

# BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Andy Perkins – Chairman  
Nick Bowers  
Richard Brickwood  
Bill Brittain  
Bill Craig  
Dave Latimer  
George Metcalfe – Vice Chairman

IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Stratten - Chief Executive Officer  
John Williams – Airspace Committee Chairman

APOLOGIES:  
Lisa Humphries  
Tony Smith – Treasurer and Company Secretary

### 15/18 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The notes from the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 meeting were approved and will be signed by the chairman at the next opportunity.

**Status: Open Action: Pete Stratten, Andy Perkins**

### 16/18 AIRSPACE UPDATE

John Williams described the situation with current airspace change applications. Those present agreed that the TAG/Farnborough ACP decision is critically important. It was noted that the CAA website states that CAA expect to conclude the process and publish their decision by May 2018. Those present considered how the outcome could be clear in terms of a BGA reaction, ie acceptable or unacceptable. However, it was noted that the CAA may modify an ACP design at the decision stage and any resulting design would need careful consideration by the Executive Committee, particularly around safety, access and the impact on BGA clubs. Those present considered potential scenarios and options and agreed that the CAA decision will be carefully considered by the Executive Committee ahead of agreeing a BGA response. Those present noted that in continuing to support Lasham Gliding Society in its ongoing efforts on airspace matters, it remains important that their work is not compromised.

It was noted that the APPG GA airspace group is highlighting and identifying issues around ACP's that are currently moving forward under the CAP725 process rather than being transferred to the CAP1616 process that came into force on 2 Jan 18. Those ACPs include TAG/Farnborough, Exeter, Brize Norton and Oxford. Other substantive airspace topics being addressed by the APPG GA airspace group include the need for a lower airspace strategy and CAA powers to make decisions on airspace use.

Those present thanked John Williams for his and the wider airspace committees highly appreciated support.

**Status: Open Action: All Due: May 2018**

17/18 AOB There were no items of AOB.

The next meeting will be in May. Date to be notified by Andy Perkins.