

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

**ORDINARY MEETING**

**31 JANUARY 2008**

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman)  
Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost (Lincolnshire County Council),  
Councillor Norma McCarron (Blaxton PC), Councillor Paul Haigh  
(Rossington PC), Andrew Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor Barbara Hoyle  
(DMBC), Councillor Pat Bartlett (DMBC), Robert Cooke (RHADS),  
Steve Adamson (RHADS), Claire Wilson (RHADS), Phil Cole (Office of  
Caroline Flint MP), Richard Smith (Direction Finningley), Peter Nears  
(Peel Holdings), Councillor Yvonne Woodcock (DMBC), Councillor  
Andrea Milner (DMBC), Tony Storey OBE (Head Teacher, Hayfield  
School), Richard Royal (Green Issues) and Len Cooksey (South  
Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

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

1 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **AIRPORT OPERATOR'S REPORT**

Robert Cook, Operations Director, RHADS informed the Committee that the  
development of the Cargo and Freight operations were still a high priority for the  
airport, which was striving to develop a larger market share.

Accessibility to the airport had been improved by the opening in December 2007 of a  
new stretch of road from Hayfield Lane to the airport.

The Committee noted that work was progressing to install the new radar system. The  
system it was anticipated would be in operation shortly, provided there were no major  
technical problems. With regard to the application for the change in controlled air  
space, an initial response had been received in October 2007. It was hoped that the  
application would be granted and implemented by June 2008.

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Robert Cooke reported that the Business Park continues to develop. Adjustments to the landside/airside boundary would result in two of the four ex RAF hangars being located airside. The hangars would be used by Marshall's Aerospace.

(i) Environmental Issues – Clare Wilson informed the Members that:-

- There had been a reduction in noise complaints received in November 2007A new computer system for compiling reports. Had been introduced.
- The eastern end of the airfield had been replanted with trees.
- A large number of applications for funding from the Community Fund had been received. Funding decisions would be made in the coming week.
- A survey undertaken revealed that 8% of all outward bound passengers arrived by public transport, this compared well with other airports.
- Invitations had been undertaken to encourage the use of greener methods of travel to the airport by staff.
- The airport had received the Doncaster Chamber of Commerce "Tourism Award".

(ii) Airport Operation – S Adamson informed the Committee that Wizz Air was now the airports 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest customer, having just opened two new routes to Poland. Ryan Air had also inaugurated a new service to Alicante, unfortunately the long haul flight to Toronto and the short haul flights to Amsterdam and Prague had been withdrawn.

The Committee noted that the airport was constantly in contact with airlines to ascertain whether new routes could be developed. The Committee noted that many existing airlines were operating long established routes from other regional airports and it would be a difficult task to attract them to Robin Hood, however the runway length was a great asset for Robin Hood, and this should help in attracting long-haul flight operations.

P Nears reported that a planning application had been submitted to Doncaster Council to build a railway station adjacent to the airport on the Doncaster – Lincoln line. A requirement for services to stop at the new station had been included in the East Midlands Rail Franchise.

The Committee discussed marketing initiatives undertaken to raise the profile of the airport and increase awareness and patronage.

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- (iii) Robin Hood Airport Master Plan – The Committee received a presentation on the Airport Master Plan 2008/2030. The Committee noted that the envisaged flight movements set out in the Master Plan were broadly in line with the original planning application.

R Royal of Green Issues gave a presentation on the consultation process.

It was agreed that information regarding the Master Plan consultation process be placed on the ACC website.

4 NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE

The Committee noted that QC4 aircraft had been operated at night, contrary to the S106 agreement, but that DMBC had been informed of the flights beforehand.

R Cooke informed the meeting that the airport had agreed to request a formal variation to the Section 106 Agreement. The request would be heard by Doncaster MBC in March 2008

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 12 December 2007 be received.

5 COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Sub-Committee held on 12 December 2007 be received.

CHAIR

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