

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

29 NOVEMBER 2006

PRESENT: Councillor Yvonne Woodcock (DMBC) (in the Chair),
Martin Gold (Hayfield Green Residents Group) (Vice-Chair),
Alan Tolhurst (Chairman ACC),
Councillor Peter Scholey (Maltby Town Council),
Councillor Robert Gleadhill (Finningley Parish Council),
Councillor Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council),
Councillor Jennifer Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council),
Councillor Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),
Councillor Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),
Councillor Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council),
Councillor Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council),
Councillor Peter Farrell (Armthorpe Parish Council),
Councillor Angela White (East Riding and North Lincolnshire Local Councils Association),
Councillor Barbara Hoyle (Doncaster MBC),
Councillor Frank Higgins (Tickhill Town Council),
Clare Wilson (Robin Hood Airport),
Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

1 COUNCILLOR STAN DIXON

It was with deep regret that the Chair informed the Sub-Committee of the death of Councillor Stan Dixon, who had represented Austerfield Parish Council on the ACC Community Sub-Committee since its inception. Members recalled the enthusiasm and humour Stan brought to meetings. He would be sadly missed.

The Secretary was requested to write to the family of Councillor Dixon expressing the Sub-Committee's sincere condolences.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 6 September 2006 were considered and agreed,

Airport AIP - Councillor Gleadhill affirmed the point he had made at the previous meeting that there was an error in respect of the times stated in the Annual Noise Report.

It was asked if consideration might be given to contacting for example TRAX FM to request that they put out on air, details of any significant training flights taking place. It was acknowledged that many of these exercises took place with the minimum of notice to the Airport.

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

- (i) **Correlation of Monthly Noise Data** – Primary radar was in operation at the Airport. It was hoped the Track Keeping System would be installed during December and be fully operational in early spring. It was emphasised that the system was purely a monitoring device. That said it would provide valuable information about aircraft flight paths and if there had been any deviation from that agreed. It would be able to provide information in respect of height and location at any point. Doncaster MBC would be able to access this information at any time for monitoring purposes. This would assist greatly in dealing with complaints of noise and location of aircraft.

In respect of the Airport's application for QC4 status, it was confirmed by both the Airport and elected Members of DMBC that a full consultation process would take place. Cllr White asked that this be extended to those areas outside of the borough but still in close proximity to the Airport. The Chair agreed to take this point up on behalf of Cllr White. The secretary agreed to obtain a copy of the Section 106 Agreement for Cllr White.

- (ii) **Noise Sanctions Policy** – It was confirmed that since the policy was introduced, 3 aircraft had been penalised for exceeding accepted noise levels. Penalties incurred arranged from £500 to £700. Putting the figure into context, it amounted to 3 aircraft out of 1,291 aircraft movements.

The portable noise monitor was being fully utilised and a number of locations were already identified for monitoring during the course of the next year.

- (iii) **Runway Utilisation** – For the period May to October 2006, there had been just under 5,000 combined movements (departure and arrival) to the North and approximately 3,200 movements to the South.
- (v) **Noise Complaints** – It was pleasing the report the number of complaints had fallen compared to the same period (April – October 2005). Isolated complaints had occurred during October 2006 from Mattersey, Mattersey-Thorpe and Everton. The majority of complaints still came from Bawtry and individuals in Hatfield Woodhouse and Moorends. It was reported that there had been a reduction in training movements around the Airport, although an Oasis Hong Kong 747 had undertaken a number of training movements the previous week.
- (vi) **Sound Insulation Grant Scheme** - It was reported that a total of 10 properties had taken up the offer of the South Insulation Grant Scheme. The Airport had recently reviewed the Scheme and subsequently agreed to include a further 195 properties. It was stressed that there was not currently a requirement for the Airport to extend the Scheme, however a meeting was to take place shortly with Doncaster MBC to consider these proposals. So far, the take up was approximately 10% but it was confirmed that residents had 10 years in which to

make a request for funding from SIGS. Members considered a map which highlighted where extensions to this Scheme were proposed.

- (vii) **Community Fund** – It was reported that 6 community projects had been funded so far, totalling £4,155 since its launch in April 2006. The Committee congratulated the airport on its cardboard recycling initiative which had so far raised over £1,100 in support of the Community Fund. This had been added to the £1,700 which had been received as a result of noise penalties issued to aircraft operators in breach of the night noise sanctions policy. Application forms for the Community Fund could be downloaded from the Robin Hood Airport Website.

- (viii) **Last Call Carbon Off-setting Scheme** – This Scheme had been reported at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee. To date the Scheme had collected approximately £30 at Robin Hood Airport. It's sister airports of Liverpool John Lennon and Durham Tees Valley had collected in the region on £250 each. Clare Wilson confirmed that she would be seeking to promote the Scheme further through community newsletters and on the Airport website in the hope that more passengers would be persuaded to off-set the carbon emissions that their flight created by making a donation.

The Sub-Committee thanked Clare for her report.

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4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Rail Link to the Airport – it was confirmed that the planning application was currently with Doncaster MBC. It was hoped that further information would be available in time for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- (ii) Presentation – Airport Consultative Committee 8 December 2006 – Alan Tolhurst urged any member of the Sub-Committee to attend the ACC on 8 December 2006, when Robin Thomas was to give a presentation on Airspace Policy.
- (iii) CDA Approach - It was confirmed that the airport were in discussions with Boeing in respect of aircraft arriving at Robin Hood Airport adopting the process of Continual Decent Approach. The benefits of this approach it was hoped would reduce noise levels, save fuel and therefore reduce emissions. This was likely to be an issue that would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee.
- (iv) Airport Operators Association Website – Clare drew member's attention to a document produced by the AOA which provided general guidance on airport operation. It was felt that it might be a useful reference document for members of Airport Consultative Committees.

5 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the Schedule of Meetings for both the ACC and its two sub-committees would be considered at the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee on 8 December 2006. Once confirmed, all Members would be notified of the dates of all meetings for the forthcoming year.

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