


WIS/SEI (411/2401)

22nd November, 1972.



Dear Mr. Trowbridge,

Experimental Air Service

Due to very poor loadings on the once weekly service between Inverness-Dornoch-Wick we have decided to cease operations for the remainder of the winter period as from and including December 6th. The lack of demand for the service relates partly to its once weekly frequency, poor connections and also lack of publicity. It is hoped to re-introduce the service in the summer schedules.

Yours sincerely,



DR. W. IAIN SKEWIS
Director of Industrial Development
& Transport Division

G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Sutherland Town Council,
DORNOCH.

Your ref:WIS/SEI(411/2401)
Our Ref:56

IV25 3SH
12th December, 1972.

Dr. W. Iain Skewis,
Director of Industrial Development,
& Transport Division,
Highlands and Islands Development Board,
Bridge House,
27, Bank Street,
INVERNESS
IV1 1QR

Dear Dr. Skewis,

Experimental Air Service

I thank you for your letter of 22nd November, 1972 and note that the Scheduled once weekly air service between Inverness-Dornoch-Wick has ceased to operate during the winter months.

Your letter was submitted to the Town Council at their meeting on 5th December, 1972 when they noted the position.

Yours sincerely,

Town Clerk.

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Town Clerk,
Town Clerk's Chambers,
High Street,
Dornoch,
Sutherland,
Scotland.

2nd February 1973.

Dear Sir,

Re: my telephoned call of today, we would like a diagram of your airfield and if possible showing surrounding features. I have enclosed the cutting from the 1972 Air Touring Guide. This year we are giving a full page to Dornoch. We would be very grateful if you could help us on this matter as it is most urgent as we start to print the Guide in two weeks. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Parkins
S.A. Parkins (Mrs.)

Ref: 5B

7th February, 1973

Mrs. S.A. Perkins
Airtour Associates International^{al} Ltd.,
Elstree Aerodrome
Hertfordshire
WD6 3AW


Dear Madam,

1973 Touring Guide - Dornoch Air-Strip

I refer to your letter of 2nd February, 1973 and return herewith cutting duly revised - you will note that there is a landing fee of 30p per 1,000lb weight.

As requested I enclose a small plan showing the location of the Air-Strip as this plan is the one from our own file it would be appreciated if you would return it in due course.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

RECEIVED 2 APR 1973

B. I.

81 Duthie Terrace,
Aberdeen.
AB1 6LS

29th March, 1973.

G. F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
Dornoch Town Council,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland.

Dear Sir,

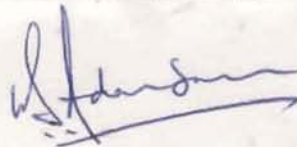
Dornoch Airstrip

The members of my group use a light aircraft to an increasing extent for business and pleasure travel and are keen to make use of Dornoch airstrip.

They have asked me to write to you to enquire whether your Council has plans to construct a lockfast fenced area for parking unattended aircraft on the field. The lack of this facility is, they feel, a deterrent to the use of the airstrip, since unattended light aircraft are vulnerable to animals as well as to curious humans and souvenir-hunters.

Members of this group hope that they may start to use your airstrip this summer, and I look forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,



W. S. Adamson
Secretary, Baladou Flying Group.

Our Ref:5B

3rd April, 1973.

W.S. Adamson, Esq,
Secretary,
Baladon Flying Group,
81, Duthie Terrace,
ABERDEEN. ABA 6LS

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip

I refer to your letter of 29th March, 1973 and have to advise you that no decision has yet been made regarding the provision of a lockfast fenced area at the Air-Strip for parking unattended aircraft.

Your letter will be submitted to the appropriate Committee immediately after the Municipal elections and I will communicate with you again as soon as a decision has been made. In the event of your club using the air-strip it would be appreciated if prior notice were given before arrival, 24 hours preferably.

The present landing fees are 30p per 1,000lb weight but these will no doubt now be subject to VAT.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

IV25 3SH

21st June, 1973.

Our Ref:5B

W.S. Adamson, Esq.,
Secretary,
Baladon Flying Group,
81, Duthie Terrace,
ABERDEEN.
ABA 6LS

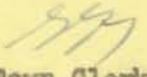
Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip

I refer to my letter of 3rd April, 1973 regarding your enquiry as to the possibility of a lock-fast compound being provided at Dornoch Air-Strip for parking unattended air-craft.

Your letter was submitted to a recent meeting of the Town Council when other matters pertaining to the Air-Strip were discussed. The development of the Air-Strip was undertaken jointly by Sutherland County Council, the Highlands and Islands Development Board and the Town Council and the expenditure of it shared. The Town Council have asked for an early meeting of the Joint Committee of these authorities and your request will be one of those considered and a further letter sent to you when a decision has been made.

