

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL CONSULTATIVE WORKING GROUP HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON 25 May 2021, 1800 hrs

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| Present: | <p>Wing Commander J Hetherington Wing Commander J Lawson Squadron Leader D Gill Squadron Leader A Tierney Flight Lieutenant S Flemington Warrant Officer Y Conway Ms A Jack Ms J Price Ms L Mclaughlin Mrs L King Mr R Munro Mr B Lings Mr K Glazier Mr A Lanham Mr R Betteridge</p> <p>Mr L Goble Ms J Roberts Mr P Almgill Mr N Relph Mr J Drew Mr W Cox Mr C Kearns Ms S Meech Ms D Verey Mr M Stewart Mrs B Masters</p> | <p>OC Base Support Wing OC Operations Support Wing Senior Air Traffic Controller Squadron Leader Operations Flying and Noise Complaints Officer Service Community Support Officer Media & Communications Officer Community Development Officer Station Environmental Protection Officer Deputy Media & Communications Officer Alvescot PC Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney PC Bampton & District Flood Prevention Group Black Bourton PC Black Bourton Environmental Noise Committee Brize Norton PC Cumnor PC Ducklington PC Eynsham PC Holwell PC Kencot PC Langford PC Swinbrook & Widford PC Westwell PC Wytham PC Media & Communications Admin Support</p> | <p>Chair</p> <p>Secretary</p> |
| Apologies: | <p>Mr C Allen Mrs P Smith Ms K Zasada Mr J Griffin Mr J Courtney Ms K Ford Mr P Fullerton Ms A Molton Mr B Parnham Parish Councillor Ms E Austin Ms J Aitman</p> | <p>Asthal PC Bampton PC Carterton Town Council Cumnor PC Curbridge & Lew PC Filkins & Broughton Poggs PC Hardwick & Yelford PC Minster Lovell PC Standlake PC Stanton Harcourt PC Westwell PC Witney Town Council</p> | |

| Item | Minutes | Action by: |
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| 1 | <p><u>Chairman's Welcome</u> OC Base Support Wing, Wing Commander John Hetherington, welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Review of Previous Minutes</u> There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes. The Minutes were agreed.</p> | |
| 3 | <p><u>Operations Support Wing Update</u> OC Operations Support Wing, Wing Commander John Lawson, reported on the following:</p> <p><u>Airport Statistics</u> The slide explained inbound and outbound statistics, 1 Jan – 30 Apr, showing the first four months of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020.</p> <p><u>UK CV-19 response and Support to OGD</u> CV-19 Operations provided support to the tasking of two Indian Air Force C-17's cargo of O2 Cylinders through the FCDO. OP RESCRIPT: Covid response in the delivery of CV-19 vaccines to Operational Theatres and British Overseas Territories.</p> | |

Continuing USAFE Operations at RAF Fairford

The deployment of United States Air Forces Europe personnel and aircraft at Fairford is ongoing. Operation times are classified and therefore difficult to publish but every effort is made to ensure that sorties take place during the working week in daylight hours. Unfortunately, this is not always possible. RAFAT (Red Arrows) will operate from RAF Fairford on 4-5 June, but not to display only staging through while supporting air shows elsewhere.

Drone Activity at Brize Norton

Routine training by Force Protection personnel which is advertised on social media. Other Government Departments may also use drones at RAF Brize Norton.

There has been one confirmed and two potential drone events since the last meeting. The most recent was in early May to the West of Carterton Football Club. The individual was located by the RAF Police and the Brize Norton restricted Zone / UK Law was discussed.

Please do continue to promote the drone code in the local villages and report any unusual activities to 01993 896500.

Airfield Infrastructure

Runway Works

Runway works are ongoing with 350m of runway repairs completed. The next phase to be completed will commence 18 Jun 21 (Fri and Sat nights) for 5 weekends (reserve weekends of 23/24 Jul and 30 Jul-1 Aug). A further two runway surface strips of 500m X 20m are planned to be resurfaced in the third quarter of FY21/22.

Runway 07 Approach (from the west)

Work on approach lights and side bars within airfield perimeter have been completed. Access to adjacent farmland has been granted and OC Operations Support Wing passed on his thanks and gratitude for the continued access. Work is expected on 24-26 May 21.

Floodlight Replacement

A programme of replacing old sodium floodlights with more efficient, low energy LED Lights continues. Near Air Traffic Control (ATC) and C130J Line, work has been completed. Next phase is alongside 07 Threshold and the Repatriation Centre. Floodlighting has been shielded and redirected to the Aircraft Servicing Area itself to prevent excessive light pollution.

Full airfield refurbishment programme in scope for 2025.

Question: Wally Cox, Kencot: Do you know when in 2025? OC Operations Support Wing replied that an exact date was not known.

