

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

20 JANUARY 2005

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT, DONCASTER

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman)
Michael Carnall (Nottinghamshire Chamber), Neville Dearden (Chief Executive, Doncaster Chamber & Economic Partnership), Andrew Dutton (Liverpool John Lennon Airport), Rob Houghton (Rotherham MBC), Councillor Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Councillor Keith Isard (Bassetlaw District Council), Councillor Mick Jameson (Doncaster MBC), Ian Lings (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor Bill Mordue (Doncaster MBC), Peter Nears (Peel Airports), Jean Parsons (Cargo Handling Centre), David Ryall (Managing Director, Robin Hood Airport), Fred Scholey (Doncaster MBC), John Siddall (Parish & Town Council Representative), Tony Storey OBE (Head Teacher, Hayfield School), Claire Wilson (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor Yvonne Woodcock (Doncaster MBC),

Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from Barnsley MBC, Councillor Tim Robbins (Sheffield City Council), Nigel Tomlinson (Chief Executive, Sheffield Chamber) and Roger Ranson (Bassetlaw Development Partnership), FLY.

1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the first meeting of the Committee. This was an exciting project upon which to be embarking and it was clear the Committee would have a significant role in supporting the Airport's development.

The Committee were shown a simulation of the Airport Terminal Interior and the facilities that would be available to those travelling. Members were then taken on a tour of the Airport, which included viewing the newly built Fire Station and a presentation from fire personnel on their role and the training officers were already engaged in.

The Committee discussed the most appropriate means of conducting business and agreed the following:-

- If a Member was unable to attend a meeting, they were entitled to nominate someone in their place. The Secretary should be notified of all such nominations and Members should forward their papers for the meeting to their nominated representative.
- In order to ensure a productive meeting and out of courtesy to all Members, it was agreed that business/discussion take place in the main body of the meeting so avoiding debate taking place at the margins.

The Airport were currently engaged in developing their own website and it was agreed the work of the Consultative Committee should feature on the site. A copy of the web pages relating to Liverpool John Lennon Airport's ACC was circulated and members were asked to give consideration to following a similar format, noting in particular that profiles of Members of their ACC featured on the site.

It was hoped to have developed the pages relating to the Robin Hood ACC by the end of February 2005.

2 COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

The Committee considered the draft Constitution for the Robin Hood Doncaster/Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee.

The Constitution was subject to Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 and conformed to Guidance issued by the Department for Transport in December 2003.

It was noted that in respect of a work programme, this would no doubt evolve once the Airport became operational and issues of regional and national significance were also considered.

Upon the formal adoption of this constitution the Secretary would be directed to make arrangements to call the first meetings of the proposed Community and Noise Monitoring Sub Committees.

The Committee discussed the Airport's impact on social, economic and regeneration issues for the region and the extent to which this might feature as part of the future work programme. Whilst it was inevitable that such issues would be discussed, there would no doubt be occasions when such issues would need to be communicated to more appropriate bodies for consideration.

RESOLVED – That the Committee agree the draft Constitution as presented.

3 AIRPORT MANAGEMENT REPORT

David Ryall, Managing Director of Robin Hood Airport, welcomed Members of the Committee and looked forward to working with them to develop a dialogue with all stakeholders and interested parties in the Airport.

The Committee were given a presentation which outlined progress on the development to date, including work on the main terminal building, details of the tour operators who would operate from the airport, the cargo handling operation, marketing promotions and examples of how the Airport was already engaging with the local community.

The Committee noted in particular the infrastructure that had been put in place within the airport, in order, it was hoped, to assist future expansion requirements.

Every effort was being made to ensure the local community were kept informed of developments. Maps had recently been produced which set out the proposed flight paths for the airport. (Copies of the maps are attached to these minutes for

information). Councillor Yvonne Woodcock welcomed this move as some members of the public were being mis-informed regarding certain proposals.

4 DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee would take place on Thursday 5 May 2005, commencing at 3.00 pm at the airport.

The first meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee would take place on Friday 18 February 2005 at 3.00 pm at the airport.

The first meeting of the Community Sub-Committee would take place on Friday 25 February 2005 at 3.00 pm at the airport.