Present

A Stewart Chairman AIACC

L McCann Communications Coordinator AIAL

G Hance Vice-chairman AIACC

I Armstrong SCDI

B Harrison Dyce & Stoneywood Community Council

L Simmons Bridge of Don community Council

Cllr G Blackett Aberdeenshire Council
Cllr J Cox Aberdeenshire Council
M Stubbs Aerodrome Manager AIAL
Cllr M Roy Aberdeenshire Council
J Wood Passenger Representative
Cllr A Mackenzie Aberdeen City Council

R Dickson NESTRANS

S Taylor AGCC

Cllr N MacGregor Aberdeen City Council

G Wildgoose Oil and Gas UK
C Foy VisitAberdeenshire
R Hunt AIAL Managing Director

Apologies

D Macfarlane (Passenger Representative), Cllr B Crockett (Aberdeen City Council), A Barclay-Scurry (Access Forum Representive), H Gordon (British Travel Agents/Scottish Passengers Agents Assciation), Cllr G Al-Samarai (Aberdeen City Council), D Heaselgrave (NATS)

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

A Stewart welcomed all present and noted apologies from the meeting. Chair marked this was the first virtual meeting of AIACC due to current pandemic.

ROUND TABLE

Members in attendance were given a brief chance to explain who they were and who they were representing today.

MINUTES

A Stewart went through minute with no issues raised.

MD UPDATE

R Hunt provided an update regarding operations at AIAL throughout national and local restrictions and impact from Flybe. Noted that AIAL has had a significant decrease in passenger figures and has members of staff of furlough. AIAL has remained open to help support the north-east through flights to islands, O&G Sector and ambulance flights.

R Hunt noted it was difficult to forecast ahead but believed AIAL had plateaued. With aviation hit hard AIAL has been calling government to continue regional connectivity review and movement needed on APD.

Noted AIAL has introduced health measures for passenger safety including letting NHS patients stay airside until appointments.

MD QUESTIONS

A Stewart and G Wildgoose asked regarding airlines not accepting snoods with R Hunt offering AIAL help with airline contacts if specific incidents arise.

A Stewart asked about end of furlough at airport. R Hunt said discussions are ongoing with trade unions regarding job retention measures at AIA.

B Harrison asked about car parking with park and depart closure for test centre. R Hunt said Park and Depart was seen as best spot for facility for testing site. Temporary works at short stay car park also noted as upcoming.

S Taylor commended AIAL for staying open during pandemic and asked about regional connectivity and said work was ongoing at chamber regarding APD. R Hunt said APD was about a level playing field as it has shown to lead to growth. Work also ongoing about asking for regional route development fund.

N Macgregor thanked R Hunt for swift response after complaints at weekend regarding time of grass cutting. R Hunt noted mistakes do happen and AIAL will hold hands up.

C Foy said challenges lie ahead for geographical perception of Aberdeen when bidding for conferences and thanked AIAL for taking part in upcoming discussions. R Hunt said collective discussions would help market Aberdeen including sustainability currently ongoing in the region and AIAL.

AOCB

A Stewart closed the meeting with no issues raised and noted next meeting will take place virtually on a TBC date in December.