

GLASGOW AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 200th Quarterly Meeting held in the Campsie Suite, Glasgow Airport on Monday 28 April 2025 at 10:00 am

Present

Mr David Flint	Chairman
Mr Donald Grant	Vice Chairman
Commissioner Keith Banks	Retired Chaplain
Mr John Barr	SPAA
Mr Maurice Corry	Passenger Representative
Lindsay Crawford	Police Scotland, Deputy Airport Commander
Councillor Stephen Dornan	Glasgow City Council
Mr Brian Field	Retired, Police Scotland
Councillor William Goldie	Passenger Representative
Mr Alexander Grant	Passenger Representative
Ms Kim Hamilton	NATS
Major Iain Hudson	Chaplain
Mr Bruce Kiloh	Head of Policy and Planning, SPT
Mr Roddie MacPhee	ABTA
Mr Alan Reid	Jet2
Councillor Calum Smith	East Dunbartonshire Council
Councillor David Wilson	Inverclyde Council
Mr Kam Jandu	CEO AGS Airports
Mr Ronald Leitch	COO AGS Airports
Mrs Tracey McCartney	GLA - Terminal Operations Manager
Mr Gavin Newlands	GLA – Head of Corporate Affairs
Ms Julie Thomas	Internal Communications Manager
Mrs Carol Davidson	PA to the Managing Director
Mrs Jennifer Stewart	Secretary
Apologies	
Councillor Graham Hardie	Argyll & Bute Council
Mr Mark Beveridge	GLA - Managing Director
Mr Kenneth Welsh	GLA – Airport Security Manager

Mr R Leitch welcomed all to the 200th meeting of the Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee. He introduced Mr K Jandu, CEO of AGS Airports since 28 January, who had joined us at this meeting and invited him to say a few words.

Mr K Jandu said he was delighted to have been invited to join the committee. He advised that before starting here at the end of January he had run Budapest Airport. Glasgow is the biggest airport of the AGS Group. He believes collaboration with stakeholders is very

important. He referred to the announcement last week regarding the £350m investment in the future growth and decarbonisation of AGS Airports over the course of the next five years in the three AGS sites, the bulk of which will go into Glasgow. He advised that we are now looking at how the money will be invested to create sustainable growth and strengthen our connectivity. Not only will it enhance the fabric of our airports, it will enhance the role they play in facilitating trade and tourism and, importantly in generating meaningful employment across the country.

Mr R Leitch handed over to the Chairman.

The Chairman touched on the rivalry between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Mr K Jandu said we have seen a migration of Glasgow post codes going to Edinburgh as they have more flights. The aim is collaboration to make Scottish travel better. He believes there is going to be prosperous growth ahead of us. Mr R MacPhee said we are screaming out for transatlantic flights to return to Glasgow. Mr K Jandu said there are a lot of passengers coming from USA to Edinburgh. Airlines say they are very interested in Glasgow but they have other priorities where they are sending their aircraft to. Glasgow has to be showcased as a good business opportunity. He believes it's not a question of 'if' but 'when' and he thinks it will be 2027 before this happens.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and in particular Mr K Jandu.

The Chairman said this is a forum for exchange of information. He said the support from the Airport goes beyond statutory limit. He would describe our role as a "critical friend" which performs an advisory role. We have tried to extend membership of the committee to include stakeholders such as younger people and women. Any suggestions for new members, please let the Chairman know. He encouraged greater response from members. He thanked UKAC for their summaries which he distributes weekly.

Now Glasgow Airport has a new owner to make it an even better offering for passengers. Looking back over the last 199 meetings of the committee, the Chairman advised that Mr David Wardley was the GACC's first chairman. Mr Jack Richmond then took over and was Chairman of the committee for 38 years. He acknowledged the work they had done. He thanked Mrs J Stewart for her work as Secretary since 2016. He also thanked Mrs C Davidson for her role as liaison person.

Mr B Field who retired a month ago from Police Scotland and Mr K Banks, retired Chaplain were attending the meeting and the Chairman welcomed them both back.

The Chairman was delighted to have with us Mr Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy and Planning at SPT. He was here to give a presentation and update on Clyde Metro – Case for Change.

SPT is responsible for planning and delivering regional transport in the west of Scotland. This includes managing the Glasgow Subway, operating various bus services and working with local authorities to improve traffic management and bus infrastructure. It also handles ticketing and concessionary travel.

Mr B Kiloh advised that the west of Scotland already has a very good transport network but we need to step up and this is what the Clyde Metro is all about. He advised that it is a transport infrastructure project - more than just a transport project.

Clyde Metro aims to provide a step-change in our transport system, transforming the life opportunities of communities currently impacted by unaffordable, unreliable and poorly connected public transport.

