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THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting - Friday 8th November 2019 @ 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA

Those Present

Cllr Malcolm Beer - Old Windsor, Mr Colin Stanbury - Director, Mr Paul Baker - LB Hammersmith and Fulham, Mr John Coates - LB Richmond, , Mr Michael Elliott -ENAG (President), Dr. Margaret Majumder - ENAG, Cllr. Joanna Dabrowska - Ealing, Cllr John Bowden - Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Surinderpal Suri - LB Hounslow, Rob Gibson - Independent

1.0 Welcome by the President, Mr. Michael Elliott

- 1.1 The President, Mr. Michael Elliott was in the Chair and welcomed members to the Annual General Meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr. Richard Baker - Richmond, Cllr June Nelson - L.B Hillingdon, Cllr. Wendy Matthews - Iver Parish Council, Chris Hill - Independent

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 14th September 2018

- 3.1 Paragraph 8.3 first sentence was amended from "The appointment of Cllr. Howard Thomson Spelthorne BC, and Dr. Margaret Majumdar as Vice Chairmen of LAANC were proposed and seconded"

to

"The appointments of Cllr. Howard Thomson Spelthorne BC as vice chair and Dr. Margaret Majumdar as Vice President of LAANC were proposed and seconded".

4. Matters Arising

No matters arising were raised.

5. Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 Income was down by £500 due to Slough Borough Council's resignation but expenditure was down too so overall funding amounts to just under £12,000.
- 5.2 For the forthcoming year income will be down slightly because Englefield Green Residents Association has resigned.
- 5.3 All subscriptions are up to date.
- 5.4 A vote of thanks was given to Arun and his colleagues for their ongoing assistance with LAANC finances.

6. Director's Report on year 2018/19

- 6.1 The regrettable loss of Slough Borough Council was echoed, particularly in the context of the responses that Slough have been submitting to Heathrow consultation which have not been complementary.
- 6.2 It was noted that the London Borough of Sutton has passed a resolution against Heathrow expansion. It was recommended that a marketing exercise should be undertaken once the website has been updated.
- 6.3 LAANC has responded to the consultation on airspace design and Independent Parallel Approaches. There are programmed trials for concentrated flight paths which are beginning the implementation of precision navigation. Such trials proved very difficult for communities in the Gatwick area.
- 6.4 NATS have to produce a master plan for over all airspace design, this is stalling badly.
- 6.5 It is a continuing frustration that flight path design is separated from airport expansion as communities cannot see the noise impact. In the case of Heathrow, airport expansion cannot be properly evaluated as flight paths to and from the airport have not yet been produced and agreed. By the time flight paths have been produced decisions to proceed with expansion or otherwise will have been taken. In contrast, at the recent Manston public inquiry, flight paths were produced to help illustrate the noise impact. This may have a bearing on the Heathrow judicial review (see below).
- 6.6 A legal challenge was taken against the Aviation National Policy Statement (ANPS) (the policy vehicle for airport expansion). This took place in March. The case was lost but leave to appeal was granted, which has just been heard. A particular substantive point was that the ANPS concealed noise impact. The decision is awaited with the possibility of its announcement in December. If the case is won the appellant has asked for the ANPS to be quashed. A further appeal may be considered if the case is lost.
- 6.7 During the year the Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) came into being. LAANC received a presentation as part of its July meeting which was deemed to be constructive. Particular concerns were raised with ICCAN about the operation of the Heathrow Community Engagement Board (HCEB). ICCAN has now appointed an acoustician, Simon Khan.

- 6.8 LAANC responded to Heathrow's statutory Development Control Order (DCO) consultation. The Consultation was considered unfair due to the volume of information and the lack of completeness. Further consultations on this matter are to be expected.
- 6.9 LAANC's experience with HCEB remains patchy with a lack of engagement on an ongoing basis. Heathrow's day to day business is still not being discussed e.g. late running flights. Guido Liguori, director of HCEB, has met with a selection of community representatives and taken away a selection of issues which will be raised with Heathrow. It was reported that HCEB had engaged a consultant to improve the engagement process.
- 6.10 The following points were raised in the discussion that followed
- 6.10.1 There is a general election in five weeks time and it was noted that both the HS2 rail project and gas extraction by fracking have been subject to pause and review. Could the same happen at Heathrow?
- 6.10.2 Consultations on the Heathrow DCO come out without any prior reference or consideration by community representatives.
- 6.10.3 It was suggested that trials of new flight paths should take place before the DCO process to allow newly exposed communities to experience the new levels of noise before making comments. This idea received a mixed response. It was noted that there was a proposal to use the Compton route to test precision navigation.
- 6.10.4 There is now an opportunity for local planning authorities to write their own impact assessment of the Heathrow expansion project as part of the DCO process. The applicant is expected to provide resources for this. The possibility of a joint approach to Heathrow for resources was discussed with the conclusion that authorities should write individually in the first instance.
- 6.10.5 The Planning Inspectorate is looking for robust evidence and consideration of the worst case. The applicant has taken a "no flight paths stance" as part of the Heathrow DCO process which is not believed to be compatible with this requirement.
- 6.10.6 Infrastructure requirements of Heathrow expansion have not been addressed e.g. Housing needs.
- 6.10.7 A request was made for an organogram of all the groups related to Heathrow expansion and the potential information flow.
- 6.10.8 As part of the DCO process the applicant is required to consult with people who have an interest in land affected by the Development. All responses must be catalogued and summarised. This is a requirement of the Planning Act 2008 and is known as Boundaries Land Referencing. A concern was raised that Heathrow have drawn a nominal line at the A406 North Circular road with land interests of significance, east of this are not being sought. It was thought to be advantageous to Heathrow to know who owns what.

