

## **Aberdeen International Airport Consultative Committee – December 4, 2020**

### **Present**

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| A Stewart        | Chairman AIACC                           |
| L McCann         | Communications Coordinator AIAL          |
| G Hance          | Vice-chairman AIACC                      |
| D Macfarlane     | Vice-chairman AIACC                      |
| B Harrison       | Dyce & Stoneywood Community Council      |
| I Elrick         | Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council |
| Cllr G Blackett  | Aberdeenshire Council                    |
| Cllr J Cox       | Aberdeenshire Council                    |
| Cllr M Roy       | Aberdeenshire Council                    |
| J Wood           | Passenger Representative                 |
| Cllr A Mackenzie | Aberdeen City Council                    |
| Cllr R MacGregor | Aberdeen City Council                    |
| M Bochel         | NESTRANS                                 |
| S Morrison       | AGCC                                     |
| Cllr N MacGregor | Aberdeen City Council                    |
| G Wildgoose      | Oil and Gas UK                           |
| D Heaselgrave    | NATS                                     |
| C Foy            | VisitAberdeenshire                       |
| M Beveridge      | AIAL Operations Director                 |
| M Johnston       | AGS COO                                  |

### Apologies

L Simmons (Bridge of Don Community Council), Cllr G Al-Samarai (Aberdeen City Council), S Taylor (AGCC, S Morrison in attendance), H Gordon (British Travel Agents/Scottish Passengers Agents Assciation), A Barclay-Scurry (Access Forum Representative), M Campbell (SCDI),

### (1) WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

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

### (2) ROUND TABLE

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

### (3) MINUTES

A Stewart went through minute with no issues raised.

### (4) AIAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE – M Beveridge (Ops Director), M Johnston (AGS COO)

Committee members introduced to M Beveridge who is the new Operations Director at AIAL and M Johnston Chief Operating Officer for AGS Airports.

M Johnston provided an update across the industry and AGS airports noting a difficult time was still being had by AGS had committed shareholders. M Johnston noted testing M Johnston welcomed the appointment of M Beveridge as Ops Director at Aberdeen.

N Macgregor noted that some a call relating to noise had not been returned. L McCann to look to provide contact details moving forward. L McCann noted that a no longer used noise number appears on third party website but AIAL look for people to submit via its website at <https://www.aberdeenairport.com/about-us/community-matters/noise/>

M Beveridge provided a business update at AIAL including passenger figures and restructuring that has taken place. An update was also provided for various airlines operating from AIAL.

M Beveridge also noted that Swissport had served notice regarding serving airlines as ground handlers in future but would continue cargo operations.

M Beveridge noted Aberdeen City Council was looking to abolish the two licence taxi zones currently in operation (City and Airport). AIAL was not consulted but made representative regarding concerns for the move. J Wood asked if this was policy or councillor move with N Macgregor saying he was unaware of the move from a councillor perspective. J Cox asked about potential concerns from airport perspective with M Beveridge noting it could potentially harm ability to serve passengers from airport.

D Macfarlane asked regarding testing as East Midlands has covid testing for departure. M Johnston said AGS actively engaging with Scots Gov regarding arrival testing and looking at departure testing.

NATS update

D Heaselgrave gave an update from NATS perspective said there were challenges throughout with a VS scheme but no reductions from Aberdeen. D Heaselgrave noted he will be moving to Manchester to take him a role there with Ross McDonald from Southampton to take over in Aberdeen.

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G Hance asked regarding the pick up and drop off facility after seeing Glasgow increase. M Beveridge noted it was not being considered at this time.

G Wildgoose asked if any concerns regarding Border Force and Brexit come January. M Beveridge noted discussions were being had but preparations being made by Border Force.

G Hance proposed a vote of thanks for Maggie, previous secretary of AIACC for all the work she has done over the years.

N MacGregor noted thanks to Iain Armstrong from SCDI for all this work over the years promoting the area and work on the committee. It was asked if representative from SCDI in the future. There is a representative for SCDI who was unable to attend the meeting.

G Blackett asked how testing would work through multiple airports. M Beveridge said it would be from origin airport but discussions were still being had.

A Stewart asked regarding APD with C Foy saying recommendations including APD cutting had been put forward to Scottish and UK Governments on how to help tourism industry recover.

A Stewart asked committee if items they would like to see covered in future. G Hance noted any route developments or talks being had for when things were back to normality.

J Cox said a few lines may prepared and sent to members before meeting to prompt discussion. A Stewart said both would be looked at.

A Stewart asked regarding Ryanair with M Beveridge noting they started back at AIAL today but situation as with all airlines is a changing nature.

A Stewart asked regarding Swissport decision and if AIAL was in discussions with others. M Beveridge noted discussions were being had and was meeting with Dalcross to discuss.

A Stewart brought the meeting to an end and thanked everyone. Next meeting scheduled for March 5, 2021 and due to take place online.