

**Minutes of the Norwich Airport Consultative Committee**

**held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 1400hrs**

**at the Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Hellesdon Parish Council Offices**

<b>1) Present:</b>	S Gurney	Norfolk County Council (Chairman)
	R Pace	Norwich Airport Ltd
	P Langley	Norwich Airport Ltd
	G Hegarty	Horsham & Newton St Faith PC
	K Clarke	Horsford PC
	R Fisher	Frettenham PC
	J Latchford	Taverham PC
	J Anderson	Drayton PC
	L Rogers	Hainford PC
	S Rees	KLMUK Engineering
	S Crowe	KLMUK Engineering

<b>Apologies:</b>	W Easlea	KLMUK Engineering
	B Leggett	Old Catton PC
	M Maxwell	Norwich City Council
	M Gee	Norwich Airport Aviation Group

**2) Minutes of the previous meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and any matters arising:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July were agreed by those present at the meeting and duly signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Matters Arising: None cited.

SG took this opportunity to pass on the committees' condolences at the loss of Lionel Wilkinson, the former member for Drayton Parish Council, who had previously served on the committee for many years.

**3) Managing Director's Report**

Flights to Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Exeter, Jersey, Guernsey, Amsterdam, Majorca, Corfu, and Tenerife have been operating. Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Exeter, Amsterdam, and Tenerife are expected to continue to operate through the winter. Passenger numbers are slowly increasing as government travel restrictions are relaxed. The main concern is to get the Amsterdam frequency

increased to at least 2 per day compared to pre-pandemic frequency of 3 per day. The level of helicopter activity remains consistent.

Financial performance also continues to slowly improve, and the airport is back in positive territory.

The number of parked aircraft has started to reduce from a high close to 50 aircraft with now approximately 25 aircraft still parked at the airport.

The return of year-round flights to Tenerife started on September 30 with TUI with up to two direct flights a week. This provides an opportunity for some winter sun for those unable to get away in the summer.

TUI has already confirmed its summer 2022 schedule from Norwich Airport, with flights to Spain (Ibiza, Menorca, Majorca, Tenerife), Greece (Corfu, Crete, Rhodes), Cyprus (Paphos), and Turkey (Dalaman) resuming in May 2022.

By next summer the airport should be back to offering 19 domestic and international destinations in ten countries including the start of direct flights from Jersey next summer with Channel Islands-based airline Blue Islands.

A planning application has been submitted for up to 120,000 square meters of new development at Imperial Park, located on the north side of the airport. The application, which was the subject of public consultation over the summer, has been submitted to Norwich City Council and Broadland District Council.

The plans seek to renew the planning consent obtained for Imperial Park in 2020, with an increased amount of proposed total floorspace, from 95,000 square metres to 120,000 square metres. Consistent with the previous consent, the floorspace will be split equally between aviation related development and general employment development. The increase responds to a desire by local authorities to see land safeguarded for aviation uses, and national and local planning policies to make the best use of brownfield land. The application is mostly in outline for 37 hectares of land, with detailed proposals for a new access off Broadland Northway immediately to the north.

The vision for Imperial Park is for a high quality and well-serviced commercial hub that can meet the needs of aviation related and non-aviation businesses, whilst adding to the local economy through supporting economic growth. An economic impact assessment to accompany the application has calculated that the site has the potential to support over 3,000 jobs, adding £54.6m a year to the local economy. A decision on the planning application is expected before the end of the year.

SG asks if possible, to have a visit to the new KLMUK Engineering hangar and workshop. **Action RP will discuss with WE.**

SG reports a rise in noise complaints related to helicopters starting up. RP asks for any noise complaint to be emailed through to the airport with a time/date to allow investigation.

JL & JA query if additional routes will be added to alternate Canary Islands or Mainland Spain. RP advises that the airport schedule will take 2-3 year to recover back to pre-pandemic levels,

however the airport route development team are actively looking for airlines to reinstate previous and new destinations.

SG querying the operating hours for summer 2022. RP confirms operational hours will revert to pre-pandemic timings for Summer 2022 being 06.00 – 23.00.

#### 4) Operations and ATS Report

The Airfield opening hours have been adjusted to 0630 to 2100, 7 days a week until the end of October to accommodate helicopter activity.

The RFFS Category is reduced to Cat 4 with Cat 6 available by easement – the CAA dispensation has been extended until the end of Jan 2022. The RFFS TRA has been revised and approved by CAA and so the Airport will operate at current manning levels when easement ends.

The Government closed the NHS Workplace Collect Scheme at the end of July.

Passenger COVID-19 testing continues in the old TNAL offices in the Main Terminal by Lion & Gazelle. Airlines have been advised to direct passengers to NAL website to book COVID-19 tests. The process is working well, and the facility has been busy on most days.

The CAA Aerodrome Inspector conducted an Assurance Visit on 15 July – no issues raised.

TUI resumed operations at Norwich with flights to Mallorca, Corfu, and Tenerife.

KLM operate the Amsterdam service with one rotation most days.

