

Airport Report for CMPC on 5 July 2022

PCAA AGM held on 30 June 2022 at Felton Village Hall.

Bristol Airport Public Enquiry

- Hilary Burn report that the main focus has been on the Bristol Airport Public Inquiry which ran for ten weeks from 20 July to 8 October 2021. The PCAA was a Rule Six Party.
- Bristol Airport Action Network, also a Rule Six Party, are challenging the decision. All six points of challenge have been accepted by the judge. One of the challenges is from the PCAA on a technical point of whether or not the consultation process has correctly identified mitigation for the bats. The other points of challenge are on aviation emissions.
- The appeal of the decision will be heard at a court hearing at the Bristol Civil Justice Centre, Redcliffe Street, on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 November 2022.

Airspace modernisation

- The development of plans for local flight paths has remained at stage two.
- A consultation is expected shortly. Although modernisation of flight paths may have the potential to bring benefits to the industry, the benefits will be minimal.
- There may be noise reductions for some parishes but not others and with an increase in flights to 12 mppa any noise reduction will be minimal.

Consultations

- Nick Tyrell organised the PCAA response to the North Somerset Local Plan 2038.
- The PCAA has responded to the initial Jet Zero consultation.
- Note that the Jet Zero Strategy to 2050 will be published later this year.
- In May 2022 the Government published a ten-year aviation strategy

Financial Position

- The PCAA are rebuilding their financial position through the membership fees.
- The accounts showed a total balance on 31 March 2021 of £281.82 compared with £19,418.22 for the previous year.
- Subscription: It was agreed that the subscription for 2023 – 2024 should remain at £75 p.a.

Airport news

- The PCAA is a member of the Aviation Environment Federation. The AEF has continued to respond to the many aviation consultations.
- Bristol Airport is recovering after Covid and on 27 June resubmitted to the DfT an application for 'fully coordinated' status in 2023. This is considered to be premature with the outcome of the court case not yet known.
- As the Airport gets busier again, it is essential that the Public Transport Interchange and MSCP 2 is delivered.

Resignation of the chair Hilary Burn

Hilary has been the chair for 19 years and has made it her mission to try to maintain the health and wellbeing of residents and to protect the local and global environment. She thanked Judith in particular for running the association so smoothly.

Other matters

- There were reports that flight paths seemed to have changed, with aeroplanes following different routes.
- Sometimes routes are changed due to weather but permanent changes are not allowed without consultation. This will be brought up at the Airport Consultative Committee
- Deviations from the normal flight paths should be reported to the Airport complaints department or email James Shearman,

Election of officers:

- The chair Hilary Burn and Vice Chair Chris Willows stood down.
- It was acknowledged that finding a new chair with the depth of knowledge, and the time to devote to the position of Chair that Hilary had done would be difficult
- Joachim Steinbach has considerable knowledge of airport matters and had volunteered to be the PCAA representative on the Airport Consultative
- It was agreed that, if individuals were prepared to take a lead on the main topics, the position of Chair could be rotated annually. Apart from actually chairing the meetings, the Chair would have a general coordination brief, with advice from the ACC representative and the topic leaders.
- On this basis Louise Leeder volunteered to be the first Annual Chair.
- The following members volunteered their services as topic leads:
 - Net Zero/Climate Change/Airport Emissions: – Nicola Ainger
 - Planning: Nick Tyrell
 - Car parking and Green Belt: Volunteer required
 - Biodiversity: Justin Milward to be approached
 - Air Space Modernisation: Since this would affect each parish differently this might be an occasion where the PCAA does not attempt a coordinated view.
 - Noise (including representing the PCAA on the AEF Airspace and Noise Community Forum) – It was agreed to invite Laurie Vaughn, a noise consultant and Wrington Parish Councillor, to join the PCAA as a second delegate for Wrington as his input would be very valuable.
- The General Purposes and Finance Committee would be – The Chair (Louise Leeder) Vice-Chair (vacancy), Holger Laux, Nick Tyrrell and Justin Milward (signatories to the bank account)

Any other business:

- The meeting thanked Hilary Burn for her long years of service to the PCAA
- Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15th June 2023 (TBC)

Louise Leeder