Yours faithfully,


Town Clerk.

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The Commandin Officer
Seven Aviation Regiment
Airfield Camp
Netheravon

27th June, 1973

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip - Proposed landing 1st July, 1973
1530 hours

A Sergeant O'Brien today telephoned from Belfast intimating that a V.I.P. wished to land at Dornoch Air-Strip at 1530 hours and depart at 1600 hours on 1st July, 1973. Unfortunately the line was very bad and the conversation a little stilted. The Sergeant asked if there were any fire appliances that might be available in view of the V.I.P being involved. No name was given. It appears that the aircraft to be used would be a Beaver type weighing approximately 5,000lbs. Registration not given.

Dornoch Air-Strip is licenced as an Ordinary Licenced airfield and accordingly fire appliances are only required under the licence for scheduled air flights. If the fire squad is to be available it will require to call out the Burgh Squad for this purpose when they are normally off-duty - the 1st July being a Sunday. The Town Council would require to pay the men double time for the time involved. Accordingly I would be obliged if you would look into this matter and let me know by telephone on Friday, 29th June, 1973 if you are prepared for this special facility. I should add that private aircraft land at their own risk on payment of a landing fee of 30p per 1,000lb aircraft landing weight. The pilot is to be a Sergeant O'Brien and he told me to write to your Regiment regarding payment of the account. It could well be that the person telephoning was not Sgt. O'Brien but only giving the name of the pilot. I do not know what connection you have with Belfast, but would like the matter clarified before the weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

From: Major WP Dutoit, STAFFORDS

RECEIVED 4 JUL 1973



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Second in Command
7 Regiment Army Air Corps
Airfield Camp
Netheravon
Wilts

Netheravon 201 Ext 0100

Town Clerk and Chamberlain
Royal Burgh of Dornoch

2 Jul 73

Dear Mr Trowbridge

LANDING AT DORNOCH AIRSTRIP 1 JULY

Further to our conversation of 2 July. The registered number of the aircraft was XP 819 and the AYW 5000 lb. The aircraft was a DHC Beaver.

I have as promised spoken to the Headquarters in Northern Ireland and they have undertaken to let you have the details for the landing/take off planned for 7 July in good time. It is confirmed that it will not be necessary for fire appliances to be in attendance.

Please forward bills for landing fees to the above address in due course.

Yours faithfully

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Stealthwing Flying Club

Salerno

28.7.73

Dear Sir,

I wish to confirm that one of our aircraft, a
Cessna 150 G, ANCL (A.W 1600163) landed at your
airstrip at 1545 GMT on Tuesday 26.7.73.

Yours sincerely

Ed Donaldson C.F.O.

Our Ref:5B

30th July, 1973.

G. Donaldson, Esq.,
Strathspey Flying Club,
Dalcross Airfield,
INVERNESS.

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip

I thank you for your letter of 28th July, 1973 intimating that aircraft, Cessna 150 G.AWCL A. U.W. 1600lbs) landed at Dornoch Air-Strip at 15.45 on Thursday 26th July, 1973.

I enclose herewith account for 60p. being the landing fee in respect of this matter and shall be glad to receive payment thereof.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

Our Ref: 5B

23rd October, 1973.

Strathspey Aviation Company Ltd.,
Flying Club,
15-19 High Street,
ABERLOUR-ON-SPEY

Dear Sir,

The Landing fee is £0.60p.

Please cancel our account for 0.90p., I regret the error.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

DALCROSS AIRPORT

INVERNESS.

Tel. ARDERSIER 436

STRATHSPEY AVIATION COMPANY LTD.

FLYING CLUB

Directors:

FRANK OGG
MARGARET OGG
FRANK S. OGG
MARGARET A. MITCHELL

Registered Office:

15-19 HIGH STREET
ABERLOUR-ON-SPEY
Tel. ABERLOUR 248 & 367

Royal Burgh of Dornoch,
Dornoch,
IV25 3SH.

18th October, 1973.

Dear Sirs,

We refer to your Airstrip Account dated 26th July, 1973, which we received this week amounting to 0.90p.

We enclose photostatic copy of your account dated 30th July, total 0.60p.

We feel sure this account has been rendered by mistake, and would appreciate if you could verify, if, in fact, this is a double entry.

Yours faithfully,
for STRATHSPEY AVIATION COMPANY LTD.,

Frank S. Ogg

Frank S. Ogg.
Director.

Encls.

Strathspey Flying Club,
DALCROSS,
Invernesshire.

IN ACCOUNT WITH
The Royal Burgh of Dornoch
Dept. Av Strip

DEBIT NOTE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>£</u>	
26/7/13	Landing fee	0	90
		0	90

Burgh Chamberlain

RECEIVED - 8 APR 1974

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PEGASUS AVIATION LIMITED

Directors
P. ELLIOT FORBES
M. C. LATHAM
Secretary
A. P. ANDREWS

Registered in Scotland Company No. 44055
DYCE AIRPORT, ABERDEEN
Telephone Dyce 2646

5th April, 1944.

