

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

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22 OCTOBER 2009

PRESENT:- A Tolhurst (Chairman)

Councillor B Johnson and Councillor Y Woodcock (Doncaster MBC), Councillor M Quigley MBE (Nottinghamshire CC), Councillor G Ivey (North Yorkshire CC), M Morton (RHADS), J Worthington (Cantley with Brampton PC), N McCarrow (Blaxton PC), T Storey (Ex Officio – Education), A Bosmans (FODSA) and M McCoolle (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

1 **WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from C Wilson (RHADS), D Fell (Doncaster Chamber); and Councillor P Scholfield (Doncaster MBC).

2 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 JULY 2009**

An amendment to be made on page 4 of the minutes, to indicate the population of Gainsborough was 36,000 instead of 86,000.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 23 July 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

(i) **Offsite Car Parking**

Members noted that Enforcement had requested the offsite car parking be closed; and had indicated that the land was designated for storage and haulage. M Morton had had a discussion with A Gutherson, and a response was awaited from Enforcements.

(ii) **Visit to Hanger 2**

Members noted the possibility of visiting Hanger 2 at the end of the meeting, to view the new facilities for re-spraying aircrafts.

(iii) Public Noise Complaints Procedure

Members of the Noise Monitoring Sub Committee were currently looking at the draft procedure for habitual or vexatious complainants. A Tolhurst commented that the role of this Committee was to facilitate, and make sure the airport was responding to complaints in the appropriate way. M Morton commented he would ensure Members received a copy of the draft procedure; and Members were requested to pass any comments onto C Wilson.

(iv) Parking at the Airport

M Morton commented that the drop off/pick up area at the Airport was usually closed off late in the season, and would be segregated again this winter. The Airport was reliant on car parking. M Morton commented that the short term car parking rate needed to be revised, to allow people to stay longer.

RESOLVED – That M Morton would review the position; and an update would be given at the next meeting of the Committee.

4 AIRPORT ACTIVITY REPORT

M Morton presented the Director's Progress Report.

The report commented upon:-

- Regional Support
- Airline Operations
- Project Work
- Marketing and Communications
- Press Releases

The Airport Group had attended the Routes, Route Development Conference in Beijing in September 2009, which assisted in raising the profile of the Airport with the airlines.

The Airport's 23 week sponsorship on Viking FM, Traffic and Travel would continue until 20 November 2009. The Airport also sponsored Hallam FM's Drive Time Show and Magic AM's Weather, which would continue until the end of May 2010. A 4 week advertising campaign on winter sun and winter short breaks commenced on 22 September 2009.

RESOLVED – That:-

- 1) The Airport Director's Progress Report be noted.
- 2) A Tolhurst to write to all organisations including the Sheffield Chamber of Commerce, and leaders of the district councils, to stress if designated persons could not attend the meetings, representatives could attend.

5 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT

M Morton commented that the Corporate Social Responsibility Report was now complete; and was currently at the printers. Doncaster MBC and Members of the Committee would be provided with a finished copy of the report.

6 FARRRS UPDATE

M Morton referred to a recent meeting with Doncaster MBC, who were looking at a letter of commitment of funding, from private developers; with a view to putting a business case to the DfT by Spring 2010.

M Morton commented that the planning application for the Heliport would be raised at Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee on 20 November 2009.

7 REVIEW OF NIGHT FLYING POLICY

COUNCILLOR WOODCOCK DECLARED AN INTEREST, AND DID NOT COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

M Morton referred to the QC4 aircraft, and commented that they wanted to vary the Section 106, to allow the aircrafts to be operated during 11.00 pm to 7.00 am. It was hoped this would be raised at Doncaster MBC's Planning Committee in December 2009.

M Morton and C Wilson had recently presented at Bawtry Town Council, in relation to noise at the Airport. M Morton commented they had received a positive response, and the exercise needed to be repeated regularly.

RESOLVED – That A Tolhurst requested M Morton to plot the areas complaints were received from.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF:-

a) Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2009

M Morton commented that the roundabout belonged to Peel Holdings. A Tolhurst commented that he would write to Peel Holdings, to invite them to have a representative on this Committee.

The minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2009 were noted.

b) Community Sub-Committee Meeting held on 24 September 2009

Members noted the amount of litter on Old Bawtry Road; and the possible need for another litter pick with the local community.

M Morton had requested a clear understanding of what came within the remit of the Airport, and whether the road should be fenced off.

The minutes of the Community Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2009 were noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Tolhurst commented the next meeting of the Committee would be in January 2010, and Members would be informed of the date, as soon as possible.

A Tolhurst commented that the Doncaster Aircraft Museum would have an open day on 14 November 2009, to celebrate the 100 years anniversary of the first air show held in Doncaster.

CHAIR