

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

22 APRIL 2008

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman)
Andrew Bosmans (FODSA), Steve Shore (Doncaster Chamber),
Helen Rana (Sheffield Chamber), Councillor B Hoyle (DMBC), Councillor
Paula Haigh (Rossington PC), Councillor P Schofield (DMBC), Councillor
N McCarron (Blaxton PC), Councillor G Kyte (SYPTA), Councillor A
Milner (DMBC), Tony Storey (ex-officio) and Phil Cole Representing
Caroline Flint MP).

Emma Pickering and Clare Wilson (RHADS).
Len Cooksey (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat).

Apologies for absence were received from K Isard,
Councillor B Johnson, R Smith, J Newman, Councillor Y Woodcock and
H Lang.

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING – CONTROLLED AIRSPACE

The Chair informed the meeting that the application for the change in controlled airspace had been agreed, subject to some minor changes: the Directorate of Airspace Policy had indicated that, should the Controlled Airspace be awarded, the proposed introduction date would be 31st July 2008. Copies of the revised proposals were circulated to the members present.

4 AIRPORT OPERATORS REPORT

Clare Wilson and Emma Pickering on behalf of the airport presented a progress report. The Committee noted that:-

- Mike Morton would take up the position of Airport Director at Robin Hood Airport with effect from 19th May 2008.
- The Business Development Working Group was undergoing a restructure.
- The Airport continued to see a growth in passenger numbers and services.

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- During the period January to March 2008, the Airport attracted a further 12 ad-hoc freight charters.
- The revised Airport Surface Access Strategy was currently in draft format for consideration by the Airport Transport Forum at its meeting on 24 April 2008.
- Inward investments had been secured equating to over 250,000 sq ft of new building development at the Airport.
- The new radar had been fully trialled and had performed better than expected. The project to install a Cat IIIb instrument landing system on runway 20 and the relocation of the pre-existing Cat I instrument landing system on runway 02 was almost complete, requiring only the formal assessment of the safety documentation by the Civil Aviation Authority.
- The Directions/Marshalls – Hangar 3, Phase 1 had been completed on 4 April, with the arrival of the first corporate jet into the new maintenance facility.
- Sheffield City Flying School had completed its move to the Airport and operations commenced on 19/20 April 2008.
- The Peel Airport Group, to reduce the environmental impact of its operations, is examining ways to identify and manage environmental risks as they arise: this establishes the group as an environmentally responsible company. The Group had committed itself to implementing an Environmental Management System to the recognised ISO 14001 Standard, with the expectation that the accreditation will be achieved in September 2009.
- The Peel Airports Group aimed to develop a Community Investment Strategy consistently across all three airports in the Group.
- A total of 2.85 million passengers had used the airport since it opened. In the last 12 months 1,097,194 passengers had used the Airport.
- The Airport continues to build on its route development, specifically focusing on inbound tourism to the region.

The Committee discussed progress in constructing the proposed link road from the M18 to the airport. It was noted that the completion of the Airport Master Plan, the guarantees of private sector funding and progress in the development of the scheme to widen White Rose Way, had raised the profile of the proposed FARRRS link road.

RESOLVED – That a copy of the Director's Progress Summary be circulated to all Members of the Committee.

5 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair reminded Members that the Committee was required to provide Doncaster Council with an Annual Report. The report for 2008 would be considered by the Airport Consultative Committee at its next meeting in July.

6 MINUTES

(i) Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee

That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 14 March 2008 were noted.

(ii) The details of the frequency, timing and restriction placed on training flights be circulated to Members.

7 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(i) North Yorkshire County Council

The Chair reported that North Yorkshire County Council had been invited to attend meetings of the Committee.

(ii) Group Airports Director

Hugh Lang, the Group Airports Director, would be attending the next meeting of the Committee.

(iii) UK ACCs Support Office

The Group noted that Mr S Innes, the UK ACCs Support Officer would be attending the next meeting of the Committee to brief members on the challenges faced by ACCs, based on his many years as Secretary to the London City Airport ACC