

Minutes of Cross Party Group on Aviation

Date: Wednesday, 26 February 2014

Location: Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament

MSP Attendees:

Colin Keir (CK) (Convener)
John Scott (JS) (Deputy Convener)
George Adam (GA)
Richard Lyle (RL)
Mark McDonald (MM)
Maureen Watt (MW)

Non-MSP Attendees:

Brian McClean (BMc)	Glasgow Airport
Rab Dickson (RD)	Nestrans
Christie Rawlings (CR)	British Airways
Mark Stuart (MS)	Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd
Gordon Dewar (GD)	Edinburgh Airport
Gordon Robertson (GR)	Edinburgh Airport
Iain Cochrane (IC)	Prestwick Airport
Janice Hogarth (JH)	Scottish Passenger Agents Association
Garry Clark (GC)	Scottish Chamber of Commerce
Sarah Campbell (SC)	Aberdeen Airport
David Birrell (DB)	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Ranald Robertson (RR)	Hitrans
Denise Hill (DH)	Visit Scotland
Mike Cantlay (MC)	Visit Scotland
Stuart Young (SY)	Edinburgh Airport
David Brash (DB)	NATS
Luke Law (LL)	NATS
Alan Campbell (AC)	Independent
Lorna Jack (LJ)	Edinburgh Airport

Apologies:

Andrew McConnell	easyJet
Amanda McMillan	Glasgow Airport
Roddie MacPhee	Barrhead Travel
Carol Benzie	Aberdeen Airport
Bob Schumacher	United Airlines
Ali Gayward	easyJet
Derick Murray	Nestrans
Malcolm Robertson	Adviser to GIP
David Stuart	MSP
David T Hodges	Virgin Atlantic
Adrian Brown	Scottish Enterprise

<i>Description</i>	<i>Action</i>
<p>ITEM 2: Minutes of last meeting 27 November 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITEM 3: A letter has been sent to Deputy First Minister encouraging the Scottish Government to find a new owner as quickly as possible and asking Scottish Government to continue dialogue with the other Scottish airports. No reply received yet - ITEM 6: Report on offshore safety for helicopters from the last meeting of the CPG on Oil and Gas. Report published w/c 17 February 2014. Will be discussed at the May meeting. - ITEM 7: Convenor has written to Convenor of Westminster APG on Aviation, Brian Donohoe inviting him to attend a meeting of the CPG. Mr Donohoe has declined to attend. 	<p>AGREED by Cross Party Group</p>
<p>ITEM 3: Presentation from Mike Cantlay, Chairman of Visit Scotland, 'Developing Scotland's Aviation Ambition'.</p>	
<p>ITEM 4: Assistance for passengers with disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disabled Access Holidays member of SPAA report that the main problem is educating passengers to declare disabilities and specific need for assistance before travel. - Access panel local to airport should work with airport to ensure suitable facilities for passengers with disabilities. - Airports work with local disability groups to highlight areas that need improvement e.g. planning, way finding and pre-notification. Not one size fits all with different disabilities having different requirements. - Airlines echo not a one size fits all problem. BA has improved the way passengers can book assistance service. BA sits on the Civil Aviation Authority disability working group. 	<p>Airports and airlines will write a briefing note on passengers with disabilities.</p> <p>Convenor will email other airline members asking for their contributions.</p> <p>SC will collate airports good practice.</p> <p>CR will collate airlines good practice and find out if airlines give specific training to recognise rarer/ less visible disabilities.</p> <p>Briefing note will be discussed at the May meeting before being circulated to disability groups.</p> <p>Note will form the basis of a second members debate highlighting steps that have been made to address issues.</p>
<p>ITEMS 5: Scotland's summer of sport.</p>	

ITEMS 6: AOB

- Report from JH and RMac on insurance issues surrounding the £1 levy on passengers and the pitfalls related to buying insurance on the open market deferred to future meeting
- Sustainable Aviation Progress Report. CR to send LJ link for circulation to CPH members.

Please see here below for the dates for the CPG on Aviation for the 2013/14 session. **All meetings start at 18.00.**

Wednesday 7th May 2014. (Please note this meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting.)

1st October 2014

4 February 2015

6th May 2015