' Association

#### HEATHROW AIRPORT LIMITED

Roger Cato	-	Managing Director
Jenny Bradley	-	Public Affairs Director
Jon Phillips	-	Public Affairs Deputy Director
Ian Witter	-	Environment & Compliance Manager
Gerard Silverstone	-	Community Relations Manager
Liam Curran	-	London Government Relations Manager

#### OTHERS

Paul Reardon	-	DETR
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**Apologies for absence** were received from the following :- Cllr Mann (Slough BC), Paul Fox (HAL), Andrew Dryland (HAL), Cllr T Stubbs (LAANC), Keith Abnett (FANG), Cllr Chapple (Bucks CC), Philip Carlisle (GBTA), Cllr M Beer (Windsor & Maidenhead), Col Jim Blake (Independent), Cllr M Majumdar (LB of Ealing) and Mark Balaam (LTB).

**Welcome** - The Chairman welcomed Danny Brown (Independent) to the Committee.

## **2505 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **2490.7 - Report from the Managing Director**

Amend 'moving annual total for passengers at Heathrow' to 'moving annual total movements at Heathrow' as the reference was to these and not passengers.

With this amendment the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2000 were agreed as a correct record.

## **2506 MATTERS ARISING**

### **2489 - Membership Review**

Paper HACC.211A had been circulated with the agenda. The Chairman said that BAA Heathrow were prepared to delay any changes to reduce membership of the Committee subject to the following resolution:-  
If any member (or their Deputy) fails to attend three consecutive meetings the Secretary will write to the organisation concerned giving them the opportunity to appoint another representative. If the new representative then fails to attend three consecutive meetings the organisation will be removed from membership of the Committee. This resolution was agreed.

The Chairman recognised that there were concerns about the size of the committee. Cllr Maxwell said that he could not understand why it was necessary for a local authority to have more than one member when the committee did not work on a votes system. The Chairman said that this was an historical position and that even if the committee took a vote, the local authorities concerned would have only one vote regardless of the number of members.

Cllr Ceaser thanked BAA Heathrow for reconsidering the matter of membership.

## **2507 REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARIAT**

### **Membership**

Cllr John Greer replaces Cllr Lidgate for South Bucks DC. The London Tourist Board have nominated Mr Mark Balaam, Market Intelligence Manager. The Chairman of BATA, Mr Dave Hopkins will represent BATA on the HACC and his Deputy, Mr Pat Boham, will join PSSC. Cllr Jamieson has resigned as Deputy for Windsor & Maidenhead.

### **Meeting Dates for 2001**

It was agreed that HACC meetings in 2001 will be held at 2pm on the following dates:-

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2001  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2001  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2001  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2001  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2001\* [*not PSSC*]  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2001  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2001

It is also proposed to hold PSSC meetings on the same days at 10am with the exception of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2001 which will take the form of a Seminar.

*Would Members please ensure these dates are noted in their diaries.*

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**hacc@hacc.org.uk**

**2508 REPORT BY THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, BAA HEATHROW**

- .1 The Managing Director's report had been circulated with the agenda. Roger Cato gave an update on the fuel situation and its likely affect on the airport and said that there was sufficient for at least seven days. He also explained that there had been a fire in a sub-station which had knocked out a small section of taxiway lighting close to the threshold of one of the runways. As a precautionary measure runway alternation was reduced for a short period but there had been no question of safety being compromised.
- .2 Cllr Blampied said that one of the biggest revenue earners at Heathrow was freight and asked if more information about cargo and related issues could be included in the report. The Managing Director agreed.

**2509 COMBINED MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LOCAL ISSUES AND GENERAL PURPOSES & ECONOMIC ISSUES SUB-COMMITTEES**

A report of the combined meeting of the Environment & Local Issues and General Purposes & Economic Issues Sub-Committee was circulated with the agenda (HACC.226) and was noted.

**2510 COMBINED SUB-COMMITTEES MEETING**

- .1 A combined meeting of the Environment & Local Issues, General Purposes & Economic Issues and Surface Access Sub-Committee had been held on 12<sup>th</sup> September and the Chairman gave a verbal report of the items discussed.