7. Election of Officers: President, Vice Presidents; Chairman, Vice Chairman

- 7.1 Cllr Malcolm Beer proposed and Mr Colin Stanbury seconded the proposition that Mr Michael Elliott be re-elected President. This was unanimously agreed.

7.2 The proposition of Cllr. Malcolm Beer to the Chair was proposed and seconded and this was unanimously agreed.

7.3 The appointment of Dr. Margaret Majumdar as Vice President of LAANC was proposed and seconded. This was unanimously agreed. The appointment of a second position Vice Present was deferred to such time a candidate could be identified.

8. Election of Executive Committee (15 members)

8.1 It was agreed that unless individuals indicated otherwise, the Executive members appointed would be the same as last year in addition to the President, Chairman, vice Chairmen and Treasurer who are ex officio members. The members of the Executive Committee are shown below:

Mr. Paul Baker, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

Mr. John Coates, L.B.Richmond

Mr. Surinderpal Suri, L.B.Hounslow

Mr. Chris Nash, RB Windsor & Maidenhead

Dr. Chris Hill, Independent (co-opted/advisor)

Cllr. J Nelson, L.B. Hillingdon

Mrs Val Beale, L.B. Hillingdon

Mr. Colin Stanbury, Director

Cllr W Matthews, Iver Parish Council

Cllr J Dabrowska, L.B. Ealing

Cllr A Averma, Datchet Parish Council – now david buckley

Cllr J Bowden, RB Windsor & Maidenhead

9. Subscriptions 2019/20

9.1 It was agreed the subscriptions should be increased by approximately 2% to the following from the 1st April 2020

Counties and Unitary Boroughs	£807.00
Boroughs and Districts	£573.00
Towns and Parish Councils	£111.00
Associates	£111.00

10. Honoraria to Director and Administrator Sept. 2019/20

10.1 It was agreed that honoraria for 2019/20 would be increased by 2% agreed therefore the following would be paid, effective from 1st September 2019.

Director £4907.00

Administrator £3562.001

10.2 A vote of thanks for the past years work was given to the Director and the Administrator.

11. LAANC future work programme

11.1 It was agreed that the work outlined in the Directors report would continue.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.56hrs

¹ Some of the administrative functions are being carried out on a voluntary basis so at the time of the meeting no honorarium is being paid.

Appendix 1

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

2017/18 £		2018/19 £	
INCOME			
8,472.50	Subscriptions	7,952.50	
.00	Interest earned on Temporary Investments	12.46	
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8,472.50		7,964.96	
EXPENDITURE			
4,602.50	Director - Honorarium and Expenses	4,670.00	
2,492.50	Administrator -Honorarium and Expenses	.00	
	Donation payment made to SPFA in memory of G Ceaser	790.00	
140.00	Web Design and Maintenance	135.00	
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7,235.00		5,595.00	
8,304.57	Surplus at 1 April 2018	9,542.07	
.00	Transfer from Temporary Investments	.00	
1,237.50	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,369.96	
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9,542.07	Balance Carried Forward	11,912.03	
<u>Represented by :-</u>			
2,027.12	Cash at Bank	4,384.62	Note 1
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7,514.95	Temporary Investments	7,527.41	Note 2
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9,542.07		11,912.03	

T.COLLIER
HONORARY TREASURER

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**Notes to Accounts
2017/2018**

		£
1	The Cash at Bank figure is represented by :	
		£
	Balance per Bank Statement as at 31 March 2019	4,384.62
		<u>4,384.62</u>
2	As at 31/03/19, LAANC has earned an interest wef August 2018 on their investment with the Council. (The Council pays 0.5% below base rate).	