

BELFAST CITY AIRPORT FORUM
Minutes of Meeting No 102
Held on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7.00pm
VENUE: Online via Teams

Attendees:

Kathy Graham (KG)	Forum Chair
Alan Andrews (AA)	Hollywood Residents' Association
Michelle Hatfield (MH)	Belfast City Airport
Councillor Pdraig Donnelly (PD)	Belfast City Council
Daniel V McCaughan (DM)	Cultra Residents' Association
David McCambley (DMcC)	Belfast City Council
Tim Halley (TH)	Belfast City Airport
Mark Doherty (MD)	Belfast Harbour Commissioners
Michelle Kelly (MK)	Consumer Council
Alderman Alan Graham (AG)	Ards and North Down Borough Council
George Bee (GB)	Belfast City Airport
David Trew (DT)	Bickerdike Allen Partners

In Attendance:

Ian Nuttall (IN)	Belfast City Airport
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1. APOLOGIES AND OPENING REMARKS

Apologies were received from -

Councillor David Rossiter	Ards and North Down Borough Council
Councillor Davy Douglas	Belfast City Council
Lisa Comerton	Belfast Chamber of Commerce

Members were advised that this would be a shortened meeting in order to allow time for an extended Environmental Sub-Group Meeting to follow, incorporating consultation on the END Round Four Draft Noise Plan 2025-2029.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Members accepted the minutes of the meeting on 10 December 2024 as accurate.

3. MATTERS ARISING

MK asked if there was an opportunity for airlines to join the Forum. MH to discuss potential with BCA Executive and Commercial Teams.

PD asked if BCA had been contacted by Short Strand Community Forum following discussions with the group last year. It was agreed that a representative would be invited to attend the next meeting as an initial step towards joining the Forum.

Action – MH, KG, IN

4. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIR

Following election of KG as Forum Chair earlier this year, Members were asked to provide details of suitable individuals they wish to nominate for the role of Deputy Forum Chair. BCA to draft a role description/person specification for guidance.

Action – IN/MH

5. AIRPORT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MH presented a report including the following key points:

- Community Fund awards were made to Killard House School outdoor classroom and sensory area and Ashfield Girls' School SEN resources
- BCA received the Aviation Industry Awards CSR Achievement Award
- Continuing Eastside Awards sponsorship by BCA
- BCA achieved Platinum level in the 2024 NI Environmental Benchmarking Survey
- BCA received the Take 5 Level 3 Health & Wellbeing award
- Air Ambulance NI Runway Run returning 11 June
- BCA was UK's most punctual airport in 2024
- IGNITE enters its 6th year – extending beyond schools to the wider community
- High Flyers apprenticeships to open in May.

6. BCA CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

TH introduced Members to George Bee, BCA's recently appointed ESG & Sustainable Transport Manager.

TH provided an update on development progress including the following key points:

- Further in-Terminal surveys are planned to verify data on transport modes to the Airport
- Ongoing, positive discussions with Translink over the past three months on improving the rail link with the Airport; feasibility study nearing completion ahead of business case preparation
- Master Planning process progressing with the aim to publicly consult on a draft document after the summer
- GB developing a new strategy for passenger and staff surface access over the coming months.

MK asked about the expected frequency of the 600 bus service during the summer. TH to get back to MK directly with further details.

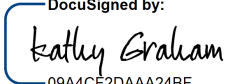
Action - TH

7. AIRPORT STATISTICS

IN provided details of BCA performance, as set out in the Statistics Paper provided to Members.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Date to be confirmed. Expected late August/September.

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Kathy Graham, Deputy Forum Chair