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6 SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Pat Bartlett (DMBC) (Chair).
John McCabe (DMBC Environmental Health) (Vice-Chair),
Alan Tolhurst (Chairman ACC),
Councillor Patricia Schofield and Councillor Yvonne Woodcock (DMBC),
Lynn Hunter (Parish Council's Airport Liaison Group),
Julian Proudman (Bassetlaw District Council),
Clare Wilson (RHADS),
Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Observing: Councillor Robert Gleadhill (Finningley Parish Council).

Apologies were received from David Ryall (RHADS).

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 3 May 2006 were considered and agreed.

It was reported that 2 successful applications had been made to the Airport Community Fund from Hayfield School and St Johns Ambulance, Doncaster. All bids to the Community Fund had been considered by Members of the ACC Community Sub-Committee. It was confirmed that details of the Community Fund could be obtained from the Airport Website.

Clare Wilson also reported that she would be producing monthly articles in five local community newspapers on issues relating to the Airport and its operations. This would of course include details on any future rounds of funding from the Community Fund.

2 **NOISE MONITORING REPORT**

Clare Wilson, Environment Co-ordinator at Robin Hood Airport, outlined to the Sub-Committee the latest position in respect of the following:-

- (i) Night Flying Policy – The quota count point limit for the summer season March to October 2006 was 3800. To date the airport had “consumed” 300.5 qcp from 361 movements.
- (ii) Night Noise Sanction Scheme – The Night Noise Sanction Scheme penalised aircraft that contravened agreed noise level limits. Now that the Airport had

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been in operation for over a year, it was in a better position to start to compile trend data.

The draft policy would go before Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee for consideration and approval. John McCabe was able to report that DMBC's acoustic consultant was satisfied that the Scheme was stringent enough and was equal to any other scheme in operation within the country.

It was confirmed that once approved, the Scheme would be presented to a future meeting of the Noise Sub-Committee for further discussion.

- (iii) Night Movements Exceeding Agreed Noise Limits – It was reported that for the period November 2005 – August 2006, only 3 aircraft exceeded the agreed noise level limit (corrected noise level to be established). It is likely that the operators in question would be penalised for exceeding the agreed noise limit once the corrected noise level is established.
- (iv) Runway Usage – The Airport operated a preferred runway when the necessary conditions prevailed. For the period May to August 2006 compared to the same period the previous year, it was reported that the total number of aircraft movements to the North of the airfield had increased. The difference in the total number of movements for the same period was 64. Departures to the North had slightly increased overall for the period and arrivals from the South had decreased. The resulting effect was reduced overall aircraft movements to the South of the airfield.
- (v) Complaints Relating to Aircraft Activity – It was pleasing the report that for the period May – August 2006 compared to the same period the previous year that overall the number of individuals lodging a complaint had decreased.

It was confirmed that on occasions one individual might be responsible for making a number of complaints. It was confirmed that following consultation with the Chairman of the ACC, a policy for handling vexatious complaints from members of the public had been agreed. Clare Wilson reported that she had met with individuals recently and agreed with them that whilst all their complaints would be logged, this would not necessarily result in a response to each and every complaint made. She did emphasise however that where a complaint was significantly different to any made previously, she would of course respond. Those members of the public making complaints on an infrequent basis would continue to receive a response.

Julian Proudman, Environmental Health Officer, Bassetlaw District Council, confirmed that his authority had received very few complaints in respect of noise. Where people had complained directly, he had liaised directly with the Airport.

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- (vi) Sound Insulation Grant Scheme – It was confirmed that the number of homes insulated during the period May – August 2006 was 4. The total number of properties insulated within the Scheme was now 10. As a result of this, a survey was to be undertaken of residents whose properties had been insulated to consider issues around quality of work and effectiveness of the insulation provided. Clare agreed to feedback the outcome of this survey at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The Airport is reviewing the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme, details shall be distributed accordingly.

The Sub-Committee thanked Clare for her report.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Correspondence – The Chair outlined the contents of a letter she had received from a local resident regarding aircraft flight paths. Further to the response she had received from the Airport, Alan Tolhurst explained the various equipment and means by which a pilot was able to make a safe landing. Alan Tolhurst urged all Members of the Sub-Committee to attend the presentation being given to the ACC on 13 September 2006.
- (ii) Traffic Lights – Main Entrance – John McCabe agreed to pass on to the relevant personnel comments in relation to traffic light synchronisation at the main entrance to the airport.
- (iii) “Last Call” Carbon Emissions – Robin Hood Airport had teamed up with South Yorkshire Forest in a bid to offset the damage caused to the environment by carbon emissions. A large prominently placed box would be situated within the terminal building and passengers about to embark flights invited to make a donation to offset the carbon emission created as a result of their flight. Trees would be planted within the South Yorkshire Forest region.

The Sub-Committee welcomed this initiative and asked that they be kept updated on its progress.

- (iv) Robinhood Airport Annual Noise Report – A copy of the Annual Noise Report had been circulated to all Members for information. It was confirmed that the report would be formally considered by the Airport Consultative Committee on 13 September 2006.

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4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Airport's Consultative Committee Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee would take place on Wednesday 29 November 2006.

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