

## **REDHILL AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Redhill Aerodrome Consultative Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 10.00am, hosted from the Council Offices, Station Road East Oxted with options to join via Zoom.

### **PRESENT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER:**

Terry Pollard (Chairman)  
Jim Blackmore (Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council)  
Vince Sharp (Secretary)

### **PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**

Michael Blacker (Reigate & Banstead Borough Council)  
David Burke (Chief Executive, Redhill Aerodrome)  
Paul Cole (National Police Air Service)  
Jonathan Essex (Reigate & Banstead Borough Council)  
Chris Farr (Godstone Parish Council)  
Liam Hammond (Tandridge District Council)  
Nick Stagg (Chairman, Redhill Aerodrome Ventures Limited)  
Nikki Taplin (Cubair)  
James Tester (Redhill Aviation)  
Emi Verzani (Bletchingley Parish Council)  
Philip Wright (Aerodrome Manager)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Paul Murray (KRAG)  
Mark Wooller (Outwood Parish Council)

### **1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all attendees and thanked Tandridge DC for hosting the meeting.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

These minutes were agreed as a correct record.

### **3. UPDATE ON BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AT THE AERODROME**

Nick Stagg described how the prolonged periods of wet weather during the winter had caused a significant loss in the number of flying days. This had reduced revenue streams for both the Aerodrome and aviation tenants. He also reported that hangers had been flooded due to blocked gullies on the public highway. He hoped that aviation business would now improve with drier weather but acknowledged that the Aerodrome was heading into the Spring with financial challenges.

#### **4. FLIGHT MONITORING REPORT DECEMBER 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024**

Flight monitoring data for the period from December 2023 to February 2024 had been circulated with the agenda.

Phillip Wright reiterated that the wet weather had badly affected flying activity during the previous quarter, with approximately half of potential fixed wing flights being lost. He also referred to the complaint dated 10.02.24 about a 'low flying aircraft' and advised that, as stated within the report, there is no minimum height for overflying residential properties when taking off or landing.

There were no comments on the report.

#### **5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 PUBLIC MEETING**

It was confirmed that the 2024 annual public meeting would take place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Nutfield Village Hall. In accordance with a suggestion from Jonathan Essex, the agenda would invite attendees to arrive from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Agenda items and other arrangements were agreed as follows:

- “ 1. *Chairman's introduction*
2. *Minutes of the previous annual meeting*
3. *Speaker on behalf of the Aerodrome's management team*
4. *Speaker on behalf of an Aerodrome user*
5. *Speaker on behalf of Nutfield Parish Council*
6. *Questions from the public:*
  - *questions will need to be submitted to the secretary by noon on 10.07.24*
  - *a time limit of two minutes for reading out each question will be applied*
  - *one supplementary question will also be allowed.*

*The Chairman will retain an element of discretion over proceedings, including the avoidance of repeat questions being put to the meeting.*

*The agenda will be published on the Aerodrome's website by 17.06.24.”*

#### **6. NEXT ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was confirmed the next ordinary committee meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am, hosted from the Tandridge District Council offices with a Zoom option.

The meeting closed at 10.14am