

## **ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD**

### **CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**29 JULY 2008**

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst (Chairman)  
Stuart Innes (LCACC/UKACCS), Tony Storey (ex-officio),  
Norma McCarron (Blaxton PC), Paula Haigh (Rossington  
PC), Neville Dearden (Cutlers Company of Hallamshire),  
Yvonne Woodcock, Richard Smith (Directions),  
Councillor B Hoyle (DMBC), Councillor P Schofield (DMBC),  
Councillor A Milner (DMBC), Tony Newson (Renaissance  
South Yorkshire), Andrew Bosmans (FODSA) and  
Councillor J Ivy (NYCC)

Mike Morton and Clare Wilson (RHADS)  
Melanie McCoole (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

#### 1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. An apology for absence was received from James Newman (Cutlers Company).

#### 2 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

#### 3 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

#### 4 **PRESENTATION BY S INNES, SECRETARY, LIAISON GROUP OF UK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES**

The Committee received a presentation from Stuart Innes which provided an insight into the work and challenges faced by the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC) of London City Airport.

Members noted that the ACC of London City Airport consisted of members appointed by external bodies. Stuart Innes added that all agendas and minutes of the meetings were published onto their website and were sent to the local press, to make the local community aware of the work being done.

Members noted that commencing in 2009 there would be BA flights on the A318 aircrafts, from London City Airport to New York.

The Committee noted that London City Airport holds regular fund raising events, and had recently raised almost £50k for London's Children's Hospital. The events take place between a Saturday and Sunday lunch time, as no flights are scheduled during this period.

The Chair thanked Stuart Innes for his informative presentation.

## 5 AIRPORT OPERATORS REPORT

Mike Morton presented a progress report to the Committee. The Committee noted that:-

- The following appointments had been made:-  
  
Nick Smillie – Aviation Sales Director, based at RHADS  
Paul Rodwell – Group Cargo Director, based at Liverpool  
Jodi Stow – Marketing/Communications Manager, based at RHADS
- At the Business Development Working Group on 23 May 2008, the group was introduced to a number of projects which included developing links to a hub and a number of business opportunities with incumbent airlines.
- TUI had announced two new routes to Sharm El Sheikh and Kos for summer 2009.
- Wizz Air traffic continued to perform strongly and RHADS remained as their largest base in the UK (in terms of destinations and capacity) after London-Luton.
- Ryanair routes continued to perform strongly, particularly to Alicante and Girona. Both routes had seen an increase in frequency for summer 2009.
- In June 2008, 102,008 passengers passed through RHADS. This represented an -8.5% decrease on June 2007 and came as a result of the planned reduction in capacity in TUI when compared to 2007. All of the other operators continued to show growth in passenger volume year on year:-

Ryanair grew by 9%  
Wizz Air grew by 43%

Charter grew by 2%

- Load factors remained strong across all operators for the month:-  
  
Thomsonfly grew by 8% to 93%  
Ryanair grew by 9% to 75%  
Wizz Air remained static at 79%  
Flybe grew by 8% to 57%
- The final version of the Airport Surface Access Strategy had been approved and would be published along with the Draft Master Plan.
- The completion of the first 10,000 sq ft speculative office development was reached in May 2008, when the building was launched to the market. The 100,000 sq ft Priority Sites scheme was completed earlier in the year, and the developers were currently seeking to acquire additional land for another phase of hybrid industrial development.
- Controlled Airspace – approval was awarded to RHADS with a ‘go live’ planned date for the end of August 2008.
- The new Radar had been fully flight trialled and performed better than expected. The entry into service had been delayed slightly awaiting resolution of a technical issue with displaying the data in the Radar Room at Liverpool Airport.
- A new EU Legislation came into force from 26 July 2008, in relation to passengers with restricted movement. This required airport companies to provide a service for such passengers. The contract had been awarded to Gate Aviation to provide the service for RHADS.
- The Airport Master Plan was currently with the printers. It was anticipated that Public Consultation would commence following the holiday period and run for three months.
- The airport was on the way to the completion of Phase 1 of the implementation of the Peel Airport Group Environment Management System (EMS). An ISO 14001 accreditation was aimed for over the next 18 months.
- DMBC’s Planning Committee had given the green light for a new rail station which could bring improved access to the airport.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the contents of the report.

**6 REPORT TO DONCASTER MBC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Committee received a progress report on the implementation of planning conditions/Section 106 obligation.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the progress of implementation of the planning conditions/Section 106 obligation, in relation to the Noise Sanctions Scheme and Aircraft Operations at night, and that a balance needs to be struck between the economic benefit of the airport to the Borough and the environmental impact of aircraft operations on local communities.

**7 ANNUAL REPORT – CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PLAN**

The Committee received a copy of the Corporate Social Responsibility Report, which provided an insight into the work undertaken at the airport and Peel Airports Group, within the day-to-day business operations. The Report is intended to meet the requirements of the S106.

RESOLVED – That:-

- (i) It would have been helpful for the Members to have sight of the Report well before the meeting to permit scrutiny.
- (ii) The Report would be revised to focus more on achievements.
- (iii) The revised Report would be considered by Members out-of-committee with comments being sent to the Secretary for inclusion in the ACC submission to DMBC in accordance with the S106.
- (iv) A letter be sent to DMBC on behalf of the Committee, stating that minor amendments would be made to the Airport Annual Report, and the final version would be considered by Members, with an aim to present the report to DMBC by early September 2008.

**8 CAA CHANGES TO AIRSPACE**

The Committee received a copy of the news release in relation to the new measures to improve flight safety and enhance air traffic control operations in the area of RHADS which had been approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

RESOLVED – That Members noted the contents of the report.

9 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES:

(i) NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE 24 JUNE 2008

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2008 were noted.

(ii) COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE 24 JUNE 2008

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Community Sub-Committee held on 24 June 2008 were noted.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members agreed that the next meeting would be held on 23 October 2008 at an earlier start time of 10.00 am.

CHAIR