

## ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER/SHEFFIELD CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

22JULY 2010

PRESENT: A Tolhurst (Chairman)  
Cllr G Ivey (North Yorkshire County Council),  
Cllrs P Bartlett, B Johnson, Y Woodcock (Doncaster MBC),  
Cllr P Schofield, Chair Noise Monitoring Sub Committee  
T Storey OBE (Ex-Officio)  
S Newton (APD)  
J Bamford (Nottinghamshire CC)  
Cllr N McCarron (Blaxton PC), Cllr J Worthington (Cantley with  
Branton PC), A Bosmans (FODSA), D Fell (Doncaster Chamber  
of Commerce),  
M Morton (RHADS)  
L Cooksey (SYJS)

### 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting of the Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from C Flint MP, Cllrs: K Isard,  
I Auckland and B Hoyle and B Moores, Directions Finningley.

### 2 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Consultative Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010 be agreed as a correct record.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING

T Storey informed the meeting that copies of a booklet the Freemen of Doncaster had published to promote Doncaster were still available. In addition the Group were publishing a series of leaflets regarding the history of Doncaster. A total of 400 copies of each leaflet would be published. The Freemen were seeking businesses and individuals to sponsor the leaflets.

Councillor Woodcock informed the meeting that the trees on Hayfield Lane had not been trimmed, and the grass on the roundabouts had not been cut.

#### **Action**

- 1) **M Morton to ascertain whose responsibility it was to trim the trees on Hayfield Lane and the grass on the roundabouts which were on land owned by Peel.**
- 2) **M Morton to contact Peel Investments North to determine whether they wished to appoint a representative to serve on the Committee.**

Councillor McCarron informed the meeting that Wilfreda Beehive had lost the contract to provide bus services to the Airport, the contract having been won by First Group. Councillor Mc Carron pointed out that there was no Sunday service from Doncaster to the Airport before 9am, there were however services from Worksop to the Airport before 9am.

A Bosmans pointed out that there had been complaints regarding the reliability of service S91, particularly at peak times. Cllr Woodcock requested that members contact Travel Line to report incidents when buses didn't turn up on schedule or were late.

M Morton stated that the Airport fulfilled all its obligations it had agreed to under the Section 106 agreement.

#### 4 PRESENTATION ON AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE BY MIKE HIRST

The Committee received a presentation from M Hirst on Aircraft Performance and the design of and the standard required of Airport runways.

The Committee noted the many advantages that Robin Hood airport had over other airports within the region, notably: exceptionally long runways set in a benign physical environment free of obstacles and hazards. The airport was also ideally suited to be able to meet any changes in air safety regulations. In addition the Airport was the only one in Yorkshire that was capable of accommodating long haul flights. The Airport also possessed the potential to develop excellent public transport links as passenger numbers grew.

The Chair drew attention to the difficulties posed by wind farms to aircraft and airports. The Airport had the right to be informed of any planning applications submitted within a radius of 30 miles for the provision of a wind farm. Wind farms as well as, depending on location, being a potential physical obstacle to aircraft, when operating could affect the operation of the airport's radar

The Committee thanked Mike Hirst for a very interesting and highly informative presentation.

#### 5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A report of the Secretary was submitted setting out the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

#### 6 AIRPORT DIRECTORS REPORT

M Morton presented the Director's Progress Summary. The Committee noted that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Vancouver Airport Services had reached an agreement with the Peel Group to acquire a 65% share in Peel Airports Limited. The Peel Group would retain a 35% investment in Peel Airports Limited.

The Airport launched on the 27<sup>th</sup> April a Fly Local – Business Travel Pledge campaign. The event was attended by about 70 guests; along with representatives from Aer Lingus and easyJet.

A copy of the report was circulated to each member present.

The launch of Kinch Aviation took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2010; the launch was attended by senior executives from Cessna Citation. Kinch were one of three firms in the UK which were authorised to service Cessna aircraft.

**Action: M Morton to arrange a visit by the Committee to Kinch Aviation.**

M Morton confirmed that Clare Wilson had left the employ of the Airport, having secured a job with BUPA. It wasn't known yet whether and how the post would be filled.

Councillor Schofield commented that she had found Clare to be extremely helpful, and requested that the Airport inform the Committee when and how the post would be filled. Members urged that the Airport Management undertake a usefulness appraisal of the post and commented that Clare had carried out a very useful role, not only in recording and correlating data relating to aircraft noise and tracking, but also in liaising with the local community.

**7 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - NOISE**

The Chair circulated for information the Noise Monitoring report for the months of April, May and June: the report was normally considered by the Noise Monitoring Sub Committee, however because of the transfer of ownership of the Airport and the associated additional workload placed on officers during that period, it had not been possible to hold a meeting.

**8 FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee requested that the Chairman should write to the new owners of the Airport, expressing the Committee's support for the new arrangements, and expressing the desire that the change in ownership would not affect the good working relationships and understanding already in place between the Committee and the Airport Management.

**9 AIRPORT MASTER PLAN**

M Morton confirmed that the timetable for the production of the Airport Master Plan was still on course. Officers were confident that the FARRRS Project was still feasible, and pointed out that White Rose way was strongly supported by Rotherham and Sheffield Councils.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Committee be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 at Robin Hood Airport.

Chair