

Minutes of Cross Party Group on Aviation (Annual General Meeting)

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2014

Location: Committee Room 3, Scottish Parliament

MSP Attendees:

Colin Keir (CK) (Convener)
John Scott (JS) (Deputy Convener)
Chic Brodie (CB) (Deputy Convener)
George Adam (GA)
David Stewart (DS) (Deputy Convener)
Gordon Macdonald (GM)
Dennis Robertson (DR)
Maureen Watt (MW)

Non-MSP Attendees:

Brian McClean (BMc)	Glasgow Airport
Rab Dickson (RD)	Nestrans
Mark Stuart (MS)	Highlands & Islands Airports Ltd
Stuart Young (SY)	Edinburgh Airport
Iain Cochrane (IC)	Prestwick Airport
Janice Hogarth (JH)	Scottish Passenger Agents Association
Garry Clark (GC)	Scottish Chamber of Commerce
Sarah Rochester (SR)	Aberdeen Airport
Andrew McConnell (AMc)	Flybe
Thanasis Bakos (TB)	easyJet
Roddie MacPhee (RM)	Barrhead Travel
Ranald Robertson (RR)	Hitrans
Stuart Young (SY)	Edinburgh Airport
David Brash (DB)	NATS
Alastair Muir (AM)	NATS
Donna Sutherland (DS)	Loganair
Lorna Jack (LJ)	Edinburgh Airport

Apologies:

Amanda McMillan	Glasgow Airport
Carol Benzie	Aberdeen Airport
Bob Schumacher	United Airlines
Ali Gayward	easyJet
Derick Murray	Nestrans
Malcolm Robertson	Adviser to GIP
David T Hodges	Virgin Atlantic
Adrian Brown	Scottish Enterprise
Denise Hill (DH)	Visit Scotland
Gordon Dewar (GD)	Edinburgh Airport
David Birrell (DB)	Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce

<i>Description</i>	<i>Action</i>
ITEM 1: Welcome and apologies	
ITEM 2: AGM appointment of convenor, deputy convenor and secretary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin Keir MSP voted as Convener - John Scott MSP, David Stewart MSP, Chic Brodie voted as Deputy Conveners - Lorna Jack to stand down as Secretary. Stuart Young appointed as new Secretary 	AGREED by Cross Party Group
ITEM 3: Minutes of last meeting 26 February 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ITEM 2: Convenor has written to Convenor of Westminster APG on Aviation, Brian Donohoe inviting him to attend a meeting of the CPG. After reconsideration Mr Donohoe has accepted the invitation to attend the CPG meeting in the October. He will address the group and answer any questions. - ITEM 6: 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 October meeting 	AGREED by Cross Party Group
ITEM 4: Matters arising	None
ITEM 5 & 6: Assistance for passengers with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All airport passengers with restricted mobility (PRM) assistance is provided in association with third parties. Scottish assistance generally good and airports take collaborative approach with providers and local charities and disabilities groups - easyJet gave brief overview of best practice guidelines - ABTA heavily involved in providing guidance and checklist to passengers before travel. Promote awareness that assistance must be pre-booked - PRM assistance should include airport facilities and not just embarking the aircraft. - When PRM services fail airports and airlines must respond effectively. 	Airports and airlines will write a briefing note on passengers with disabilities. Convenor will email other airline members asking for their contributions. SR has collated a report summarising Scottish Airports' best practice guidelines on assisting passengers with disabilities. All airlines to send good practice guidelines and details of any specific training given to staff to recognise rarer/ less visible disabilities to Convenor for collation. Briefing note will be discussed at the October meeting before being circulated to disability groups. Note will form the basis of a second members debate highlighting steps that have been made to address issues.

<p>ITEMS 7: Presentation “Introduction to National Air Traffic Service” from Alastair Muir, Operations Director at Prestwick Centre, NATs</p>	<p>- Open invitation extended to CPG members to visit Prestwick Control Centre</p>
<p>ITEM 8: The next CPG meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 October</p>	

Please see here below for the dates for the CPG on Aviation for the 2014/15 session. **All meetings start at 18.00.**

1st October 2014
4th February 2015
6th May 2015