

# ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

## CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

#### 3 DECEMBER 2009

PRESENT: Councillor Y Woodcock (in the Chair), J Worthington (Cantley with Branton PC), N McCarron (Blaxton PC), D Lindley (Finningley PC), C Stringer (North East Bassetlaw Forum), E Durdy (Hatfield TC), A White (ERNLLCA), B Higgins (Tickhill TC), I Swainston (Auckley PC), J Adams (Rossington PC), R Brown (Blyth PC), P Farrell (Armthorpe PC), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), M Leese (Bawtry TC) and A Tolhurst (ACC).

D John-Lewis (DMBC), C Wilson and M Morton ((RHADS), I Taylor (Peel) and L Cooksey (SYJS).

#### 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

An apology for absence was received from K Robinson, Finningley PC.

#### 2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Sub-Committee held on 24 September 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

#### 3 MATTERS ARISING

##### (i) Flight Departures

A Tolhurst commented that it was policy for flights to depart to the North and not from the North.

##### (ii) Old Bawtry Road Littering

Councillor Woodcock reported that the littering of Old Bawtry Road had been discussed at the Airport Community Sub Committee. A community litter pick organised by staff at the Airport had been organised for 22 December.

D John-Lewis informed the meeting that Doncaster MBC would undertake some enforcement work.

M Morton queried whether the road could be closed.

**Action: D John-Lewis undertook to ask the Highways Department to do an assessment to determine whether they could close the road or take other measures.**

4 COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE

I Taylor reported on the proposed Community Sports Centre Scheme. Various groups had participated in drawing up the project. Whilst Peel as part of the Section 106 Agreement had allocated a sum of money for the project; a number of funding proposals had been prepared. The Sub-Committee noted that if some external funding could be secured then more facilities could be provided.

Three options had been prepared:-

Option 1 – Sports pitches, area of teenagers and community facilities – estimated cost £500 - £600k.

Option 2 – An enhanced version of Option 1.

Option 3 – A four court sports hall, and a business centre to general a revenue stream.

Proposals would be put to the planning authorities in January. Work would start with the preparation of the playing fields.

RESOLVED – That the report be received and noted.

5 AIRPORT UPDATE (NOISE, CSR, MASTER PLAN)

C Wilson reported that the Airport was having discussions with DMBC regarding QC4 operation. The Airport was looking at a planning submission to DMBC before Christmas.

6 CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT

C Wilson circulated copies of the Peel Airports Corporate Social Responsibility Report 2009 for Robin Hood Airport. A copy of the report would be formally sent to DMBC.

C Wilson informed the meeting that she and Mike Morton had presented at Bawtry Town Council updating on noise concerns which was very well received. It was apparent that some items such as the Noise Insulation Scheme had not been understood by the community.

Councillor Woodcock commented that a similar presentation would be welcomed by the Bessacarr and Cantley forum. C Wilson commented that similar presentation would be given to the Tickhill Community Forum in March.

7 RHADS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

The Sub-Committee considered applications received for funding from the Community Investment Fund.

RESOLVED – That the Committee agrees to approve the following applications from the Community Investment Fund namely:-

- (i) St Barnabas Church, Ranskill  
Agreed £650 for a specific item of equipment.
- (ii) Torworth Parish Council  
Agreed an amount of up to £1000 for a specific item of equipment.
- (iii) Friends of Mayflower School  
Agreed an amount of up to £1000 for a specific item of equipment.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M Morton was please to inform the Sub-Committee that:-

- (i) In October the National Aviation Security Centre, (the only one in the UK), had been opened by Caroline Flint MP.
- (ii) BAE Systems had opened an Apprentice Training System in Hanger 3.
- (iii) In Hanger 2, a facility for painting the exterior executive jets had been opened, as well as a facility for refurbishing the interior of executive jets.

Doncaster Airport was now able to offer facilities for maintaining, repairing, overhauling and re painting aircraft.

With regard to commercial operations, the Airport had experienced a downturn in activity. The Gerona and Alicante flights had been with drawn until the summer season commenced.

With the proposed closure of RAF Scampton, it was hoped that the Airport would be able to provide facilities for the RAF to carry out training.

There had been a slight improvement in freight activity, it was anticipated that movements around QC4 quotas would lead to an increase in this type of traffic.

Compared with many other airports, Doncaster Robin Hood had seen a lower reduction in passenger numbers.

M Morton reported that the approval given to the Inland Port Project at Rossington, this would facilitate the introduction of FARRs Project providing a direct connection between the airport and the M18.

The Sub-Committee noted that Peel had contributed monies to Blyth roundabout and Parrots Corner highways work.

M Morton informed the Sub-Committee that Peel Airport is continuing with the investor process. Expressions of interest had been received and the company was hoping to make an announcement in the New Year.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That arrangements be made for the Noise Monitoring and the Community Sub-Committee to view the new facilities being provided in Hangers 2 and 3 on Thursday 25 march 2010.

9 2010 OLYMPICS

The Sub-Committee noted discussions being held to encourage Olympic Teams to utilise the facilities in South Yorkshire.

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