- .2 **DETR Trial of Runway Alternation 0600-0700.** The trial has been running since 14<sup>th</sup> August and is likely to continue for 2 years, data is being collected under 13 different headings. The DETR will give a progress report to the Environment & Local Issues Sub-Committee approximately every three months.
- .3 **CAA ‘Issues for the Airport Reviews’.** (HACC.227 refers) There will be further consultation on this matter and the sub-committees agreed that there should be a headline response to this initial consultation.
- .4 **GLA ‘Congestion Charging in Central London’.** (HACC.228 refers) The sub-committees were concerned at the possible increase in traffic congestion on the west side of the inner ring road. Members queried the status of public services (other than scheduled bus services) which were unclear. It was agreed that people entering London in the evening for entertainment at theatres etc should be relieved from congestion charges after 1800 hours. Concern was expressed about the pressures that would arise on suburban stations and the surrounding areas because of increased car parking demands. It was agreed that these comments should be included in the HACC response to the consultation.
- .5 **BAA Planning Standards, Targets & Guidelines.** The Chairman reported that Members were satisfied with the comments contained in this paper but did express the view that the presentation could be more concise. Cllr Maxwell said that concern about the planning powers and their consideration of environmental impact by BAA had been raised at the meeting. The Chairman reported that the Planning & Environment Director, Andrew Dryland, had promised to bring a paper outlining BAA planning powers to the next meeting of the General Purposes & Economic Issues Sub-committee.
- .6 **DETR ‘Control of Noise from Civil Aircraft’.** (HACC.229 refers) The Chairman reported that Paul Ellis had pointed out that the role of users should be included in the consultation. However most discussion centred around question 14 which concerned the role of consultative committees. Members felt that the present consultation arrangements were acceptable and that the consultative committees should continue but that there should be more emphasis on independence. It had been suggested that a website could be developed for HACC and this will be discussed further.
- .7 The Technical Adviser said that some controversy had arisen from his suggested response to questions 7 and 8 which concerned the powers of local authorities and noise amelioration schemes. After discussion it was agreed that no comments on these questions would be made in the response however the Technical Adviser did want to ask members to reconsider one aspect of the response put forward in HACC.229. “Noise reduction plans should anyway be based upon nationally accepted noise criteria, otherwise if it were left to local authorities to determine what these should be, differing criteria would be applied at different aerodromes, This would make operating conditions uncertain and difficult for operators because standards could be altered each time an authority changed its policies.” Members agreed to this response.

- .8 The Technical Adviser said that a comment had been made that matters of little concern to the committee were being discussed. He disagreed and said that items on the agenda were of concern to the committee, they may not concern individual members or the organisations they represent, but they certainly concerned the committee as a body. There are many peripheral matters that are not brought before the committee.
- .9 **Aircraft Noise Complaints Report for April-June 2000.** Cllr Blampied asked why there had been an increase in complaints from Spelthorne in this period. Ian Witter said that there was no obvious reason from aircraft operations. The Chairman asked if a report on fluctuations could be brought to the December meeting. Brian Sharp said that it was very difficult to find reasons for the fluctuations in complaints and it was often seasonal.

## **2511 SOUTH EAST AND EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL AIR SERVICES STUDY (SERAS)**

The Technical Adviser had attended a meeting of SERAS the previous week. Following complaints from members of the Reference Group that they were not being kept sufficiently informed the DETR have promised to involve members in more meetings and to distribute more information now that the flow is increasing from consultants. A chart showing the various studies was circulated and is attached to these minutes. Members had previously expressed concern about whether demand management was being considered as part of these studies and this aspect was discussed at length in the recent meeting. The Technical Adviser was able to assure members that demand management was an important item on the SERAS agenda.

## **2512 PASSENGER SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE**

A report from the Passenger Services Sub-Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2000 was circulated with the agenda (HACC.230) and was noted.

## **2513 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Three sub-committee meetings have been arranged during November:-

Environment & Local Issues Sub-Committee  
2pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2000 at the Visitor Centre

General Purposes & Economic Issues Sub-Committee  
11.30am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2000 at Heathrow Point West

Surface Access Sub-Committee  
2pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2000 at the Visitor Centre

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2000**