

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB COMMITTEE

24 JUNE 2008

PRESENT: Councillor N McCarron (In the Chair)
Councillors P Schofield (DMBC), P Stinger (North East Bassetlaw Forum), P Haigh (Rossington P.C), A White (ERNLLCA), F W Higgins (Tickhill P.C), J Worthington (Cantley with Branton P.C), K Robinson (Finningley P.C), I Swaington (Auckley P.C), P Cole (Representing Caroline Flint MP), P Farrell (Armthorpe P.C), N McCarron (Blaxton P.C), E Lodge (Austerfield P.C), A Tolhurst (Airport Consultative Committee), E Pickering (PAG), M Morton and C Wilson (RHADS), L Cooksey and A Shirt (SYJS)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Y Woodcock, B Johnson, Mr Brady and B Brown.

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Mike Morton to the Community Sub-Committee. Mr Morton confirmed that he was the new Airport Director and gave a short history of his employment in aviation prior to joining Robin Hood Airport.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC Community Sub-Committee held on 14 March 2008 be agreed as a correct record.

3 OPERATORS REPORT

(i) Tourism

E Pickering reported on in-bound tourism generation for Robin Hood Airport. The Sub-Committee noted that meetings with local councillors and other key organisations had taken place to discuss methods of promoting the Robin Hood region.

Following discussions a website (www.robinhoodairporttourism.com) had been developed to promote and raise awareness of tourism in the area.

The Sub-Committee thanked E Pickering for the update.

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(ii) Community Fund Applications

C Wilson reported that five applications had been received, however only one met the criteria.

C Wilson confirmed that the fund was running low and would be “topped-up” by the Airport shortly.

(iii) Announcement

C Wilson informed that she would be focusing more on the implementation of the Airport’s Environmental Management System and Clare Nelson from Liverpool John Lennon Airport would be attending the Community Sub Committee at future meetings. Clare Nelson’s is appointed as the new Corporate Social Responsibility Advisor for Peel Airports and would be making a presentation at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

(iv) Commercial Update

C Wilson reported that the Commercial Team are focusing work around connecting flights into European Hubs and added that a working group had been established to sell the benefits.

C Wilson also added that “load factors” were up from last year’s figures from 76% to 82%.

The Sub Committee also noted that the airport had received interest in replacing the Paris, Amsterdam and Prague routes. The airport announced that Flybe will be increasing their schedule flights to Jersey in 2009.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor White reported that on Saturday 7 June 2008 she had received a number of complaints about a training aircraft flying over, around every 8 to 10 minutes, between 3.00 pm and 8.30 pm. Councillor White added that she had left a message on the airport’s answering machine to address this issue, however, no one from the airport had responded.

M Morton apologised on behalf of the airport and agreed to investigate the issue further.

Action: M Morton

C Wilson explained that training flights were restricted to a 2 hour duration and 1 hour for respite.

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A Tolhurst raised that it would be better if complaints were recorded by residents of Wroot and asked if A White could ask residents to write to C Wilson at the airport to investigate the issues raised.

C Wilson asked Members of the Sub-Committee to notify the Airport Consultative Committee Secretary if any specific issue needed to be addressed at meetings, this would allow the airport to fully investigate issues before meetings.

Councillor White raised concerns regarding wind turbines at Thorne Moors and queried if this would affect aircraft flight paths.

C Wilson confirmed that this would not alter the tracks of airlines, however, radar and technical issues would need to be addressed.

A Tolhurst informed the Sub-Committee that London City Airport had recently held a family fun day and enquired whether Robin Hood could do something of a similar nature to promote the airport to the community and allow members of the public to view facilities available.

C Wilson agreed to raise the idea with Peel Airport Group.

Action: C Wilson

The Chair enquired whether the airport would be operating more night flights for cargo.

C Wilson reported that the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee had discussed in detail that it was the Airport's intention to submit a formal application to Doncaster MBC for a variation to the provisions of the Quiet Operations Policy of Section 106 Agreement, which would permit the airport to operate QC4 aircraft at night.

C Wilson added that the application would go through the normal planning application consultation procedures when the airport submits the variation application to Doncaster MBC.

CHAIR