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**13 JUNE 2007**

PRESENT: Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (DMBC) (In the Chair).  
Cllr Robert Brown (Blyth Parish Council),  
Cllr Edwin Lodge (Austerfield Parish Council),  
Cllr Angela White (ERNLLCA),  
Cllr Paula Haigh (Rossington Parish Council),  
Cllr Barbara Hoyle (DMBC),  
Cllr Frank Higgins (Tickhill Town Council),  
Cllr Norma McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),  
Cllr Alan Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),  
Cllr Peter Farrell (Armthorpe Parish Council),  
Cllr Jennifer Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council),  
Cllr Eddie Durdy (Hatfield Town Council),  
Cllr Barry Johnson (DMBC), Cllr Chris Stringer,  
Cllr Keith Robinson (Finningley Parish Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Swainston (Auckley Parish Council) and Caroline Flint (Member of Parliament).

**1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Keith Robinson to his first meeting of the Sub-Committee. In addition the following resignations and appointments were reported.

Martin Gold (Hayfield Green Residents Committee) (Vice-Chair) had resigned from the Committee. The Secretary was still awaiting a nomination. Councillor Robert Gleadhill (Finningley Parish Council) had been replaced by Councillor Keith Robinson and Councillor Marilyn Cockett (Auckley Parish Council) had been replaced by Councillor Ian Swainston.

The Secretary agreed to write to those Members standing down, thanking them for their support and commitment to the work of the sub-committee over the last 2 years.

**2 TOUR OF THE AVIATION ACADEMY**

Members of the Community Sub-Committee and Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee had been invited to tour the Directions Finningley Aviation Academy.

Karen Hodgson, Operations Director at the Academy showed Members around the facility which included engineering workshops, an HS748 fully operational aircraft, a

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B727 Cabin Simulator, high spec. teaching rooms, a technical library, meeting rooms and office accommodation.

Karen answered Members questions.

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee held on 13 March 2007, were considered and agreed.

4 COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS

Clare Wilson thanked Members for considering the latest round of Community Fund Applications. The Sub-Committee asked that more be done to promote the existence of the Fund.

Members agreed that they would seek to assist the Airport in this objective where practicably possible.

5 LAST CALL CARBON OFF-SETTING SCHEME

It was confirmed that Doncaster MBC had joined partnership with the Airport and South Yorkshire Forest for the 'Last Call' Scheme. The partnership is working towards further habitat and woodland regeneration and is looking to launch the new partnership and revised scheme in July 07. The scheme will focus on four key habitats within the region where those donating to the scheme will be able to visit and keep updated on the habitats through the Airport website.

6 AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Clare was able to confirm that the steel structure directly opposite the terminal building was a business unit and not part of the new hotel. Work on the Airport access road had commenced, and it was hoped would be completed by January 2008.

In regard to the Airport Master Plan, it was hoped that consultation would commence by the end of the summer. Consideration was being given to holding a workshop which would be open to members of the public to attend. The Master Plan set out the Airport's development proposals and how these will be managed for the period up to 2030.

It was reported that planning approval had been granted for Hill House St Mary's School to build a new school and playing fields on what was the site of the former Officers Mess. Plans to build a new rail station at the Airport were being considered

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by Doncaster MBC. Discussions were on-going with rail operators to ensure the service linked with main line inter-city services.

It was hoped that the Track Keeping System would be operational during July 2007.

In conjunctions with Directions Finningley, the Airport is going to produce an information pack for schools which will seek to heighten awareness of environmental issues such as recycling.

Finally, the Airport has launched the Technology Challenge to the Thorne Pyramid of Schools. The challenge requires children to design a recycling facility on aircraft. Five schools in the Thorne Pyramid were currently involved in this initiative.

Members thanked Clare for her presentation.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Noise Levels – It was confirmed that the Noise Sanctions Scheme was one of the most stringent schemes imposed on any airport in the UK. Not all schemes were directly comparable, but the point was made that Robin Hood Airport was one of the smallest airports in the country to operate with such a scheme.
- (ii) Training Flights – Councillor Peter Farrell, Armthorpe Parish Council, informed the Sub Committee that he had received a number of calls from residents regarding the frequency of training flights directly over the village of Armthorpe. Parish Councillors had been informed in the past that this would not be the case and clarification was requested.

Councillor Angela White of Wroot Parish Council and representing ERNLLCA on the Sub-Committee, referred to a Civil Aviation Authority directive in respect of training flights over the communities of Wroot/Bawtry/Austerfield/Misson.

It was noted that the Section 106 Planning Agreement indicated that training flights would take place solely to the east of the Airport and follow strict time periods in order to lessen the impact on local communities. Again clarification was sought.

Clare Wilson agreed to take this matter up with Air Traffic Control and if necessary, this directive could be considered by the Flight Safety Committee and appropriate instructions issued to pilots.

Clare agreed to seek clarification as to whether or not training flights could take place to both the East and West of the airfield and report back to Members.

- (iii) Surface Access to the Airport – It was confirmed that patronage on the Green Arrow bus had increased by 6% over the last quarter.

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- (iv) Passenger Numbers – The airport were delighted to announce that passenger figures had increased by 18% during May 2007 compared to the same period the previous year.

In addition, work was progressing well in developing the Airport's cargo handling operation.

**8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee would be held on Thursday 27 September 2007 at Robin Hood Airport at 2pm.

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