



Cotswold Radio Control Society

Committee Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 06-March-2025 / 6:30pm

Location Control Tower, Aston Down

Present Bob Maltby, Richard Brooke,
Simon Wareham, Graham Birt

Apologies Paul Swinscoe

1. Minutes from the meeting of 6-February-2025 were reviewed and approved after a minor date error was corrected.
2. Matters arising.
No matters arising.
3. Finances Update **JV**
After the monthly payment for the website fees the balance stands at a healthy £6411.00.
4. Membership **GB**
No new membership enquiries in February. Membership remains at 62.
5. Secretary
No one has yet come forward to take on the Secretary position, so the committee members will share the task until the situation is resolved.
Frankie has kindly agreed to continue to manage the clubs IT and Website.
6. Safety Issues **RB**
There were no safety issues to report in February. It was noted that flightline safety, model tethering and taxiing, and no fly infringements had improved tremendously in the past weeks. Thanks to all for their efforts.
7. Drone testing at AD **GB**
There was no drone testing at AD in February, but Auto Car Magazine were to use 27 on two days. We are unsure if they attended but if they had 09 was available. No one flew however as the weather was poor. Our thanks to Mario for his continued efforts in communicating the runway closures to members.
8. Training Update **SW**
Simon now has the club trainers, buddy transmitter and all the necessary equipment in his possession. A discussion took place regarding reinstating the Wednesday evening training sessions. When the weather improves and the lighter evenings are upon us we will publish training evening details on LGF.



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9. Rotary Wing Flying Trial update **GB**

Helos and Drones are being flown successfully, within the rules. Members are showing great interest in the models and there has been no conflict between fixed wing and rotary on the flight line.

10. Proposed Turbine Trial update **SW**

Simon has met with his turbine flying colleagues, Harry and Laurie, and they have agreed that flying of turbines at AD is safe and can be kept within our Airfield and Safety Rules. Turbines would only fly when CGC has advised us that there will be no glider activity, and flying would take place on runway 21, opposite the Control Tower. Whilst turbines are flying on 21 there is no reason that our other designated sites, 27, 09 and 03 cannot be used for 'normal' flying, and of course members can join the turbine members and fly on 21.

Rules for flying turbines are being drafted and will be published in due course.

Simon will liaise with CGC regarding when to fly and will also meet with CGC along with Richard B to ground demonstrate a turbine model and let them know what we are proposing to ensure safety.

The opportunities to fly turbines will be on short notice and could even be cancelled if CGC needs to use the runway. Only current club members will be allowed to fly turbines so long as they have the required qualifications.

New members to the club will not be allowed to fly turbines until they have been members for 2 years and have demonstrated that they are 'inclusive' members.

11. AOB

There was no AOB.

Next meeting – 3rd April 2025 at 18:30 which will also be a club meet with Steve Holland talking about his experiences training for his PPL, starting at 20:00.

The Chairman thanked all attending, and the meeting closed at 19.20.



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