

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.

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21st March, 1975.

G.F. Trowbridge, Esq.,
Town Clerk,
High Street,
DORNOCH.

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Dear Sir,

Dornoch Air-strip : 14th/18th April, 1975.

With reference to your recent letter, I apologise for my delay in replying which was due to waiting for a reply from the Civil Aviation Authority. I have now received this and have asked the Authority to write to you direct.

We would like to accept your offer of facilities in accordance with the terms of our letter. We confirm that we accept responsibility for any claim that may arise in connection with use of the air-strip or otherwise.

Our remittance for £25.00 will follow.

Yours faithfully,

William A.C. Mitchell

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President : A.U. Gliding Club.

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Aberdeen University Gliding Club

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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.

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26th February, 1975.

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

*£25 subject
to renewal
of roof on any
Dornoch
2nd payment.*

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.