Airfield Program

Listed below are the significant airfield issues that I am aware of. I appreciate that there are more exciting things on which spend our limited resources, but we need in particular to recognise any unsatisfactory situations, protect ourselves and members from any consequences and plan for improvements.

Club house
I understand from Phil that the roof is now fit for purpose and that Steve Gaze is to replace the fascia and guttering. So the question arises as to the future use of the remaining space. Given its limited size, if it is to be a formal meeting area then it will need to be tidied up, not used as a workshop overflow/junk store and kept tidy. If to be used as a workshop extension, then it should be cleared of excess chairs, etc. and maintained by its users to the same exemplary standard as the extended a/c workshop.

Its reduced size dictates that it cannot be successfully used for both. That arrangement was never satisfactory even in the old space. An early decision on this will permit prompt action at little cost.

Generator
Is there a plan/team to complete remaining work? If not what is required?

Grass cutting
When was the last cut? Are records and costings kept? By whom?

Hygiene
There is no routine provision for safe maintenance of toilets and water supplies. Are we COSHH compliant?

New winch shelter
Do we cover this or scrap it? I have heard that an approach was made to Doby Wyatt to supply and fit a soft cover. Is there any record of this correspondence/quotation? What is required?

Ground work
Screened aggregate can be obtained locally from Roy Hubbard's yard. Last quote was approx £25/tonne. This can be used to fill the depression under the new winch shelter and keep the areas around gas installations free from brush fire hazard. Aggregate can also be used to extend the hangar apron and firm up launch point areas to improve airfield serviceability/availability. As this would involve shifting up to forty tonnes of aggregate we would need a contractor to complete this.

There is also the matter of re-profiling remaining hazardous areas of the airfield. One has been remedied after a several incidents. Other areas have in the past been a cause of injury. They have been subsequently mapped and published, but as far as I'm aware, are now largely unknown to members and visitors.

Yellow container and the winch shelter that it is supporting
The container may not be strong enough to be lifted by crane, so it probably needs to cut up by a specialist and scrapped. We would need another container, or tower construction if we require a head of rainwater.

Trailer parking
How is this controlled? Do we have a plan for ensuring parked trailers are not prone to tree damage, and as we charge for the privilege, does the club have a duty of care?

I am content to conduct routine maintenance within the scope of a nominal budget. But will need direction from committee on these particular matters.

Thanks

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