

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

12 DECEMBER 2007

PRESENT: Councillor Y Woodcock (DMBC) (in the Chair)
Councillors K Robinson (Finningley Parish Council), J Armstrong (Armthorpe Parish Council), R Brown (Blythe Parish Council), B Slade (Maltby Town Council), P Haigh (Rossington Parish Council), N M Carron (Blaxton Parish Council), A Copley (Bawtry Town Council), I Swainton (Auckley Parish Council) and F W Higgins (Tickhill Town Council).

C Wilson (RHADS), L Cooksey and M McCarthy (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), P Nears (Peel Holdings), M Payling (Safer Neighbourhood Inspector SYP), S Price (Safer Neighbourhood Team Sergeant SYP) and R Royal (Green Issues).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A White (ERNLLICA), Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council) and P Farrell.

1 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD – ACCESS ROAD OPENING

P Nears informed the Sub-Committee that the RHADS access road had been opened earlier in the day. He informed the Sub-Committee that the footpath improvements associated with the new airport access road had been discussed with the Ramblers Association; other improvements included a new lake.

P Nears informed the Sub-Committee that he had invited Auckley Parish Council to walk the new routes provided and stated that he thought the new routes provided were far superior to the previous networks. Whilst an objection had been logged, he thought it would be unfortunate if the matter ended up at a public enquiry.

The Sub-Committee noted that over 3,300 trees and shrubs would be planted in the vicinity of the access road.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the ACC Community Sub-Committee held on 27 September 2007 were considered and agreed.

3 TRAINING FLIGHTS

A letter from RHADS regarding training flights from the airport was considered and noted.

4 SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT

M Clarke, the Terminal Security Manager, reported on security at the airport. The Sub-Committee noted that the airport site was divided into three distinct zones, landside, controlled and restricted zones. Most of the airports resources were spent on the restricted zone. Security procedures at the airport were audited and inspected by the Department for Transport.

The Sub-Committee noted that the airport regularly re-assessed its top 10 risks.

M Clark informed the Sub-Committee that community police officers for the area were based at the airport.

5 COMMUNITY FUND

C Wilson reported that a couple of applications had been received for funding from the Community Fund.

C Wilson agreed to append the report to the minutes and supply Councillor Robinson with a copy of the guidelines for funding.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

C Wilson reported that the school tree planting campaign had commenced and that wind turbines had been installed at Liverpool Airport and were producing electricity for consumption at the airport.

7 POLICING AT THE AIRPORT

The Sub-Committee welcomed Inspector Mark Payling and Sergeant Stuart Price from South Yorkshire Police to the meeting. Inspector Payling reported on incidents of opportunist crime committed at the airport, particularly with regard to the theft of plants. Sergeant Price commented that the police were looking at how to block off areas of the site to fly tippers.

A Business Watch Scheme had been established. P Nears reported that the airport management wished to meet the police to discuss how the airport site was policed.

8 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS – 2008

RESOLVED – That the schedule of meetings for 2008 set out below be agreed:-
Community Sub-Committee

Thursday 13 March
Tuesday 24 June
Monday 29 September
Wednesday 3 December

All meetings with commence at 11.00 am at the airport

9 YORKSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY

P Nears reported that the draft Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Spatial Strategy had omitted two paragraphs relating to the airport being a key economic driver for the economic regeneration of the area.

P Nears requested members of the Sub-Committee to lobby the Regional Assembly to reinsert those paragraphs back into the strategy.

M McCarthy agreed to prepare a response on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Action: M McCarthy

10 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT MASTER PLAN – SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered the Robin Hood Master Plan as required by the Air Transport White Paper. The Master Plan included:-

- detailed proposals for 2016
- indicative land use plans for the period 2016 to 2030.

The Plan had to reflect planning policy and feed into Development Plan preparation.

The Master Plan was currently in the consultation phase. The consultation period would last three months. The Sub-Committee discussed the proposed consultation agreements.

RESOLVED – That P Nears be thanked for his presentation of the Robin Hood Airport Master Plan.