

ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Y Woodcock (in the Chair), J Worthington (Cantley with Branton PC), C Stringer (North East Bassetlaw Forum), E Durdy (Hatfield TC), A White (ERNLLCA), R Brown (Blyth PC), P Farrell (Armthorpe PC), M Leese (Bawtry TC), A Tolhurst (ACC), M Wiles (ERNLLCA), M Lindley (Finningley PC), and E Lodge (Austerfield PC)

C Wilson and M Morton (RHADS) and L Cooksey (SYJS).

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor B Ford, J Adams, Rossington PC, I Swainston, Auckley PC N McCarron, Councillor B Hoyle, K Robinson and D John-Lewis and P Cole.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Sub-Committee held on 3 December, 2009 be agreed as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Old Bawtry Road Littering

The Sub Committee Noted that a community litter pick, by staff at the Airport and members of FODSA and Finningley PC had been organised for the 23 April, 2010. The Committee noted that it was part of the Airport Master Plan that the lane would become part of the viewing area. The Airport was working with the Police to address other areas. It was not proposed by the Airport to try and close the lane.

4 SUMMARY OF NOISE MONITORING AND POLICIES

C Wilson reminded the Sub-Committee that in February, 2010 the night noise policy regarding QC4 aircraft had been amended. Some of the points raised by objectors had been accepted. The Airport requested members of the sub-committee to take the report back to their parish councils.

Common concerns expressed during the consultation period included:

- Operational Hours

The airport is open 24/7. Flights were permitted to operate throughout the night. The airport only had restrictions on the type of aircraft permitted to operate at night, including Quota Count 4 aircraft which were permitted 100 movements per annum. There was a ban on Quota Count 8 and 16 aircraft at night.

- Training Flights

Training flights were subject to conditions which included no repetitive circuit training or touch and go movements at the Airport on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

- Noise Sanctions Scheme

The Airport operated a noise sanctions scheme which was applied to those operators whose aircraft when departing the Airport produced noise levels which were considered unreasonable having regard to the expected noise levels for the particular aircraft type.

- Quota Count Point System

The Airport operated a quota count point system, which classified aircraft according to the noise they generated during arrival and departure. The restrictions applied to a specified noise quota period (23:30-06:00), during which time aircraft were restricted by noise quota. The noisiest types were not allowed to operate at night.

- Noise Preferred Routes

The Airport had five preferred routes, 3km in width. The Airport could check the routes utilised by operators.

- Sound Insulation Grant Scheme

The Airport had in place a sound insulation grant scheme, which was comparable if not better than schemes operated by other major airports.

A member expressed concern at the annoyance caused to local residents in Bawtry by aircraft undertaking training flights.

5 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT SCHEME

C Wilson reported that currently the fund had £243.86p in the bank. Four proposals had been received which would be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

6 CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

C Wilson reported on corporate communications. The Committee considered how communications between the Airport and the local parish and town councils could be improved. C Wilson informed the meeting that she wrote articles about the Airport for community magazines, if members were aware of any parish or community magazines, she would be delighted to contribute articles.

Members requested that the draft minutes of the meeting be circulated as early as possible to them, in order that they could report back to their authority.

**ACTION: L COOKSEY/
A SHIRT**

The Sub-Committee noted that the minutes of the meetings of the Consultative Committee and the Sub-Committees were available on the ACC website.

7 RHADS –CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Sub-Committee received a report from Mr M Morton regarding developments at the Airport. The Sub-Committee noted that an additional 21 flights per week to various destinations would commence on the 19th April, 2010, Members noted that it was anticipated that Doncaster MBC would give planning permission for the Rossington eco park, this development would assist the construction of phase 2 of the FARRS road scheme.