

Little Gransden Aerodrome Local Consultative Committee

Meeting held on 10th April 2024 at 7p.m.

Those present:	P. Atkin	Chairman Cambridge Gliding Centre
	D. Howse	Cambridge Gliding Centre
	M. Capps	Great Gransden Parish Council
	E. Ward	Little Gransden Parish Council
	R. Petch	Gamlingay Parish Council
	S. Barlow	Little Gransden Resident(Admin)
	K. Merrill	Little Gransden Resident(Admin)
	S. Cutter	Abbotsley Parish Council

1. Appointment of Chairman

P Atkin kindly agreed to chair the meeting.

2. Apologies:

Apologies for absence received from J. Jefferies, N. Ginn and J. Linger

3. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

4. Matters arising.

The committee was concerned/disappointed SCDC did not plan to attend future meetings.

M. Jefferies asked S. Barlow to email SCDC and ask if they intended to check the airfield Log books.

5. Correspondence and Complaints

None

6. Reports

Aerodrome Management

Report by Mark Jefferies Sorry for my absence in November. The absence was due to being in China with my team the Global Stars performing at 2 different venues, Nanchang and Zhuhai. This follows 2 events in Nigeria where the Nigerian air force collected the aircraft from Cambridge airport with Hercules C130 transporter. The event was to commemorate “air force day” the 59th and the inauguration of new and re-elected members of parliament.

This year the team has flown in The Australian National Airshow, India and Philippines with another Philippines show 3-5th May. Bahrain and China are booked for later in the year with possibly India again in July.

Practice and perseverance pay off with the UK team being invited to fly overseas representing the UK by many countries.

2023 was a successful year for the airfield. No issues in the management, no accidents. The fund raising air show donated £20,000 to children in need with a further £5000 allocated to local schools groups and kids activities.

At this time we invite local schools to apply for funding for specific projects. Great Gransden pre school has benefited the last 2 years, last year with tricycles and this year with a wooden building block set. Eltisley has an application in currently.

This years aerobatic contest will be held on the 29th June.

This years charity fund raiser will be on the 25th August.

We are seeking registered charity status at present, this will help us raise further funds.

The constant wet weather in November to date have put severe restrictions on when we can fly.

The airfield is now drying out and usable by most aircraft. If the wind drops !

Little Gransden Parish Council. E. Ward informed the meeting there were no issues.

Great Gransden Parish Council M. Capps informed the meeting they had no issues. He spoke of his disappointment that SCDC were no longer attending the meetings. K. Merrill and he explained that over the years the Consultative Committee meetings with the involvement SCDC enabled any problems relating to the airfield to be discussed and dealt with appropriately.

Gamlingay Parish Council R. Petch informed the meeting they had no issues.

Cambridge Gliding Club P. Atkin informed the meeting they had no issues.

7 . Any Other Business

None

8. Items for the next agenda

SCDC check of airfield log book.

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 6th November 2024. 7:00pm at the Cambridge Gliding Centre.

The committee thanked the Cambridge Gliding Centre for hosting the meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm

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