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Burgh Leithamslain,
Royal Burgh of Donoch,
Donoch Airstrip
Donoch.

Dear Sir,

On the 24th February one of our pilots arranged by telephone to land at your airstrip. He set out on the same day, only to return to Dyce airfield after 40 minutes, because of poor visibility. Therefore I have enclosed your invoice for 40p.

Yours faithfully
M. Lavers (Mrs)

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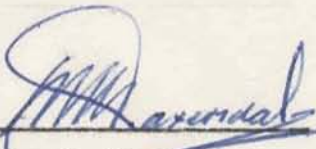
Pegasus Flying Club,
Byce,
Aberdeen.

IN ACCOUNT WITH
The Royal Burgh of Dornoch
Dept. Dornoch Airstrip

DEBIT NOTE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>£</u>	
27: 2: 74	Landing fee	0	40
		0	40

*Wm Macdonald
Dornoch
Send details
Dornoch. 102*


Burgh Chamberlain

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RECEIVED 19 APR 1974

DALCROSS AIRPORT

INVERNESS.

Tel. ARDERSIER 436

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STRATHSPEY AVIATION COMPANY LTD.

FLYING CLUB

Directors:

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MARGARET OGG
FRANK S. OGG
MARGARET A. MITCHELL

Registered Office:

15-19 HIGH STREET
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The Burgh Chamberlain,
The Royal Burgh of Dornoch,
Dornoch,
Sutherland.

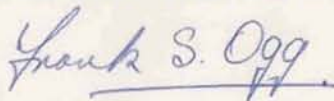
17th April, 1974.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed cheque value 0.50pence in settlement of our outstanding Account.

The first entry 90 pence, was paid 21/8/73. Please refer to earlier correspondence. Enclosed please find photostatic copy.

Yours faithfully,
for STRATHSPEY AVIATION COMPANY LTD.,



Frank S. Ogg.
Director.

Enc.

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Our Ref: 5B

4th September, 1974.

C. Campbell, Esq.,
Balblair,
Bonarbridge,

Dear Sir,1

Dornoch Air-Strip - Landing Fees

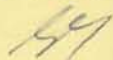
I refer to the use of Dornoch Air Strip by yourself during the past three years and inclose herewith account for £30.00 in respect of landing fees.

It is a condition of the use of the Air Strip that at least 24 hours notice is received of any landing, accordingly in future it would be appreciated if this practice was carried out.

Whilst the Air-Strip is licensed it is in effect a private Air-Strip. The Licence is necessary so that scheduled Air Flights might be carried out at the Air-Strip.

I shall be glad to receive your cheque in payment of the account enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk.

Enc.

RECEIVED 23 OCT 1974

DIRECTORS
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G.F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk and Chamberlain,
Town Clerk's Chambers,
High Street,
Dornoch,
IV25 3SH.

PERTHSHIRE

22nd October, 1974

*Air Safety.
Grant*

Dear Mr. Trowbridge,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd October, and I am pleased to note that your Council are prepared to accept the settlement of £15 for my landings at Dornoch to date.

The very essence of my flying, which often means meeting customers and prospective customers on behalf of my company at short notice precludes me from giving you 24 hours notice prior to any landing I intend to make. The weight of my aircraft is 2,200 lbs., the registration G-AWDR. It is flown only by me, and I would like to suggest that you leave a book in the hut, in which I am prepared to enter my times of arrival and departure, the airfield from which I have arrived and my intended destination on leaving. I would, therefore, ask you to waive the condition of 24 hours notice, without which permission I will have to make alternative arrangements and land on farms in the Dornoch area, as I have been doing for the last few weeks.

Please accept my thanks in this matter, and I await your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

Colin J. Campbell

Colin J. Campbell,
Regional Director.

Our Ref:5B

8th November, 1974.

Colin J. Campbell, Esq.,
J.W. Chafer Limited,
Coupar Angus,
Perthshire.

Dear Sir,


Dornoch Air-Strip

I refer to your letter of 22nd October, 1974 and have to advise you that the Town Council, at their meeting on 5th November, 1974, approved of a recommendation by the Works and Cemeteries Committee that you be given permission to land at the Air-Strip without giving the usual 24 hours prior notice; subject to you obtaining the necessary Air Clearance in respect of other aircraft being in the vicinity, particularly Service Aircraft operating over the Tain Bombing Range.

With regard to your suggestion that a book might be left in the building at the airstrip for you to record your movements from and to the Air-Strip, it is considered that this would invite vandalism, particularly so as the building would require to be left unlocked and unattended, however, this can be easily remedied if you would kindly let me have the necessary details of your movements immediately after each occasion you have the use of the Air-Strip.

