

**ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
(ACC)**

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

25 FEBRUARY 2005, ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT

PRESENT: Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (Doncaster MBC) (Chair).
Martin Gold (Hayfield Green Residents Group) (Vice Chair), Mr Alan Tolhurst (Chairman, ACC), Cllr F Higgins (Tickhill Town Council), Cllr Sid Dixon (Austerfield Parish Council), Cllr Ben Slade (Maltby Town Council), Cllr David Lindley (Finningley Parish Council), Cllr Irwen Martin (Harworth and Bircotes Parish Council), Cllr Peter Farrell (Armthorpe Parish Council), Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council), Cllr Patricia Schofield (Blaxton Parish Council), Cllr Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council), Cllr Jennifer Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council), Cllr Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Cllr Phil Grisdale (Blyth Parish Council), Cllr Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Cllr Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Cllr Michael Burns (Hatfield Town Council), Peter Nears (Peel Airports Limited), David Ryall (Managing Director Robin Hood Airport), Clare Wilson (Robin Hood Airport), Sharon Bennett (Robin Hood Airport), Jeremy Johnson (Doncaster MBC), Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Alan Tolhurst, Chairman of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC), welcomed members to the first meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee. This was an exciting area of work in which to be involved and he looked forward to working with colleagues representing communities across the region to ensure a positive working dialogue was established with the airport operators.

It was pointed out that each parish should be represented by one member only.

2 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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.

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Members considered the draft Terms of Reference circulated and agreed the following addition at paragraph 5 :-

“Assure that local residents are made aware of complaint and appeal processes and confirm the validity of the complaint”.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference now submitted be adopted by the Community Sub-Committee.

3 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor Yvonne Woodcock should be Chair of the ACC Community Sub-Committee for the forthcoming year.

4 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED - That Martin Gold should be Vice-Chairman of the ACC Community Sub-Committee for the forthcoming year.

5 ELECTION OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (ACC)

In accordance with the Constitution of the Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield Consultative Committee, the Community Sub-Committee were invited to nominate three representatives to the ACC.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Paula Haigh, Councillor Norma McCarron and Councillor Irwen Martin represent the Community Sub-Committee on the Airport Consultative Committee for the forthcoming year.

6 ISSUES DISCUSSED

- (i) Noise Monitoring – Members considered the role of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee and asked that copies of the Noise Complaints Procedure also be made available to them in order to assist with any queries raised by the public.

It was stressed that in all instances, complaints should be referred to Clare Wilson, the Environmental Co-ordinator at Robin Hood Airport, in order that it could be logged and processed promptly and efficiently.

It was confirmed that a robust monitoring procedure was being developed and again, information would be communicated as widely as possible, which included the airport's website.

- (ii) HGV Traffic – Some concerns were raised regarding the signage for HGV traffic en route to the airport. Doncaster MBC in consultation with the airport had

been working on designated routes, which it was hoped would reduce the volume of traffic coming through villages within close proximity to the airport.

It was pointed out that the volume of HGV traffic actually using the airport would at this stage be relatively minimal. It was also important that the airport was not held responsible for all HGV traffic operating on roads in the vicinity of the airport.

- (iii) Speeding Traffic – Hayfield Lane/Gatehouse Lane – Discussions had taken place with Doncaster MBC regarding the introduction of speed regulation measures on these stretches of road. This would continue to be discussed with Doncaster MBC along with measures to control off site car parking.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL ART – A PUBLIC ART STRATEGY, PROGRAMME AND DESIGN BRIEF

Planning consent for the airport included a planning condition to provide a strategy, programme and design brief for the development and provision of environmental art within the site. The purpose was to create a quality design environment relevant to the heritage aspirations of the communities working and using the airport and those living near by.

The objective of the Public Art Strategy was to facilitate the involvement of local people and the planning, development, design, construction, installation and celebration of works of public art to be installed at the airport.

Proposals included:-

Heritage Memorial – To celebrate the former operation of RAF Finningley. The entrance gates and railings which featured the RAF Station motif of a white rose and oak leaves, was to be relocated to form a backdrop to the memorial. It was to be sited opposite to the entrance to the terminal in a prominent location. The Heritage Memorial would feature the badges of all squadrons who had been stationed at RAF Finningley, including the South Yorkshire 616 Squadron.

Public Art and Community Participation – The commissioning of the Heritage Memorial would be community based in order to ensure full and active participation by members of the community. It would consist of a series of interactive events to establish a design brief. The event format would be decided following consultation between a project panel, representing Peel Airports, Doncaster MBC and the local community, who would oversee the commission of a selected artist and setting of an implementation programme. The events would be tailored as far as possible to meet the needs of the participants in terms of venues, timetable and involvement opportunities.

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Promotion of Local History and Heritage of the Site – There was a commitment to promote the history of aviation at the site and in the Doncaster area, in order to celebrate and promote local heritage at appropriate times in conjunctions with suitable local and national interests.

A programme of appropriate events and a budget would be agreed between the airport company and the local authority. Public displays would take place on site and if feasible within the terminal building and possibly include permanent exhibits, subject to the approval of the airport company.

The Sub-Committee welcomed this initiative. Peter Nears urged members to consider examples of how best to develop this strategy and ensure the rich history of the site be captured for future generations.

It was confirmed that the event marking the unveiling of the Memorial and to co-incide with Armistice Day was currently being considered. This would be the first project to move forward and a steering group would be established with 2 places for community representation.

8 GOOD LUCK

Councillor Paula Haigh spoke for all members of the Sub-Committee when she wished management and staff at the airport every success in the airport's opening and development and looked forward to working with staff in the future.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee would be held on Tuesday 3 May 2005 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting would be preceded by a buffet lunch at 12.45 pm which would allow members of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee, which meets in the morning on that date to meet with representatives of the Community Sub-Committee.

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