

HEADCORN AERODROME CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2018

BRIEFING ROOMS HEADCORN AERODROME

I attended the above meeting. It was a well attended session but given it was now the end of the events season it was a relatively low key. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Planning and Events

They had had a number of well-planned and successful events. There were no issues arising from these activities and plans were already in place for next year. The Battle of Britain and the Combined Ops events were particularly successful. It was noted that over 700 children attended and they were able to meet veterans. The Mayor of Maidstone also attended. Another very successful event was the model aircraft display.

There will be a pre-application planning meeting with a view to streamlining the applications for events. This was not helped by the high turnover of planning officers at Maidstone Borough Council and this could sometimes lead to complex and possibly unnecessary additional conditions.

Work was starting on the new storage hangar, which had received planning permission. No application had been made concerning the proposed Transport Museum but talks will be taking place involving Cllr Martin Round and myself regarding the next steps.

Correspondence

The Director reported that there had been correspondence between a local horse owner and himself concerning the spooking of her horses. It was noted that these were not noisy aircraft and it had never been an issue before; she was in fact relatively new to the area. Generally horses get used to noise so given that there were a number of horse owners and ex horse owners present at the meeting the general consensus was that it was a question of training and very little more could be done by the aerodrome operator.

Complaints

There had been a few abusive phone calls but no evidence had been provided. The only matter raised was the annual event at Chart Sutton to remember a Polish Hurricane Pilot whose plane came down during the

Battle of Britain. This event had been taking place for a number of years but for some reason the Spitfire flypast organised by the British Memorial Flight (BMS) had been restricted and Headcorn Aerodrome had been blamed. However, it was pointed out that this event was outside Headcorn Aerodrome's zone so this could not have been the case. It was agreed that this needed to be followed up with the BMS.

Any other business

No items were raised.

Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should take place on the 5th March 2019

**John Perry
3rd October 2018**