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THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' AIRCRAFT NOISE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY

THURSDAY 24th MARCH 2022 at 7.00 pm

Minutes of the Meeting

Those Present

Mr Paul Baker Hammersmith and Fulham, Mr John Coates Richmond, Mr Surindpal Suri Ealing, Cllr Martin Eleghorn Richmond, Cllr Malcolm Beer Old Windsor Parish Council - Chairman, Mr Michael Elliot ENAG - President, Colin Stanbury - Director of LAANC, Dr Margaret Majumdar ENAG, Joanna Darbrowska Ealing, Cllr June Nelson Hillingdon, Val Beale Hillingdon, Cllr John Bowden RBWM, Janet Crane Horton PC, Cllr Len Carlton Wraybury PC, Robert Barnstone Stop Heathrow Expansion, Peter Willian Richmond Heathrow Campaign.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr David Buckley - Datchet Parish Council, Wendy Matthews - The Ivers Parish Council

2. Minutes of last meeting (previously circulated)

The minutes of the Council and Executive meeting dated 25th March 2021 were considered and agreed.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Heathrow related issues:

4(i) LAANC Action on recent, on-going and future Consultations

See the minutes of the LAANC AGM dated 24th March 2022.



4 (ii) Meetings of Other Bodies including HCEB (CISHA), HCNF (NACF)

The Heathrow Community Environment Board has been replaced by the Council for the Independent Scrutiny of Heathrow Airport, CISHA .

4(iii) Airspace Modernisation

See the minutes of the LAANC AGM dated 24th March 2022.

4(iv) Night Flying Restrictions, Heathrow Gatwick and Stansted

See the minutes of the LAANC AGM dated 24th March 2022.

4(v) Slightly Steeper Approaches

The meeting noted that this practice has been implemented.

4(vi) Climate Change

Item deferred.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 Ghost Flights

5.1.1 'Ghost flights' were raised as an issue due to possible changes in noise due to aircraft flying unladen and an increase in their frequency due to Covid related restrictions. Ghost flights are flown by airlines so that they can maintain their slot allocation. This practice is deemed highly undesirable due to the associated carbon emissions of the practice for merely administrative purposes.

5.1.2 The Government did release airlines from this obligation for a while but has now reverted to the norm. The matter has been debated in Parliament led by Kelly Tolhurst Minister of State for Transport.

5.2 Aviation Modernisation Strategy

The meeting noted that the CAA was consulting on its Aviation Modernisation Strategy. The consultation will end on the 4th April 2022. The consultation contains a 'treasure trove' of information with very complex concepts. LAANC will respond.

5.3 Declaration of Interests

It was suggested that meetings of LAANC should begin with a declaration of interests. It was agreed to seek advice on this matter.

5.4 Directors Honorarium



The Directors honorarium has been suspended at the request of the Director during a period of sickness. It was agreed that this should be reinstated, back dated to the formal notice of the AGM of 24 March 2022.

5.5 Date of Next Meeting / Meeting Frequency

It was agreed that the meetings would be held quarterly with additional meetings held as the need arose.

5.6 Vote of Thanks

- 5.6.1 A vote of thanks was given to Joanna Darbrowska who will leave LAANC as she is standing down from Ealing Council at the May 2022 local elections.
- 5.6.2 A vote of thanks was given to the clerk of Old Windsor Parish Council for hosting the meeting.