

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

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT**

**31 JANUARY 2008**

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman)  
Cllr Christopher Underwood-Frost (Lincolnshire County Council),  
Cllr Norma McCarron (Blaxton PC), Andrew Bosmans (FODSA),  
Cllr Barbara Hoyle (DMBC), Cllr Pat Bartlett (DMBC), Phil Cole (Office of  
Caroline Flint MP), Richard Smith (Directions Finningley),  
Cllr Yvonne Woodcock (DMBC, Chair, Community Sub-Committee),  
Cllr Andrew Milner (DMBC), Tony Story (Local Schools Group),  
Richard Royal (Green Consultancy), Peter Nears (Peel Holdings),  
Richard Smith, Steve Adamson and Clare Wilson (Robin Hood Airport  
Doncaster Sheffield), Len Cooksey (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Glynn Robinson  
(Rotherham MBC), Caroline Flint MP, S Shore and H Laing (Peel  
Holdings).

#### 1 **MINUTES Of AGM 2007**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airport  
Consultative Committee held on 25 February 2008 be considered and agreed.

#### 2 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

The Chairman was pleased to note that 1.08 million passengers used Doncaster  
Airport last year. The Chair informed the meeting that he had flown to Canada from  
Doncaster Airport, and he would congratulate the airport staff on the way passengers  
were treated.

The Chair drew attention to the progress made by the Airport during the last year  
namely:-

- The opening of the first phase of the new access road from Hurst Lane to the  
Airport.
- The development of the Airport Business Park.

The Chair drew attention to the fact that the airport was still not seen as a significant  
player in the sub-regional economy. This was evidenced by the fact that the airport  
was not listed as an economic regenerator in the recently published Spatial Strategy.

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The Chair informed the meeting that during the floods of the summer of 2007, the RAF were able to operate their helicopters, which were vital in the rescue operation, from The Airport. Had RHADS not been open, then the helicopters would have had further to fly, lengthening journey times and reducing the number of rescue flights they were able to carry out.

The Chair noted that the number of complaints regarding noise had remained comparable with the previous year, despite the increase in aircraft movements. The Chair thanked Clare Wilson for addressing all complaints in the courteous and timely manner.

The Chair reminded the Committee that its role was to act as a facilitator between airport and the local community, and he thanked the Committee for the part they had played in supporting the airport.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP

#### (i) Airport Consultative Committee

The Chair reminded the meeting that the Committee had agreed to extend membership of the Committee to the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire.

The Committee noted that the new representative for the Doncaster Chamber would be S Shaw.

RESOLVED – That:

- (i) Mr T Storey be appointed as an ex-officio member of the Committee.
- (ii) Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, Doncaster Strategic Partnership, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce, Cargo Handling be contacted to ascertain whether or not they wish to remain member of the Committee.
- (iii) Yorkshire Tourism be invited to join the Committee.
- (iv) A letter be sent thanking Mr N Dearden for all his past services.

#### b Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee

Councillor Bartlett informed the Committee that she intended to resign as Chair of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee. It was noted that the matter of the new chair appointment would be discussed at the meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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The Committee discussed possible changes to the membership of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the membership of the Committee be extended to include a representative from:

- (i) DMBC, Planning Department.
- (ii) Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport.
- (iii) A representative from Air Traffic Control.

c Community Sub-Committee

RESOLVED – That the following schedule of meetings be agreed:-

Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 31 January (AGM and Ordinary)  
Tuesday 22 April  
Tuesday 29 July  
Thursday 23 October

All meetings will commence at 10.30 am.

Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee

Thursday 14 March  
Tuesday 24 June  
Monday 29 September  
Wednesday 3 December

All meetings will commence at 9.30 am at the airport.

Community Sub-Committee

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

All meetings will commence at 10. am at the airport.

CHAIR

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