The delivery of Clyde Metro is a collaborative project. The Partners responsible for taking forward Clyde Metro are SPT, Glasgow City Council and Transport Scotland. GCC, acting as a representative for the Glasgow City Region, is supporting SPT in delivery whilst TS is acting in a Project Assurance role.

Mr B Kiloh advised that this is a huge project and consequently several workstreams need to be developed and approved to demonstrate the need and value of delivering a project of this scale.

Undertaking this task, termed the Case for Investment (CFI) is the primary focus for the coming months. The CFI will set out the Programme Level Business Case (PBC) and arrangements for initial delivery phases.

The three project partners have begun work on the Clyde Metro CFI and will take this forward in two key stages to be completed over the next three years. It is anticipated to be completed by early 2027.

Once the CFI is complete the project can then be taken forward to future stages which will include detailed appraisal, engineering design, making the financial case for funding and ultimately the delivery of future lines or routes.

The Chairman thanked Mr B Kiloh for this very helpful presentation. He said we are excited and optimistic about it. We have 60 years of car use, and we need to make public transport as attractive as possible with other options out there in order to get people out of their cars.

Mr D Grant also thanked Mr B Kiloh and said it was interesting to see the level of ambition. Mr B Kiloh believes we will have more answers later this year, clarity on where it is going to go and we will have a clear plan as to where we are going to take this metro.

It could be up to 10 years before the Metro is approved, and it will be difficult for people to hold their patience for that time.

Mr M Corry thanked Mr B Kiloh. He asked Mr R Leitch what he thought the increase in passengers would be. Mr R Leitch said he believed a lot of people will be using cars but the use of public transport will increase. This will make us on par with other sites. Mr B Kiloh said that in regards to Argyll and Bute, it will bring access to public transport across the region.

The Chairman thanked Mr B Kiloh. We are impressed and inspired to see what happens.

Mr B Kiloh said he appreciated the opportunity to speak at this meeting and thanked the GACC for the support. The Chairman said Mr B Kiloh was welcome to come back to update us as things moved forward.

Mr B Kiloh and Mr K Jandu left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting

The Minutes from the January meeting were circulated.

Cllr C Smith advised that Facebook informed users that priority security slots were now available at Glasgow.

In response to Mr A Grant's query about a family bus ticket, Ms T McCartney advised that there was no family ticket available but there was a group ticket for five people at a cost of £31.

It was advised Drop Off and Pick Up no longer accepts cash - only cards can be used for payment.

The Minutes were agreed. The Chairman will arrange to have these put on the website.

The reports were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Traffic Report and General Updates

Traffic

Mr R Leitch advised that Q1 had been a good period. The recent recruitment fair was a great event with well over 2k people attending from all over the west of Scotland. This will now be an annual event which we will undertake ourselves and not go through a third party. It is good to see people still wanting to take employment in aviation.

Mr R Leitch advised that in retail, Frankie & Benny's is going and will become a new sports bar.

Community engagement - the FlightPath Fund continues to provide funding to communities. School visits have been hosted. We will continue to chip away at this.

Mr R Leitch said Security is concerning him just now with long queue times. We knew the new system was going to give us teething problems. Mr K Welsh is doing a sterling job. The new technology is much better than the old and he is confident we will have things sorted by the end of May. The newer machines have a degree of AI. There will be more screens deployed for summer and there will also be more security officers.

Mr L Leitch advised that we would continue with the practice of keeping liquids of 100ml in bags, in hand luggage.

The Chairman suggested that, after going through security, more places to put your belongings would be helpful and Mr R Leitch said he would take this back to Mr K Welsh.

Mr R Leitch referred to the investment of £350m. We have already designed 5, 10 year plan for the expansion to Glasgow airport. He advised we will build out from the west and have a bigger WDF. There will be a bigger priority lounge. It will be better for passengers here and for those coming in.

Mr R Leitch advised that we have a new airline, Global Airlines, which will operate a Glasgow to New York flight. The first flight is on 15 May and Mr R Leitch believes there will not be a problem in filling this flight.

Ms T McCartney advised that 7 new seasonal terminal staff are starting in May with one permanent offer being made.

Airside

Bird strikes

In Q1 there have been 9 bird strikes and 1 wildlife report. None were identified as in the medium/high category. Of the 9 reports 5 were confirmed strikes.

Any other business

Bryan McLaren, Police Scotland starts at the end of May as Airport Commander and Lindsay Crawford is filling in until he starts.

Mr G Newlands said that engagement with Deputy First Minister Kate Forbes has been very good and very helpful. The investment in the airport and the Metro connectivity was very important. This is a positive message - we are in a good place. Mr R Leitch said we are trying to win catchment back.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 August 2025.