

**JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2011
BOARDROOM, BLACKPOOL AIRPORT**

Present

Paul Rankin (Chairman)	Blackpool Airport
Susan Kendrick	Blackpool Airport
Bob Fielding	ROAR
Representative	Airport Police
John Hobday	Westair

1. Apologies for Absence

Michael Watson, Chairman
Hugh Evans, North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
Tim Ashton, Lancashire County Council
Mike Walker, Fylde Borough Council
John Murray, UKBA
John Ralston, UKBA

The committee members expressed condolences and sincere wishes to Mr Watson at his time of loss.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting held on 3 November 2010 were approved.

3. Operational Update

CAA – Mr Rankin described to the committee how the CAA had received anonymous allegations regarding the company's safety culture and standards and alleging a lack of investment and resources. A well resourced CAA team led by the Senior Aerodrome Operations Inspector immediately attended the airport to investigate. The CAA concluded that the allegations were unsubstantiated. Mr Rankin has written to all members of BAL staff to remind them of the company's Whistle Blowing Policy and Procedure and its absolute commitment to the continuous development of a strong safety culture.

Car Park 2 – Mr Rankin informed the committee that whilst this land remains the property of MAR, agreement has been reached so that the airport has full access to enable passenger parking until further notice is served by MAR.

Jet2.com - Mr Rankin was asked about the recent press coverage in the Gazette with regard the imminent trial. Mr Rankin confirmed that the airport envisaged a long term future with Jet2.com and it would appear that they too are committed to this. Mr Rankin advised that he was unable to comment on ongoing discussions with Jet2.com at this stage but that the good relationship would continue and an update would be provided to the next JCC meeting on the outcome of the litigation.

Route Update – Mr Rankin informed that the airport had secured two charter flights with Atlantic Holidays for Madeira and with Newmarket for Verona with both operating in May and September 2011. Mr Rankin advised that it was likely that BAE would temporarily relocate their corporate operation to Blackpool for c. two weeks while runway resurfacing works took place at Warton. Mr Rankin informed that the airport group (Blackpool, Exeter and Derry) had a route development manager, Cathy Hicks, who was arranging meeting with airlines to discuss opportunities at all airports.

Aeronautical Master Plan – Mr Rankin advised that work on this was continuing and that consultation with stakeholders would take place prior to publication.

4. Noise & Environment

Mrs Kendrick distributed the latest noise and environment report.

Mr Fielding advised of his continuing issue with the helicopter activity. Mrs Kendrick advised that the Northwest Air Ambulance and Police helicopters will take the most direct route out when departing the airport however cooperation would be sought with ATC regarding routing on the way back into the airport.

5. Air Traffic Summary

Mrs Kendrick distributed the latest air traffic summary and passenger figures report.

6. Any Other Business

Mr Hobday raised the issue of recent flooding in the P1 car park. Mr Rankin advised that the airport's Maintenance Manager, Vincent George, would investigate the matter.

7. Dates for next Meeting:

Wednesday 7 September 2011 at 1400 in the Blackpool Airport Boardroom.