



Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign Minute of Annual General Meeting Held 16th May, 2022 At Stanhill Court Hotel, Stan Hill, Charlwood

In Attendance: Peter Barclay, Atholl Forbes, Fran Flammiger,
Sarah Clayton, Jonathan Essex and 37 members

Opening Remarks

Peter Barclay opened the meeting by welcoming members and providing apologies on behalf of Committee members: Charles Lloyd, Penny Shoubridge and Marcus Tarling. Apologies were also received from a number of council, group and individual members who were unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman's Annual Report

Peter Barclay presented his annual report, highlighting that it had been another extremely busy year for GACC. He confirmed that GACC continues to play an important role in holding Gatwick to account. In the past 12 months, GACC had: helped coordinate community responses to Gatwick's DCO consultation, provided input to the FASI South Airspace Modernisation project, continued to represent communities on the airport's consultative committee, GATCOM and participated extensively in the work of Gatwick's Noise Management Board, including campaigning vigorously for a reduction in the number of night flights at Gatwick. Peter Barclay referred specifically to the New Economic Foundation (NEF) report commissioned by GACC to challenge the economic benefit claims Gatwick set out in its DCO consultation document. Although representing a major spend for GACC, the NEF's report highlighted a number of significant omissions in Gatwick's consultation and also the airport's use of out-of-date carbon value data which called into question the economic benefits claimed by Gatwick. The report was very well received by both communities and local authorities, making it clear that well-researched and independent reports of this type, were extremely influential, helped demonstrate GACC's continued professionalism and represented excellent value for money. In terms of funding, the meeting heard that this year's income had been boosted by a number of generous donations, but that a material increase in funding would be needed if GACC was to mount a credible and effective challenge to Gatwick's expansion plans. Peter Barclay closed his report by thanking the Committee for their hard work and on-going support.

Presentation by Tim Johnson - Director, Aviation Environment Foundation (AEF)

Tim Johnson provided a particularly stimulating presentation covering "Recent Airport Expansion inquiries and what we can learn & Government's Jet Zero Policy". Tim referred to a recent report by Element Energy (EE) which had been commissioned by the AEF. The

report highlighted significant risks in the Government's 'Jet Zero' strategy, including relying too heavily on technological solutions, sustainable aviation fuels and improved system efficiencies, many of which are far from ready to deploy. The EE report suggested that the sector will need to cut its emissions faster to hit reduction targets, especially in the 2030s and concluded that aviation demand reduction would be required if economy-wide emission reduction targets were to be met. The EE report also suggested that an urgent review of airport expansion policy was required in line with advice from the Climate Change Committee. Tim continued his presentation by referring to the AEF's involvement in recent airport expansion inquiries, highlighting that, although the adverse impacts of aviation noise had been argued passionately by local campaigners, recent Government "call-ins" at Luton and Southampton had been driven by climate change rather than noise impacts. Tim concluded his presentation by suggesting that if campaign groups wished to gain real traction with the planning authorities and Government to prevent airport expansion, in his view, climate change and wider environmental issues, including air quality impacts, needed to be core to campaign activity.

Peter Barclay thanked Tim for his highly informative and stimulating presentation and invited member questions.

2021/22 Report and Accounts

Atholl Forbes presented the 2021/22 Report and Accounts highlighting a shortfall for the year of £2,712 and total cash resources of £24,155. There were no questions on the Report and Accounts at the conclusion of the presentation.

It was moved by Gareth Hayton and seconded by Sarah Clayton that the 2021/22 Financial Statements be approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Election of the GACC Executive Committee

Nominations, proposers and seconders for the GACC Executive Committee were as follows:

Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
Peter Barclay	Atholl Forbes	Sarah Clayton
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Fran Flammiger	Atholl Forbes	Peter Barclay
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Charles Lloyd	Peter Barclay	Atholl Forbes
Penny Shoubridge	Maggie Hensman	Charlwood Parish Council
Richard Streatfeild	Jonathan Essex	Atholl Forbes
Marcus Tarling	Jonathan Essex	Sarah Clayton

It was moved that Fran Flammiger be elected and the remaining nominees be re-elected to GACC's Executive Committee. The motion was unanimously carried.

There being no other business Peter Barclay thanked the members for their attendance and their on-going support and closed the meeting.