With regard to the landing fees, this would of course depend to a great extent on the number of occasions you use the Air-Strip although I am sure this is a matter that can be easily resolved and perhaps we might discuss this aspect when next I have the pleasure to see you.

Yours faithfully,


Town Clerk.

Our Ref: 5B

B. I.
27th January, 1975.

Touche Ross & Co.,
15, Melville Street,
EDINBURGH,
EH3 0HQ

Dear Sirs,

Airgo Limited - Outstanding Accounts

I refer to letter dated 31st December, 1974 received today from Airgo Limited regarding outstanding accounts and enclose herewith an account amounting to £1.20 and shall be glad to receive payment thereof.

Yours faithfully,

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Town Clerk.

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Aberdeen University Gliding Club

RECEIVED 13 JAN 1975

A. U. Union,

Upper Kirkgate

5A Aberdeen.

10th Jan 75.

Dear Mr. Trowbridge,

Further
to our conversation on the
phone, here is the information
you asked for.

We would wish to hold
a weeks gliding course
starting on either the 24th March
or the 6th April. Our aircraft
would be 1 Auster tug plane
and a 2 seater glider.

The insurance cover is
£ 100,000 third party and
£ 30,000 passenger liability.

The numbers taking part in
the course will be around
9.

Would you please let
me know what the charges
will be.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Allison.

RECEIVED 26 FEB 1975

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Telephone 0224-41823



A.A. OFFICE
CALLAGHAN ROOM
KING'S COLLEGE PAVILION
OLD ABERDEEN
AB9 2UB

26th February, 1975.

The Town Clerk,
Dornoch Burgh Council,
DORNOCH,
Sutherland.

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Sir,

Additional to our letter of last year and my telephone conversations of 25th instant, here are the detailed proposals of our request for launching facilities at Dornoch Air Strip.

The proposed dates for the visit are now 14th/18th April, 1975, inclusive.

It is proposed to operate a Beagle Terrier tug aircraft G-ARLO and, at the present, one glider. It may be that we can acquire the use of another glider for that week and I have intimated to the Civil Aviation Authority that our operation might involve two gliders.

The hours of operation would be from 0900 to 1800 as a maximum, but this would, of course, be limited by the weather.

All gliders and aircraft are fitted with R/T equipment capable of contact with R.A.F. Lossiemouth, the controlling authority for Tain Danger Area on 130-4 Mc/s, and all aspects of the operation would be in accordance with the advice of the Civil Aviation Authority.

At present, we operate from a hard-surfaced strip of similar dimensions at Aboyne, Aberdeenshire, and pay a fee of 20p per launch to Aboyne Estates, the owners of the site. It is anticipated that our visit would involve some ten launches per day, but we feel that an agreed payment for the five-day period would be a preferable form of remuneration. We would be completely independent, requiring no fuel, accommodation or services at the site, and for the basic use of the strip by one aircraft and one glider for five days we would be prepared to offer up to £35.00. Of course, if another glider became available, we would gladly adjust any agreed figure.

Continued

It has long been the ambition of this Gliding Club to give its members the opportunity to fly in the North of Scotland, and your site is ideally placed with respect to the excellent accommodation available around Dornoch at that time of year.

I hope that this letter provides a wider information background on which to base your decision, but please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address if any further details are required.

William A.C. Mitchell

WILLIAM A.L. MITCHELL
President - A.U. Gliding Club.

Our Ref:5B

5th March, 1975.

William A.L. Mitchell, Esq.,
Aberdeen University Gliding Club,
A.A. Office,
Callaghan Room
King's College Pavilion,
Old Aberdeen,
AB9 2UB

Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-Strip - 14th to 18th April, 1975

I refer to your letter of 26th February, 1975 and have to advise you that the Town Council have agreed to grant your club the use of the Air-Strip for the period from 14th to 19th April, 1975 for the purpose of carrying out glider launching during the hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. - weather permitting.

The fee agreed by the Town Council is £25.00.

It is understood that the club would be independent, requiring no fuel, accommodation or services on the Site. I should add that there is no fuel available on the Strip or any other services other than the fire precautions required on Scheduled flights.

Reference was made to the effect gliders might have on the turfed surface and accordingly I was instructed to inform you that a further condition would be that your Club would be liable for any cost involved in respect of replacement of such turf etc.,

The granting of facilities is in accordance with the terms of your letter and the Town Council will also require an assurance in writing from your club that they will be relieved of any claims or responsibility that might arise from any source in connection with use of the Air-Strip or otherwise.

I shall be glad to receive your written acceptance of the above conditions.

I might add that I havenot yet received any communication from the Civil Aviation Authority.

Yours faithfully,


Town Clerk.