

Consultative Committee Meeting Thursday 25th January 2018 14.30pm

Attendees:

FWB -Fred Wood-Brignal MBE. Chairman

PC-Philip Carter. Secretary

HM- Hani Mutlaq Executive Manager

CW- Clive Wire. Independent Marsh Representative

MW- Michael Walsh. Independent Marsh Representative.

TR- Tony Rodrigues. New Romney Town Council

PCO- Peter Coe. New Romney Town Council

Cllr Laws. Lydd Town Council

TH- Cllr Tony Hills KCC

RG- Robin Gordon Lydd Air

Martin Flood Range Officer Lydd

David Islesley Shepway District Council

Apologies:

Cllr. David Godfrey

Cllr Clive Goddard

Dungeness Power station manager

FWB asked all attendees if they had read the minutes from the previous meeting and whether there were any matters arising from them. All in agreement no issues.

Airport Manager Report.

HM advised all that there has been no real progress since the last meeting with the land purchase required for the runway extension plans. CPO papers are ready for court if no commercial deal is made. Planning permissions are still secured and studies are all up to date.

The Airport revenue is increasing on a daily basis. All hangars are fully utilised and Bristow are now renting hangar 4, to cater for their two new larger helicopters, until their new premises are ready in hopefully March 2018. There has been a slight delay in the completion date, due to waiting for consent from Shepway Council for instillation of new electrical supply cables. HM will contact DI of Shepway Council if delay persists.

HM was asked if airport receives any complaints about noise of air sea rescue helicopter operations.

HM advised that there had been no complaints received concerning operation of air sea rescue services at Lydd, and general feedback indicated the rescue service was very much appreciated by the general public.

HM was asked his professional opinion on the decision by Thanet Council to reconsider opening Manston as an airport, instead of a housing development.

HM advised that this would be a very costly and time consuming project and it would need to have a good business case to make it operational again.

TH advised all that KCC strongly supports Lydd Airport development/expansion.

MW complimented the staff and food at Lydd Airport restaurant, especially the Sunday carvery.

Questions for the Airport Management:

Nothing that has not already been discussed.

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Ranges- Any concerns arising from Bristow with the ranges. HM advised that no concerns have been raised.

RG- advised all that Lydd Air Scheduled flights to Le Touquet will be cut back in 2018.

Robin also advised he will be retiring in March to go sailing.

The committee thanked Robin for all his attendances and wished him well for the future.

TH advised that come this April planning permissions will go in for the Sea defensive work to be carried out at the Hythe ranges, with 2019 targeted for work to commence and completing 2020

This work is not going to effect the operating hours of the ranges.

Date of next meeting will be **26th July 2018 14.30pm**

Meeting Closed.