

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

13 MARCH 2007

PRESENT: Martin Gold (Hayfield Green Residents Committee) (in the Chair).
Cllr Eddie Durdy (Hatfield Town Council),
Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council),
Cllr Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council),
Cllr Bill Higgins (Tickhill Town Council),
Cllr Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),
Cllr Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council),
Cllr Alan Copley (Bawtry Town Council),
Cllr Robert Gleadhill (Finningley Parish Council),
Cllr Edwin Lodge (Austerfield Parish Council),
Cllr Angela White (ERNLLCA),
Alan Tolhurst (Chairman, ACC),
Clare Wilson (Robin Hood Airport Doncaster/Sheffield)
Martin McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Peter Farrell (Armthorpe PC), Cllr Jenny Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council), Cllr Peter Scholey (Maltby Town Council), Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (Doncaster MBC) (Chair), Cllr Barry Johnson (DMBC), Cllr Barbara Hoyle (DMBC) and Caroline Flint (Member of Parliament).

1 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee held on 29 November 2006 were considered and agreed.

2 **AIRSPACE CHANGE PROPOSAL**

Alan Tolhurst, Chairman of the ACC, outlined the consultation process that was taking place with regard to the Airspace Change proposal at Robin Hood Airport.

The ACC had been invited to respond to the proposal and as such had arranged an Extra Ordinary Meeting to discuss the issue. Consultation on the proposal had been extensive with over 300 stakeholders contacted, including all parish councils within the locality.

The Sub-Committee supported the proposal and in particular the additional merits it would provide in terms of safety for travellers and communities within close proximity to the Airport. Members also discussed the advantages the proposal would have with regard to noise and the environment.

It was noted that the Track Keeping System would soon become operational and would provide stakeholders with far greater information on aircraft movements. Councillor White welcomed the initiative as it provided an opportunity for communities like Wroot to see at first hand, details of aircraft movements and in particular their height over communities situated in close proximity to the airport.

The Sub-Committee endorsed the response submitted by the Airport Consultative Committee.

2 AIRPORT ACT 1982 – SECTION 40

The Sub-Committee considered a consultation brief regarding proposals to implement tighter security measures at certain airports and the cost implications falling to airport operators to fund.

At this stage it was noted that proposals were out for consultation and if Robin Hood Airport were invited to comment, they would engage in this process.

3 COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

Clare Wilson informed Members of the latest position with regard to the Robin Hood Airport Community Fund. The Fund had to date supported 6 community projects totalling £4,155 since its launch in April 2006.

Members of the Sub-Committee had recently received 12 further requests for funding. Of these, 3 had met the relevant criteria and were as follows:-

Misson Parish Council – disabled access to community centre - £1,000

Bawtry Action for Recreation and Sport – tree planting scheme - £700

Doncaster Danum District Scouts – training for adults as archery instructors - £1,000.

The Community Fund had obtained income from the following sources:-

Noise Penalties - £1,700

Cardboard Recycling - £1,103

The Sub-Committee requested that in considering future applications, a copy of the original application form for funding be circulated.

The Sub-Committee congratulated the Airport on this initiative.

4 LAST CALL CARBON OFFSETTING SCHEME

The Scheme had been launched in August 2006. To date, £75 had been collected at Robin Hood Airport, although Liverpool John Lennon and Durham Tees Valley had collected approximately £250 each.

The Airport would continue to look at ways of further promoting the Scheme including community newsletters and the Airport Website.

The Scheme sought donations from passengers to offset carbon emissions from the flights they were undertaking.

5 OLD BAWTRY ROAD – LITTER

The airport was indebted to the Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport for their efforts in undertaking litter picks along this stretch of road in order to support the environment.

It was however, pleasing to report that following discussions with Doncaster MBC, agreement had been reached to give this stretch of road closer attention in the future.

6 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE 2007

Claire Wilson confirmed that the airport were working closely with the Thorne Pyramid of Schools on an initiative which set the schools a challenge of considering how technology might support the airport in meeting its environmental objectives.

The Sub-Committee welcomed this initiative and wished it success.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Tree Planting – Clare Wilson confirmed that a replanting exercise was to take place on the East Bund of the Airport as a number of the original saplings had failed.
- (ii) Official Opening of the Airport – It was confirmed that His Royal Highness The Duke of York would officially open Robin Hood Doncaster Sheffield Airport on 28 March 2007.
- (iii) Airport Hotel – It was confirmed that work had commenced on building the new hotel which would be situated at the side of the roundabout close to the Terminal car park entrance.
- (iv) Noise Complaints – Clare Wilson briefing reiterated some of the points that had been considered by the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee earlier in the day.

- (v) Airport Newsletter – It was confirmed that funding had been made available to produce a regular newsletter for communities in close proximity to the Airport. Members were asked to contact Clare with any issues they felt the public might wish to see included in such publications.

- (vi) Sports Centre – Hayfield Lane – Martin Gold confirmed that negotiations between Peel Holdings and community representatives were ongoing. All parties were extremely keen to ensure that the sports centre would remain very much a community facility and that this would remain an ongoing priority. There were still a number of issues that still required resolving. Martin Gold confirmed that he would report to the Sub-Committee once these had been resolved.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee would take place on **Wednesday 13 June 2007 at 2.00 pm**. The Sub-Committee were asked to note that all meetings of the Sub-Committee would commence at 2.00 pm.