

## **ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **COMMUNITY SUB COMMITTEE**

**6 SEPTEMBER 2006**

PRESENT: Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (in the Chair),  
Cllr Jennifer Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council),  
Cllr Stan Dixon (Austerfield Parish Council),  
Cllr Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC),  
Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council),  
Cllr Peter Farrell (Armthorpe Parish Council),  
Cllr Eddie Durdy (Hatfield Town Council),  
Cllr Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),  
Cllr Robert Gleadhill (Finningley Parish Council),  
Cllr Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council),  
Cllr Bill Higgins (Tickhill Town Council),  
Cllr Peter Scholey (Maltby Town Council),  
Clare Wilson (RHADS),  
Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Gold (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council), Cllr N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council) and Cllr Angela White (East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association).

The Chair welcomed Councillor Peter Scholey to his first meeting of the Community Sub-Committee as representative for Maltby Town Council. The Committee placed on record their thanks and appreciation Councillor Ben Slade for his work on the Community Sub Committee and his involvement in the Heritage Memorial.

Councillor Dixon thanked members of the Sub-Committee for their good wishes following his recent operation.

#### 1 **MINUTES**

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

- (i) Sport England, Auckley Community Centre – the Secretary confirmed that Sport England had acknowledged the letter sent on behalf of the Sub-Committee, supporting work on the proposed Community Centre in Auckley. To date no further response had been received.

#### 2 **AIRPORT OPERATORS REPORT**

Clare Wilson, Environment & Community Manager at Robin Hood Airport, gave a progress report on work and operations at the Airport since the last meeting.

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It was pleasing to report that overall the number of individuals making complaints had decreased compared to the same period the previous year. The Night Noise Sanction Scheme, which penalised operators that contravened agreed noise level limits, was to be submitted to Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee for approval. For the period November 05 – August 06, 3 aircraft contravened the agreed noise level limit (corrected noise level to be established) It is likely that the aircraft in question would be fined once the corrected noise level is established.

In respect of the Sound Insulation Grant Scheme, the number of homes insulated during the period May to August 2006 was 4. This brought to 10 the total number of properties currently insulated within the Scheme. The Scheme was currently being reviewed and it was hoped that a further number of properties would become eligible to receive funding.

Whilst not necessarily a matter for the Community Sub-Committee, Members discussed their observations regarding flight paths of aircraft both on take off and landing at the Airport. Clare Wilson noted the comments raised with regard to movements over Bawtry and Armthorpe and explained that once the aircraft Track Keeping System was in place the Airport would be in a far stronger position to challenge airlines on any breaches of the preferred aircraft routes. It was hoped that by the start of 2007 the Airport would be able to track aircraft up to 3,000 feet and provide accurate details of the flight paths of all aircraft coming in and out of the Airport.

Clare Wilson agreed to check the agreed AIP in respect of night noise sanctions. Did the sanctions commence from 21.00 hours or 23.00 hours? *(It was later confirmed the time was in fact 23.00hrs)*

Members of the Sub-Committee had received a report outlining applications received for funding from the Airport Community Fund. Following consideration, two applicants had been successful, Hayfield School and St John's Ambulance, Doncaster. Members would receive details of further requests for funding shortly and be asked to comment on their appropriateness aligned to the agreed criteria.

It was reported at the last meeting, Robin Hood Airport was engaged in a partnership with South Yorkshire Forest to promote environmental sustainability through the planting of trees to offset carbon emissions from aircraft. A container had been placed in a prominent position within the airport departure lounge and passengers would be invited to make donations to offset carbon emissions as a result of their flight.

In an attempt to build on communications between the Airport and members of the public, Clare Wilson confirmed that she would be producing a monthly feature in five local community newspapers in the area. Members welcomed this initiative and asked that consideration be given to expanding distribution of any such features to other local community newspapers. It was further suggested that any features should be posted on the Airport's website.

The Airport are working in partnership with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive to produce a Multi Modal Traffic Guide which would assist visitors and passengers coming to the Airport on the options available to take in respect of using public transport. It was hoped that this Guide would be available towards the end of September 2006.

Following discussions at previous meetings it was pleasing to report that a dedicated travel and tourism stand would be established within the arrivals area, providing information on places of interest to visit in the region. The Sub-Committee agreed that this was an extremely important facility if the Airport were to market itself as a major supporter of the tourism industry in the North of England.

Members thanked Clare for her report.

3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Litter – Main Car Park. It was confirmed that personnel regularly undertook litter picks around the Airport site. The last few days had been particularly windy and it was clear that a great deal of litter had mounted up in one part of the car park. Clare Wilson agreed to raise this issue with relevant personnel.
- (ii) Young Trees/Saplings. A member commended the Airport on the efforts they had undertaken to plant tree and shrubs around the site. She had noted, however, that a number had been blown over and required attention. Again, Clare agreed to take this up with relevant personnel.
- (iii) Flying Club. A member asked whether or not consideration was been given to the creation of a local flying club at the Airport. Clare was not aware of any such proposal, but agreed to look into the matter and report back. (*It was later confirmed that there were no proposals for a local flying club at the Airport*).
- (iv) Radar. It was not anticipated that the introduction of, for example the Track Keeping System would affect TV coverage for residents in the vicinity of the Airport.

4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee would take on Wednesday 29 November 2006 at 2.00 pm.

