

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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16 DECEMBER 2005

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman).
Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (Doncaster MBC and Chair of Community Sub-Committee), Philip Spurr (Renaissance South Yorkshire), Cllr Keith Isard (Bassetlaw DC), Cllr Glyn Robinson (Rotherham MBC), Michael Carnall (MCC/Nottinghamshire Chamber), Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council), Cllr Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Kate Robinson (Nottinghamshire County Council), Cllr Shelia Place (Nottinghamshire County Council), Colin Jeynes (Doncaster Strategic Partnership), Dr Tony Baxter (Chairman, Health Impact Group), Dan Fell (Doncaster Chamber), Jean Parsons (Cargo Handling Centre), Cllr Christopher Underwood-Frost (Lincolnshire County Council), Cllr Pat Bartlett (Doncaster MBC and Chair of Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee), Cllr Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Keith Stones (Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport).

David Ryall, Clare Wilson (Robin Hood Airport DoncasterSheffield).

Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Tim Rippon (Sheffield CC), Sharon Bennett (RHADS), Neville Deardon (Doncaster Chamber), Cllr Bill Mordue (Doncaster MBC), Andrew Bosmans (Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Cllr Mick Jameson (Doncaster MBC).

The Chairman welcomed Philip Spurr and Dr Tony Baxter to the meeting.

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2005 were considered and agreed as a true record, subject to the inclusion of Cllr Ken Sanderson's apologies.

In respect of the Airport Master Plan, David Ryall confirmed that the Stakeholder Consultation exercise would begin early in the New Year.

2 **ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD AIRPORT PROJECT PLAN**

Philip Spurr, Project Director, Renaissance South Yorkshire gave a presentation on the Airport Project Plan. The role of Renaissance South Yorkshire was to maximise the economic impact of the Airport and its associated business park by working with

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the airport operator and the full range of public and private sector partners in the region. The plan sought to pull together a package of measures to identify, capture and grow the economic opportunities which flowed from the Airport's operation. In putting together the Project Plan, 31 key areas of work had been identified. In order to provide structure, these key strands of work had been split into 8 key areas of activity with partner organisations acting as "lead partner". Renaissance South Yorkshire were responsible for overview of the project.

The 8 key areas of activity were:-

- Business Development
- European Regional Development Fund
- Strategic issues
- Surface access
- Training and employment
- Community engagement/environmental good practice
- Expansion of airline operations
- Inbound tourism

Under the Activity Plan for Community Engagement and Environmental Good Practice, reference was made to the role of the Airport Consultative Committee that said there were a number of proposals, which implemented, might lead to duplication of effort.

The Committee was assured that the project plan took cognisance of the role of the ACC and that their focus for engaging with the community was likely to concentrate on highlighting employment opportunities at the airport.

Councillor Underwood-Frost reiterated the point he made at the previous meeting regarding the need for sub-regional partners to assist those engaged in delivering the project plan to ensure the airport was a key driver for economic change in the region. It was important that the Committee maintained a close dialogue with Renaissance South Yorkshire and that Members of the Committee fed back on a regular basis what local authorities/stakeholders in the region were doing to promote the benefits the airport provided.

Colin Jeynes supported these sentiments and urged those who might influence broader regional and sub-regional policies to ensure the airport featured prominently in those policies.

The Chairman and Members thanked Philip Spurr for his presentation and looked forward to an ongoing dialogue with Renaissance South Yorkshire.

3 HEALTH IMPACT GROUP

Dr Tony Baxter, Chairman of the Health Impact Group, outlined to Members its role and the areas of work the Group were currently engaged in. Environmental Impact Assessments were being conducted which would look at the impact of surface access to the airport and the need to encourage greater use of public transport.

In addition, consideration was being given to the planning agreement and runway utilisation.

It was agreed that Tony would produce a briefing report for Members' consideration. This would be circulated with the minutes of this meeting.

Members thanked Dr. Baxter for his presentation.