Mandatory Occurrence reports filed:

Date	Category	Details
02/07/2021	Bird Strike (Unconfirmed)	At 0822 landing Loganair G-SAJR reported "seeing birds on touchdown" after inspection no evidence of a bird strike was found.
02/07/2021	Aircraft Ground Incident	During positioning of aircraft from Northern Apron to Eastern Apron by KLM UKE, the #2 engine intake struck a traffic cone used by the Airfield Operations. The result of impacting the traffic cone caused a small dent to the underside of the #2 engine intake.  The tug driver was not aware that the aircraft had impacted the traffic cone. The collision between aircraft and traffic cone was noted by the team in the vehicle under escort.
07/07/2021	Bird Strike (Confirmed)	A Bird Strike was confirmed on a departing Loganair, Runway 27.

13/07/2021	Bird Strike (Confirmed)	Departing KLM reported a possible bird strike. Upon runway inspection, one kestrel carcass was recovered from the runway.
16/07/2021	Bird Strike (Confirmed)	Departing Loganair reported a near miss with a bird. After conducting a runway inspection an injured juvenile Herring gull was found and dispatched.
18/07/2021	ATZ Infringement	A KC135 from RAF Mildenhall under the control of RAF Lakenheath ATC entered NAL CAS; the aircraft orbited inside CAS at 3300ft for approx. 10 minutes coming into proximity with several VFR arrivals & departures. On investigation RAF Lakenheath had attempted to contact NAL via the direct line but as they had been unable to do so assumed that NAL was closed.
02/07/2021	Bird Strike (Unconfirmed)	A landing Loganair reported "seeing birds on touchdown" after inspection no evidence of a bird strike was found.
02/08/2021	Bird Strike	Upon climb out runway 27, Pilot reported a bird strike off airfield and returned to land on a local standby. Upon inspection Gull remains were found midway along the port wing. No other damage was observed or reported by crew.
14/08/2021	Traffic Collision Avoidance System - TCAS RA	A helicopter was returning from offshore in the vicinity of Cromer. A C152 was climbing out of Cromer North Repps to the North West. Traffic information was passed, and the pilot reported visual. TCAS RA alert subsequently reported, which is filed as an MOR regardless of circumstance.
22/08/2021	Bird Strike	KLM reported a bird strike on RW 27 touchdown zone.
25/08/2021	FOD	FOD was found on the Alpha taxiway near A1 during routine bird control duties.
28/08/2021	Bird Strike	Upon arrival, the TUI PMI reported a possible bird strike with a 'Bird of Prey' upon touching down. A full runway inspection was carried out with no remains found. This was communicated to ATC and in turn the crew. No damage was reported by the crew.
04/09/2021	Full Emergency	A light aircraft declared a PAN with low oil pressure warning, aircraft landed safely.
09/09/2021	Full Emergency	HLE85A declared a PAN with smoke and electrical smell in cabin, landed safely.
10/09/2021	Runway Incursion	Aircraft was holding at holding point A2. The controller issued a departure clearance to the pilot. The pilot was instructed to "hold position, after

		<p>departure Right turn heading 360, climb FL120 squawk 3710." The Pilot then taxied through the stop bar at A2 and read back to the controller "Cleared for take-off, Left turn heading 360..."</p> <p>The controller then told the pilot "negative, hold position", however, at this point the aircraft was already in the runway strip beyond the stop bars so the controller lined the aircraft up on the runway and instructed him to hold on the runway to ensure a correct readback of the clearance. Once the Pilot had read back the correct clearance, the aircraft was cleared for take-off.</p>
11/09/2021	Bird Strike	A landing AW139 reported a bird strike upon landing runway 27. A runway inspection was carried out and a Kestrel was recovered abeam the tower. No damage to the aircraft reported.
16/09/2021	CAS Incursion	A light aircraft entered Norwich Class D airspace at the eastern end of the CTA at 2100ft without a clearance.
21/09/2021	AIRPROX	Traffic information was passed to a helicopter about fast moving military aircraft. The aircraft passed close to the helicopter and so the pilot reported an Airprox – under investigation by CAA.
21/09/2021	Full Emergency	A light aircraft declared a Pan on take-off as the fuel selector valve had fallen off. The pilot was able to re-attach the handle and then landed safely.

- Complaints register – discussed and noted.
- Register of late aircraft movements – discussed and noted.
- Noise/Flying complaints – discussed and noted.

SG asks if the EAAA is a now 24-hour operation and if they need to log movements. PL confirms the operation is now 24 hours with the EAAA being able to operate autonomously during airport closure. PL confirms EAAA log movements as part of the planning arrangements, but the Airport doesn't capture these. **Action: PL will request data on movements.**

SG asks if the airport knows what is happening with the area known as 'Plane View' – RP confirms this is Norwich City Council matter and should be referred to them

JA queried procedure for authorising late movements. RP confirmed the airport works within the Operating Framework Agreement (OFA) endorsed by this committee, Norwich City and Broadland District councils. This document is due for renewal, once reviewed will be shared with the committee. **Action: RP to share reviewed OFA with the ACC for review and endorsement.**

SR confirms the new KLMUK Engineering hangar and workshop is now open and fully operational. The company offers apprenticeship schemes each year and takes on academy graduates. KLMUK Engineering works closely with schools and colleges to promote the

employment opportunities offered and, in the past, has hosted open days.

**5) Offshore Helicopter Activity**

Nothing to report.

**6) AOB**

No other business was cited.

**7) Date of next meeting**

12 January 2022

13 April 2022

13 July 2022

**Chairman**