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# Henstridge Airfield Consultative Committee

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Thursday, 4 April 2019  
Council Offices, Churchfield, Wincanton

**In attendance:**

Cllr Nick Weeks (NW) – Chair	Chair of Area East Committee, SSDC
Cllr Hayward Burt (HB)	South Somerset District Council
Geoff Jarvis (GJ)	Airfield Owner & Operator
John Millar (JM)	South Somerset District Council
David Redwood (DR)	Fifehead Magdalen Parish Meeting Chair
David Nichols (DN)	Henstridge Parish Council Chair
Nigel Osborne (NO)	Buckhorn Weston & Kington Magna PC
Tim Cook (TC)	SSDC – Note taker
Angela Barton (AB)	Member of the public

1.	<p><b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Apologies:</b></p> <p>Cllr Nick Weeks welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the purpose of the group as set out in the Constitution. Apologies for absence were received from: William Wallace, Jean Marshall (DCC)</p>
2.	<p><b>Approval of notes of the last meeting:</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October were approved.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Can a twin hatter (eg William Wallace) be the voting representative for SCC?</p> <p>Response from Angela Watson</p> <p><i>Both William and Hayward are the SSDC representatives on the committee, appointed by AEC in May this year. Nick W is an interim appointment as Chairman for the first year; thereafter he will not be a member of the committee. I think it is theoretically possible for two organisations to appoint the same person as their representative and that person being able to exercise a vote for each, but this can be problematic unless the interests of the 2 organisations are absolutely aligned. The representative would need to be clear in their own mind whose views they are expressing at any one time and be clear whose vote they are exercising! Having had a quick look on SCC's website, I can't see that they have appointed anyone to HACC – perhaps William should raise that with them to see if they wish to take an active part and, if so, formally appoint William or another member.</i></p> <p>Action – HB to discuss with William with the aim of agreeing WW as SCC representative and Chair of AE to be second SSDC rep.</p>

<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Public Questions:</b></p> <p>AB requested information about how the events that are running at the airfield relate to the permitted activities as agreed in the S106 agreement. Specific concerns mentioned included the following:</p> <p>Bike nights – reports that these have run past the agreed operating hours and a prize of a flight on the night is advertised.</p> <p>Markets – Notices say that they happen every Sunday but should only be 14 in any one year.</p> <p>Question regarding whether SSDC does enforcement currently. JM assured members of the committee that enforcement does take place but that resource is finite and prioritised.</p> <p>Important to understand how events are being categorised to ensure that they comply with conditions.</p> <p>Social media posts had mentioned a new ops building had moved from original location on the site. Does this require planning consent?</p> <p>NW asked if improvements to the airfield website requested at the last meeting had been made. GJ reported that details of the meetings were available on the website.</p> <p>TC reported that the request to include the notes on the SSDC website had not been possible due to the development and launch of the new website. <b>ACTION</b> – TC to progress making HAAC agenda and notes available.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – JM to look into the permitted events and definitions to ensure compliance.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – GJ to arrange for the events programme to be made available on the airfield website after the meeting.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Report from the Airfield Operator:</b></p> <p>i. Relevant statistics concerning aircraft movements disaggregated into months of the year:</p> <p>These statistics had been provided prior to the meeting and circulated with the agenda and were not discussed in detail at the meeting.</p> <p>ii. GJ talked through the narrative in support of the statistics, both of which had been circulated ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>Statistics for March were not included due to the timing of the distribution of paperwork for the meeting.</p> <p>GJ explained that the Great Ormond Street event had happened with very short notice due to an issue with the original location. GJ will endeavour to promote all events on the website but accepted that it hadn't happened on this occasion.</p> <p>iii. Whilst not exhaustive, GJ summarised some of the events booked for the period to the next meeting including :</p> <p>GJ reported that the first event of next year will be Strut flying (date to be arranged). The only new thing to report was that a regular Park Run will happen on Saturday mornings. All welcome.</p>

	<p>iv. Summary of any complaints received since the last meeting: No complaints received.</p> <p>DR reported that he had stopped recording and reporting issues. Overflying still happening and concern that rules about avoiding some areas are being ignored. After a brief discussion DR agreed to continue to record incidents of overflying.</p> <p>Main issues are experienced during the bike nights and are related to noise at the event and travel to and from the events.</p> <p>GJ reported that Dorset Police have had a presence in the area on bike nights and this had helped to improve riding style and behaviour of individuals leaving the site. Avon and Somerset have not provided a presence. The group felt that it would be beneficial if Avon and Somerset were encouraged to provide a presence. ACTION – TC/NW to write to the local sergeant to request a presence.</p>
	<p>v. A summary of any enforcement action taken and sanctions imposed since the last meeting: No enforcement action taken.</p>
5.	<p><b>Quorum-</b> It was agreed that the quorum for the group should be amended from the current 4 members to 6 members in accordance with legal advice received.</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b> - None</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b></p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 6:00pm in SSDC Council Offices, Churchfield, Wincanton – Changed to 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm, Churchfields.</p>