4. AIRPORT OPERATOR'S REPORT SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2005

David Ryall presented the Airport Operator's Report for the period September to December 2005:

Airport Statistics and Passenger Numbers

Robin Hood Airport had received 600,000 passengers since opening in April 2005. It was anticipated that the one million figure would be exceeded by Spring 2006. EasyJet had commenced flights to Geneva during December 2005 and new routes from existing Airlines would commence in the New Year to Mexico, Dominican Republic and Florida. More destinations were expected in the year ahead.

Beaujolais Nouveau Operation

The Beaujolais Nouveau Operation on the 8th November – 9th November 2005 delivered a successful handling operation. The Airport, Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council and the airport noise consultants conducted noise monitoring throughout the operation at the airport and the surrounding neighbourhood. The airport received five complaints in total.

Training Flights

All aircraft conducting training circuits at Robin Hood Airport were required to operate within the Airport Training Procedures. The procedures restricted aircraft to 2 hours training with an interlude of 1 hour between one aircraft finishing and a second one commencing training. Training was permitted between the hours of 0700 to 2100 hours local, Monday to Saturday. Training was not permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

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Boeing 747's conducted circuits on the 14th November 2005. This generated eleven complaints in total. The nature of the complaints focused upon the height of the aircraft which was flying at 2100ft, the required height for an aircraft was 1500ft.

Track Keeping System

Specialists had been working at Waddington and Liverpool airfields installing the Noise and Track Keeping System for the Airport. The installation of the system and the connections between the airfields was nearing completion.

Noise Control

Robin Hood Airport received 21 complaints in September, 26 in October and 20 in November from individuals. Each noise complaint was taken seriously by the Airport Company. It was stressed the number of complaints was not the main factor in determining mitigating action or operation restrictions undertaken. The focus for the Airport was to ensure that aircraft operated in accordance with the local operating procedures. Other mitigating factors that take aircraft away from these procedures: weather, conflicting traffic, system problems.

The Noise Charging Policy formed part of the Airport's Quiet Operations Policy. It was a mechanism by which the Airport could apply a financial penalty to those operators whose aircraft when departing the Airport produced noise levels which were in excess of noise levels agreed with Doncaster MBC.

Income generated from the Policy would be donated to "the Community Fund". The Community Fund would be administered by the Airport and the Chair of the Airport Consultative Committee. The Fund would support local projects thereby benefiting the community and the environment.

The Airport had to date donated in excess of £100,000 over the last five years to local community groups.

Sound Insulation Grant Scheme (SIGS)

There were 51 properties eligible to apply for SIGS. To date 14 property owners have expressed an interest and 12 have applied for SIGS.

The Meadows, Mosham Road, Blaxton was complete as a Show Home and Members would be invited to view the property in the future .

Noise Monitoring Workshops

In the New Year Robin Hood Airport would be hosting Noise Workshops in partnership with Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, to provide residents with an opportunity to view data and ask questions about aviation and aircraft noise. Representatives from the Noise Monitoring Sub Committee would be invited to assist in promoting these workshops.

5 NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE - 7 DECEMBER 2005

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2005 be noted.

6 COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE – 7 DECEMBER 2005

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting the Community Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2005 be noted.

7 AIRPORT TRANSPORT FORUM – 2 NOVEMBER 2005

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Airport Transport Forum held on 2 November 2005 be noted.

8 RAF HERITAGE MEMORIAL – PROGRESS REPORT

Alan Tolhurst informed the Sub Committee of the latest position in respect of the RAF Heritage Memorial. The dedication ceremony was to take place on 31 March 2006.

Members welcomed the progress to date and looked forward to the outcome of the project.

9 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

(i) Fuel Residue – Councillor McCarron reported that a she had received two complaints from local residents regarding fuel residue being deposited on their windows.

Clare Wilson urged anyone to contact the Airport if this was something they were experiencing. This was not an issue that the Airport had come across before. David Ryall agreed that this would be investigated and a report provided for the next meeting.

10 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2006

RESOLVED – That the Airport Consultative Committee would meet on the following dates during 2006:-

Tuesday 24 January (AGM)
Wednesday 10 May
Wednesday 13 September
Friday 8 December

All meetings would commence at 10.30am at the Airport.

The Chairman thanked Members for the attendance and wished them a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.