

Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held at
Leeds Bradford Airport
Wednesday 3 July 2024

Members Present:

Alan Wrigley	Chairman
Martin Hughes	Local Resident Rep (Horsforth end of runway)
Cllr Paul Bone	Pool-in-Wharfedale Parish Council
Cllr Eleanor Thomson	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Heather Ruane	Leeds Bradford Airport Support Group
Cllr Penny Robinson	Otley Town Council
Cllr Bob Felstead	Burley & Wharfedale Parish Council
Alan Moore	Aireborough Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr John Howard	Bramhope & Carlton Parish Council
Neil Whitaker	Unite the Union
Lisa Greer	Deputy for Marilyn Bannister, Menston Parish Council
Cllr Angela Carr	Rawdon Parish Council
Brian Dunsby	Harrogate District Chamber of Commerce
Paul Moss	Sherburn Aero Club

Members Apologies:

Cllr Richard Knowles	Baildon Town Council
Marilyn Banister	Menston Parish Council
Keith Batty	Vale of York Gliding Clubs
Cllr Colin Campbell	Local Resident Rep (Yeadon end of runway)
Cllr Raymond Jones	Horsforth Town Council
Cllr Eleanor Thompson	Leeds City Council (Lab)
Cllr Andy Paraskos	North Yorkshire County Council

Non Attendance:

Cllr Michael Woods	YLCA Leeds Branch
Cllr Jools Heselwood	Inner North West Community Committee
Cllr Peter Caffrey	Calderdale Council

Airport Officers Present:

John Cunliffe	Commercial & Strategy Director
Charles Johnson	Head of Planning Development

Minutes taken by Rachel Hawkes (Business Support Manager & Senior Executive Assistant)

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chairman opened the meeting.

Apologies had been received ahead of the meeting from:

Cllr Richard Knowles (Baildon Town Council)
Keith Batty (Vale of York Gliding Club)
Cllr Colin Campbell (Yeadon end of the Runway)
Marilyn Bannister (Menston Parish Council) sub Lisa Greer
Cllr Raymond Jones (Horsforth Town Council)
Cllr Andrew Paraskos (North Yorkshire County Council)
Cllr Eleanor Thompson (Leeds City Council)

2. Organisational Announcements /New Members

There were no organisational announcements or new members to make the committee aware of.

3. LBA:Regen

Charles Johnson provided the committee with a PowerPoint update on the terminal extension. Since the last meeting, work has continued above ground level. The steelwork is being erected and everything is currently progressing as expected and is on programme.

Work has commenced on the offsite drainage upgrade which is expected to take approximately 16 weeks to complete. During this time, there maybe some disruption to the highway on Whitehouse Lane.

The next stage is looking at the fit out of the extension as well as ORAT (Operational Readiness, Activation and Transition) for when the development goes live.

Q. Are you on schedule?

A. Yes, we are on schedule and on budget.

Q. When does the phase 2 tender start?

A. We are looking to commence this in Autumn 24.

Q. How many extra jobs has the building work created?

A. Not entirely sure, we will check with Farrans and share this information.

John Cunliffe advised there will be 70% extra space for retail units with additional free seating available.

The lounges will be repositioned and will also increase in size.

Q. Will there be an option for a business traveller lounge?

A. The Runway 1432 lounge does not allow children however, both lounges cater for business travellers.

Q. Do you have anything to do with the South Side, they have been looking to expand for a long time.

A. Multiflight are a tenant of LBA, They have expressed an interest over the years in expanding but have never progressed plans.

Q. Would it be possible to consider a more healthy eating option?

A. People do sometimes ask for healthier options but in reality when people are going on their holiday the majority don't want healthier, and are more inclined to treat themselves.

4. LBA Brand

John Cunliffe presented to the committee the airports brand refresh which have seen some slight changes to the logo. In addition, the latest marketing campaign 'Ey Up World' has been launched. There is an advertising campaign with various advertisements relating to Ey Up World.

Q. Travel agents do not seem good at promoting LBA.

A. Yes, we would tend to agree, trade do seem fairly negative about LBA. It is an area that we are working on to improve.

Q. What were the trade saying to you as to why they don't promote LBA?

A. It was a mixture of weather issues, surface access and business routes.

Q. How do you change the perception of the weather?

A. It's hard, perception is engraved but we are working on changes those perceptions.

Q. Are you talking to Tour Operators?

A. We are engaging with all Tour Operators and have a dedicated member of the team dedicated to speaking with the travel trade.

Q. Re Diversions, what would you consider as an acceptable diversion rate?

A. We want zero diversions. However, sometimes we do have diversions. It is a difficult one to rate.

Q. Do you know anything about Doncaster reopening this Summer?

A. We are not involved, so don't have any additional insight into the matter.

5. Aviation Update

In the absence of Nicola McMullen, John Cunliffe continued to provide an update on Aviation to the committee.

The new c3 scanners are now fully operational in security. We are pleased to report that the implementation was in advance of the official deadline. Initially we had experienced some short term queues however, we are now seeing an improved wait time to get through security.

Wizzair continue to experience some Pratt & Whitney engine issues which has caused some disruption to their operation.

Ryanair's third based aircraft was deployed to LBA a little later than expected impacting on passenger numbers.

Easyjet have launched a new 6x weekly route to Geneva and Jet2 have announced a new route to Jerez which will commence May 2025.

Q. KLM are not using their own aircraft

A. We have seen some other aircraft for KLM. They have experienced some issues with the Embraer engines.

Q. Any news on a London flight?

A. Not at the moment, we are continuously in talks with airlines.

Q. Any update on the Parkway Station?

A. No further update, Network Rail are still working on timetable issues.

Q. Any update on the ACP progress?

A. Jamie Babbin was not available for today's meeting, but we will get an update from Jamie and share this with you following the meeting.

Q. We used to get the data for departure by runway.

A. This is twice per year, this will be presented in December.

6. Any Other Business

Q. On the night movements table, what is QC?

A. QC means quiet count.

Q. I saw the date had been altered for the CLEUD applications.

A. We had a request from Leeds City Council for a further extension on two of the applications to work through the information which we agreed to. We have offered to meet LCC to walk them through the data in more detail but this offer hasn't been accepted.

The chair closed the meeting.

Next meeting date

04 September 2024