Radar Replacement

The new Air Traffic Control Radar to be constructed at the Northern end of the Tactical Medical Wing compound was outlined on the slide accompanied by aerial images of the site. Planning Permission had been submitted to WODC and is on the website. An information note with FAQs had been sent to Parish Councils.

Other Operational Matters

ESA fence line replacement has been completed south of the airfield.

Fire and Rescue new vehicles went live on 1 April.

Diesel Spillage onto farmland in South West corner of the airfield, January 2021, remediation completed in February 2021.

Damage to Airbus maintenance facility roof occurred in March 2021. A clear up in Brize Norton village was undertaken by personnel from the Station. Roofing repairs have been completed.

Air Combat Power Visit on 27 May is an event hosting student from Shrivenham Staff College. Risk assessments in place to ensure it is Covid secure.

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| | <p>Brize Norton Airspace Change Proposal this has been rejected by the CAA</p> <p>Question: Judy Roberts, Cumnor Parish Council: The ACP did cover a big area, are you still looking to cover the same area? OC Operations Support Wing replied: No further plans to re-submit, we will be reflecting and reassessing the requirement.</p> <p><u>Runway 25 Radar Pattern</u> All of our approach systems require the aircraft to be positioned at 8nm either on or converging to the runway centreline.</p> <p>Aircraft can either be vectored (directed) by a Controller or the flight crew can use an internal or external navigation aid to self-position.</p> <p>The pattern is flown at a height to deconflict from other traffic but not below 2,300ft AMSL (2000ft agl ivo Cumnor, Botley and Wytham) until descending with on the radar approach system at 6.2nm –7.9nm from touchdown (descent commences generally in the vicinity of Eynsham).</p> <p>A briefing pack containing the standard profiles for all Brize Norton approaches was distributed to LCWG members in early 2021.</p> <p>Brize Norton Air Traffic Control are available to visit your villages/events and provide a bespoke overview of flight paths and procedures.</p> <p>Question: Sue Meech, Swinbrook: Noticed an uptake in traffic, is there any change in patterns or routes? OC Operations Support Wing responded there had been no change to patterns.</p> | |
| 4 | <p><u>Community Update</u> <u>Community Development Projects</u> OC BSW introduced Jessica Price, the new Community Development Officer, who provided an update on the community development projects which collaborated with civilian and military families, engagement overall with local schools and the community had been good and this would be built upon and encouraged.</p> <p>Airplay provision was provided online during the pandemic, but now back operating face-to-face with civilian and military engagement. The partnership with Thames Valley Police, RAF Police, Station and Street Based Youth Support has had a positive impact on anti-social behaviour.</p> <p><u>Service Families Accommodation (SFA)</u> Warrant Officer Conway provided an update on the following:</p> <p>RAF Fairford Positive outcome for the relocation of families, all Brize families now have alternative SFA and no private rental accommodation is required.</p> <p>External Wall Insulation (EWI) Project The EWI project will continue with 140 properties in Stanmore Crescent and the roads leading off, with a start date in 2021.</p> <p>Kenley Avenue The demolition of five properties in Kenley Avenue will take place this financial year.</p> <p>Project Speed Current extensive refurbishment of twenty properties with a further twenty-three properties.</p> | |
| 5 | <p><u>Environmental Update</u> <u>Local Flooding</u> Lisa McLaughlin provided an update; DIO and team carried out preventative ground maintenance late 2020 early 2021, clearing gratings and dredging so that water runs freely and the usual areas are not flooded.</p> <p><u>The 25m Range, Noise Monitoring Survey</u> OC Base Support Wing provided an update on the testing that took place late last</p> | |

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| | <p>Flashing Red lights on Station Road: relayed the reports the Parish Council often receive of people ignoring the lights on Station Road and the lights being on when it would appear there is no approaching aircraft. SATCO responded that Air Traffic Control need to be safe rather than expeditious. The lights are pro-actively turned back to green as soon as possible but sometimes there is not a big enough gap in between aircraft. We appreciate raising the issue and will endeavor to improve.</p> <p>Wally Cox, Kencot: reported that a neighbour's damage claim for a shattered shower cubicle had finally been settled by the MOD.</p> <p>Chris Kearns, Langford: thanked the Station for their contribution to the Covid response and mentioned that an issue raised by villagers is the apparent increase in overflying of Langford in the last year, particularly as training loops. Had there been any changes to training flights paths? OC Operations Support Wing reported that there had been no change to procedures and that the increase could be that aircraft are conducting more UK training flights in the South West</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Date of Next Meeting TBC - Further details will be promulgated in due course.</p> | Secretary |

Mrs B Masters
LCWG Secretary

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