

## **Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **2.30 Wings Bar Headcorn Aerodrome**

**Present:** Jamie Freeman – Headcorn Aerodrome  
Terry Hodges – Private Owner/Insurance  
Brian Bristow – Smarden PC  
Chris Yates – Headcorn Special Events  
Lyn Selby – Headcorn Parish Council  
John Perry – Staplehurst PC/MBC  
Andrew Boxall – Headcorn Aerodrome  
Lester Gosbee – Frittenden PC  
Ben Perkins – Aero Legends Ltd  
Dave Evans – Headcorn Aerodrome  
David Parker – Headcorn Parachute Club  
Gerald Hodges – Thurston Helicopters  
James Tuke – Thurston Helicopters  
Sue Line – Secretary Headcorn Aerodrome

### **Apologies for Absence**

Martin Round

Jane Hopkins

## **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Were read, accepted and signed.

## **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Lyn Selby thanked the Chairman for sending her information reference planning applications for events. She had remembered that earlier applications had listed named aircraft. Jamie Freeman said that not many of those aircraft were now flying. He said that, with the possible exception of the Astazou, there were very few about. In the application the aerodrome had stayed with propeller driven aircraft on the back of that permission. If other noisier aircraft arrive the aerodrome would take note and refer to any complaints. He specifically referred to the C47 which was a big aircraft but very quiet.

Lyn Selby also referred to Condition 7 about 3 events and noted that The Red Arrows were on the list. Since everybody loved The Red Arrows she asked if they might do a fly past on 29<sup>th</sup> June (Armed Forces Day). Chris Yates said that he was not sure they will be able to display here again due to changed regulations, although we might be lucky with a fly past. Lyn Selby had not yet had the opportunity to put things to the Council but was not expecting them to react unfavourably.

## **Planning and Events**

There was nothing more to add.

The French microlights came and went as planned and had a great time. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day had passed and the hoped for 34 Dakotas had been routed further to the west but were just visible from the aerodrome looking towards Staplehurst. Both Headcorn Aerodrome and Rochester Airport had asked for them to be routed overhead but that request had not been granted. Chris Yates said that they could not get French clearance and Ben Perkins said that there had also been issues in France.

## **Complaints:**

14/5/19 A resident in Grigg Lane had made a noise complaint re aerobatics. The pilot, Michael Pickin, has phoned resident back.

22/5/19 A resident complained about a visiting pilot – Pilot Tim Barnby had been spoken to.

25/5/19 local. A local resident had made a complaint about an aircraft on an early departure. The pilot, whose aircraft was hangered at Headcorn (G-BRBK) had requested an early departure as he was going to Scotland.

### **Any Other Business**

Lyn Selby advised that LindaThorogood was her deputy and suggested that she be included on the HACC circulation list. The secretary would do this.

Ben Perkins confirmed that Traffic Management for the Battle of Britain was being managed by the AA including the signage. There had been a discussion about making Shenley Road one way for the period of the show. The secretary was asked to send the Traffic Management Plan to the Committee so that they would have full information available. The figures last year were of the order of 8,000 and this year figures were around 2,000. Ben said that although numbers for the Battle of Britain were lower the income was equal.

Chris Yates said that the Traffic Management Plan had been signed off by Kent County Council Highways Committee. He had sent the whole of the document to a new resident on the nearby estate who had read it and was very happy with it.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 15th October 2019.

2.30pm Briefing Rooms

Headcorn Aerodrome

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