

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

21 FEBRUARY 2006

PRESENT: Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (in the Chair).

Martin Gold (Vice-Chair),
Alan Tolhurst (Chairman ACC)
Alan Gold (Hayfield Comprehensive School)
Cllr Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),
Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),
Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council),
Cllr David Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),
Cllr Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council),
Cllr Peter Farrell (Armthorpe Parish Council),
Cllr Chris Stringer (Bassetlaw Parish Council – NE Forum),
Cllr Jennifer Worthington (Bawtry Town Council),
Cllr Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC),
David Ryall and Clare Wilson (RHADS),
Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council) and Cllr Stan Dixon (Austerfield Parish Council).

The Chair welcomed Alan Gold, a pupil at Hayfield Comprehensive School, who was undertaking a project looking at the impact of the airport on the local community.

1 **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2005 were considered and agreed and the following points raised:

Track Keeping System – It was confirmed that work was still ongoing in terms of the installation of the track keeping system. The issue was one of data compatibility. Every effort was being made to resolve this problem and it was hoped that it would not be long before the system was in place.

Airport Development Plan – Clare Wilson confirmed that the Community Engagement Sub-Group which supported delivery of the Airport Development Plan had not yet met. It was hoped that the work of this particular Group would be shared with the ACC and its Sub-Committee's.

Councillor Haigh emphasised the need for the Airport Consultative Committee to closely monitor the work being undertaken by Renaissance South Yorkshire to insure that the hopes and aspirations of those members of the ACC and the people they represented were at the forefront of any decisions that were being made.

Show Home – Mosham Road – Clare Wilson confirmed that further dates would be made available to people wishing to view the secondary double glazing available to people qualifying for the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme. It was noted that the property was occupied and as such viewing was by appointment only.

Noise Information Sheet– It was confirmed that the first of these sheets had now been produced. A copy was circulated to all members.

It was hoped that the information sheet would address those concerns and possibly misconceptions regarding noise monitoring at the airport.

RAF Heritage Memorial– Alan Tolhurst, Chairman of the ACC updated members on the latest position in respect of the RAF Heritage Memorial. Official invitations had been sent out. The Dedication Ceremony would take place on 31st March 2006. Members of the public were invited to attend.

2 AIRPORT OPERATORS REPORT

(i) South Yorkshire Forest

It was reported that as part of its Carbon Offsetting Initiative, the airport had made a donation to projects in the South Yorkshire region to enhance the environment. Reference was made to work of the Woodland Trust and Peter Farrell agreed to provide details and a point of contact to Clare Wilson for future reference.

(ii) Community Fund

It was confirmed that the Fund would be launched during April 2006. It would support many worthwhile community initiatives and develop a closer working relationship with groups and communities in the vicinity of the airport. It was reported that the airport would 'pump prime' this initiative. The fund would be linked to the Noise Charging Policy and it was hoped that these initiatives would leave a lasting legacy. Parish Councils would be consulted on schemes receiving funding within their areas of authority.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Routes to the Airport from M18

Highways Agency signage was in place from the M18 and the A1(M) motorways around Doncaster. The advent of satellite navigation offered a 'shortest distance' option that would conflict with designated routes.

Whilst the new road from junction 3 of the M18 would improve access to the airport, it was acknowledged it had far wider implications for the communities of Finningley and Rossington. The road development, it was hoped, would provide a major gateway for regeneration in this area.

(ii) Business Development at the Airport

It was possible that the land available for development around the airport might include residential, but that the majority would be available for commercial development. The airport were liaising closely with Doncaster Council in the context of the future Local Development Framework to ensure that there was the necessary allowance made for the infrastructure to make any future residential areas possible. This would likely include the provision of playing fields, other recreational facilities and adequate access to public transport.

(iii) Aircraft Viewing – Old Bawtry Road

Clare Wilson confirmed that she had met with a representative from Doncaster MBC Community First to look at the problem of those viewing aircraft at this location depositing large amounts of litter. Members discussed this issue and agreed that as this viewing area layout side the boundary of the airport, it was a matter for Doncaster MBC.

(iv) Airport Development

Members understood the need to ensure that the airport maximised its full potential as it was a key economic driver for regeneration in this region. David Ryall assured the Sub-Committee that this was a primary focus for the airport's operators, acknowledging the need to give due consideration to the effect it would have on local communities.

Attracting 'blue chip' companies to the region would provide long term benefit in areas of job creation and overall regeneration for years to come.

It was confirmed that passenger throughput at the airport since April 2005 was approaching 700,000.

4 AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman of the ACC, Alan Tolhurst asked the Sub-Committee to consider issues it may wish to see included in the airport's Annual Report, which would be presented to the next meeting of the ACC on 10 May 2006.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Sub-Committee would take place on Wednesday 3 May 2006 at 2pm at the airport.