

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

25 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillor Y Woodcock (in the Chair)
E Durdy (Hatfield Town Council, P J Farrell (Armthorpe P.C.),
M Leese (Bawtry T.C.), A White (ERNLLCA), I Swanston (Auckley
P.C.), C Stringer (North East Bassetlaw Forum), J Worthington
(Cantley with Branton P.C.), N McCarron (Blaxton P.C.), K Robinson
(Finningley P.C.), F W Higgins (Tickhill T.C.), B Johnson (Doncaster
MBC), D John-Lewis (DMBC), A Tolhurst (ACC), P Nears (Peel
Holdings), M Morton and C Wilson (RHADS)

L Cooksey (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat)

1 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 26 March 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

2 MASTER PLAN FEEDBACK

The Sub-Committee noted that a 19 week public consultation exercise had been held by the Airport, publicising and seeking views on the Airport Master Plan. Exhibitions had been held at the Meadowhall Shopping Centre and the Frenchgate Centre, as well as a variety of smaller locations. The consultation had attracted a lot of media interest. A suit of documents had been produced in a variety of formats including CDs and leaflets, information was also placed on the Airport's website, which subsequently received over 10,000 hits.

The Airport received over 2,000 responses to the consultation from a variety of stakeholders, companies and individuals from throughout the region, during the 19 week consultation period.

The Airport had published a report summarising the consultation process and the key findings to date showed a large majority of individuals and organisations were strongly in favour of expansion plans put forward by Doncaster Sheffield Airport, to accommodate forecasts growth in passengers and freight through to 2030. The report clearly demonstrated high levels of support for the Draft Master Plan proposals, with some 84% of respondents from a wide local and regional area giving their overall support for the plans.

Feedback from the public and various stakeholder organisations who answered a series of questions designed at gauging levels of public support for key elements of the Airport's medium and long term plans, included:

- 82% agreed with the Airport's vision to serve as an international gateway, whilst continuing to be a good neighbour, meeting sustainability criteria and supporting the regeneration of the local community.
- 86% supported the Airport's proposals to expand passenger services with a greater range of destinations.
- 63% agreed that the Airport is doing enough to address environmental impacts associated with its growth.
- 79% supported the provision of the Finningley and Rossington Regeneration Route Scheme (FARRRS).

The next step for the Airport was to answer the individual comments raised during the consultation process on the website.

A Tolhurst congratulated the authors of the Master Plan for presenting what was a complex matter in a way that could be easily understood by a non-professional audience.

3 SOUND INSULATION GRANT SCHEME

The Sub-Committee noted that only 63% of respondees to the Master Plan survey supported the activities undertaken by the Airport to mitigate the impact of its activities. C Wilson commented that some people were unaware of the measures taken by the Airport i.e. noise sanctions, aircraft tracking, the noise insulation scheme etc.

The Sub-Committee noted that there was only a 10% take up of the Sound Insulation Grant scheme, although one of the reasons for the low take up may be that a number of properties in the area had, had sound insulation work carried out on their properties by the RAF.

- ACTION:**
- (i) **L Cooksey to circulate copies of the scheme to Sub-Committee Members.**
 - (ii) **Arrangements to make for the Sub-Committee to visit the showhouse.**

4 COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAMME

C Wilson informed the Sub-Committee that local artists were now able to exhibit and sell their work in the airport terminal; the initiative had been well received by people using the terminal.

5 DONCASTER AIR SHOW

The Sub-Committee discussed arrangements being made to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Britain's First Air Show which was held in Doncaster.

6 MARRS FLATS PLANTATION

P Nears confirmed that the Marrs Flats Plantation was open to the public, signs would be in place shortly, and improvements were planned for the site.

7 PROPOSED NEW SPORTS HALL

P Nears reported that a meeting to discuss the proposed Sports Hall had recently been held, Peel were contributing towards the cost of the scheme.

Councillor Swainston commented that Yorkshire Forward were being approached for funding. In the short term they were hoping to get the playing field back in a useable condition.

8 COMMUNITY FUND

C Wilson reported that there applications had been received to date namely:

- (i) Stainton Village Hall
- (ii) Tickhill Countryside Group
- (iii) Tickhill Baptist Church

The applications would be reviewed at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee notes that the Wroot multi use games area would be opening shortly.

9 AIRCRAFT NOISE

Councillor White complained that a number of aircraft, flying rather low, were turning over Wroot village.

C Wilson reminded the Sub-Committee that complaints needed to be logged, as this was the only way that they would be dealt with.

M Morton added that the Airport had procedures and processes in place, for dealing with complaints, agreed by Doncaster MBC. The system was not being utilised.

C Wilson reminded the meeting that the track keeping system was now in place, members could jot down the date and time of a flight and then observe on the tracking system whether it was operating within the agreed guidelines.

Members requested that complaints that were validated be publicised.

10 AIRPORT ENTRANCE

The Sub-Committee noted that Doncaster MBC needed to adopt the roundabout at the entrance to the Airport.

CHAIR