

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING

28 JANUARY 2010

PRESENT:- A Tolhurst (Chairman)
Cllr B Johnson (DMBC), Cllr N McCarron (Blaxton PC),
Cllr J Worthington (Cantley with Branton PC), Cllr Y Woodcock
(DMBC), Cllr B Hoyle (DMBC), Cllr G Ivey (North Yorkshire County
Council), Cllr K Isard (Bassetlaw DC), T Storey (Ex-officio -
Education), A Bosmans (FODSA), P Cole (C Flint's Office).

M Morton and C Wilson (RHADS), A Shirt (SYJS).

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Members to the Ordinary meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from P Hoy (Macalloy Ltd) R Smith (Directions Finningley), Cllr Bulter (Nottinghamshire CC), J Bamford (Nottinghamshire County Council) , D Felkes and Cllr Schofield (DMBC).

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reported that he had been invited by the Airport to attend the South Yorkshire Leaders' and Chief Executive's meeting held at the Airport recently. The Chair commented that the meeting had been very beneficial in promoting the benefits that the Airport could offer and also highlighting future developments within the sub-region.

The Chair informed the Committee that he had attended the official opening of Renaissance International Completions situated in Hanger 2.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2009

An amendment to be made on page 3 of the minutes, "Heliport" should read "Helioslough".

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on 22 October 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Visit to Hanger 2

Members commented that the visit to Hanger 2 which took place after the October meeting was very interesting and informative.

(ii) Offsite Car Parking

The Committee were informed that the issue with the Offsite Car Parking provider was still on-going, despite enforcement action.

(iii) Summer Bedding Flowers on Roundabout (belonging to Peel Holdings)

Councillor McCarron asked if summer bedding flowers could be planted on the roundabout approaching the Airport.

M Morton commented that he would raise the question with Peel Investments North who owned the land.

Action:- M Morton

5 AIRPORT DIRECTORS' REPORT

M Morton presented the Directors' Progress Report. The report commented upon:-

- Business Development/Regional Support
- Project Work
- Environment and Community
- Marketing and Communications
- Press Releases

M Morton reported that in December 2009, Easyjet had announced that they would be offering flights from RHADS serving 5 routes (Amsterdam, Barcelona, Faro, Palma and Prague) commencing on 19 April 2010. The Committee were informed that routes had been on sale since the launch in December and forward sales were already encouraging.

The Committee noted that existing operators at the Airport continued to perform well. Wizz Air had brought forward the launch of their Wroclaw service which would commence on 19 March 2010. M Morton reported that TUI were operating 3 new routes for summer 2010 (Antalya, Monastir and Lanzarote) all commencing in April.

Flybe had also added additional frequency on their Jersey service and Newmarket Holidays had announced a departure to Italy (Venice/Verona in September).

M Morton reported that Airport had just announced that the Irish carrier Aer Lingus and Aer Arann would operate daily flights between Doncaster and Dublin commencing on 28 March. M Morton added that the airline would also be operating a "hub service" from Doncaster to New York, whereby passengers would have the opportunity to change in Dublin then fly onto New York.

The Committee were informed that a service will also be available to Boston in the United States.

A Bosmans commented that he welcomed the news; however he wished to obtain answers to the following questions:-

1. Why had the service been announced in Ireland, but not in the UK?
2. Why did it cost around £500 for a flight from Doncaster to New York; whereas it cost around £350 from Manchester? Were the prices being talked about with Aer Arann / Aer Lingus?
3. 15kgs allowance on baggage; was this correct?

M Morton informed the Committee that the Sales Team were still in discussion with the airlines on the finer details, however he agreed to obtain answers to the questions.

Action:- M Morton

The Committee were informed that Renaissance International Completions had taken up use of Hanger 2. M Morton reported that Renaissance were a Canadian company providing interior refits to aircrafts, in particular to business jets.

In relation to Environment and Community work, M Morton reported that the Airport had seen a minor increase in the number of noise complaints received in 2009 compared against 2008, (an increase of 101 complaints). The Committee noted that this was mainly attributed to one individual lodging a number of complaints. In summary the number of complaints were from the Bawtry area, and from arriving aircraft.

The Committee were informed that the Airport had seen a fall in the amount of waste taken to landfill. The Airport had recently established a recycling service with Doncaster Council which would hopefully capture more recyclables away from landfill.

M Morton reported that the Airport had presented cheques to Tickhill Countryside Group and Blaxton and Finningley Playing Fields in January of this year totalling near to £2000 from the Airport Investment Fund.

The Committee were informed that Airport Transport Forum (ATFFT) had met in December 2009 where the draft Airport Staff Travel Plan was circulated for comment and would be published early February for Airport staff.

M Morton informed the Committee that the Airport were currently feeding into the development of the Transport Strategy for South Yorkshire following the Government publication 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System'. The Committee noted that the FARRRS road scheme was the main major scheme priority for the Airport and hoped to see this achieve programme entry later in the year.

The Committee were informed that in relation to marketing and communications the following campaigns were taking place:-

The Airport's 52 week weather sponsorship on Magic AM continued.

An initial 5 week on air promotion 'Free Flight Friday' was set for week commencing 25 January 2010 on Hallam FM.

The Committee were presented with information regarding online, press advertising direct mail, and affinity partnership campaigns.

Councillor Ivey asked if Airport advertising material could be displayed in Selby.

M Morton agreed to raise with the Marketing Team.

Action:- M Morton

M Morton informed the Committee that at the South Yorkshire Leaders' meeting Chief Executive's of all four Local Authorities had agreed that a link to the Airport's website would be added to the tourism section on their retrospective Authority website.

6 QC4 UPDATE

The Committee were informed that a decision would be made by Doncaster Council's Planning Committee on Tuesday 2 February 2010, in relation to the relaxation of QC4 aircraft movements at night.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

7 DEVELOPMENTS AT THE AIRPORT – STAKEHOLDER PRESENTATION

M Morton presented the Committee with an informative and interesting presentation in relation to future developments at the Airport.

The Committee were informed that the Airport had been very successful in securing a deal with Easyjet offering passengers 5 new destinations. The Airport had also secured a deal with Aer Lingus and Aer Arann in relation to flights to Dublin and New York.

M Morton informed the Committee that the development of the FARRRS link would ensure vital connectivity to the Airport and the benefits would be significant.

The Committee were presented with information regarding the Airport's Route Development Strategy, which covered four main objectives:-

1. To secure a low cost partner for RHADS. (Achieved)
2. To secure a regular daily hub-feeder service (target summer 2011)
3. To secure new business routes (target winter 2010/2011).
4. To secure long-haul services (charter and scheduled flights) (target summer 2012).

The Committee were presented with information regarding cargo operators at the Airport and businesses which occupied premises on the business park.

Councillor Woodcock asked if a newsletter could be issued to all key stakeholders in the area, which could contain information regarding investment around the Airport.

M Morton informed the Committee that a publication entitled 'Take off at the Airport' was available to passengers in the terminal building. M Morton agreed to circulate a copy for the Committee's information.

Action:- M Morton / A Shirt

The Committee also discussed ways in which the Airport could build relationships with schools and colleges, by offering help on specific projects relating to the Airport.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring Sub-Committee held on 3 December 2009 be noted for information.

9 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2009

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Community Sub-Committee held on 3 December 2009 be noted for information.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 22 April 2010, commencing at 10:00 am at the Airport.