



## ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

### NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

18 SEPTEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)  
Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), J Davies (Doncaster MBC), P Holland (Bawtry Town Council (Substitute for A Cropley)),  
Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),  
Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council),  
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor D Sanders (Wroot Parish Council (Substitute for M Wiles)), Town Councillor P Scholey (Maltby Town Council), A Shirt (Secretary, South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), A Tolhurst OBE (Chair of the ACC, Ex-officio) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor M Wiles (Wroot Parish Council)

#### 1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the September meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### 2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### i) Steve Gill – Airport Director

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that Steve Gill was currently on a leave of absence from the airport following an incident.

Members of the Committee asked that a letter be sent by the Secretary to Steve, wishing him and his family all the best for a speedy recovery. **ACTION: A Shirt**

##### ii) Kellie Naylor – Environment and Communities Officer

Councillor Woodcock welcomed Kellie Naylor to her first meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

Members were informed that Kellie had recently commenced in post as the Airport's Environment and Communities Officer.

The Committee wished Kellie all the best in her new role at the Airport.

3 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 JUNE 2014

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that a copy of the Annual Noise Report 2013/14 had now been sent to Doncaster MBC by the Secretary.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 19 June 2014 be considered and agreed as a correct record.

4 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

A Tolhurst provided the Committee with a brief update in terms of developments at the Airport, in the absence of S Gill and L Daffern.

Members were informed that:

- LinksAir had increased flight activity last week, which enabled passengers to make connections to Dublin.
- The Airport had been closed on Friday 15 August 2014, after a small incident, involving a LinksAir Jetstream aircraft which had encountered a problem with its undercarriage whilst landing at Robin Hood. The Airport had remained closed until aircraft investigators had arrived on site. The Airport's runway was reopened at 2:45pm on Saturday 16 August 2014.

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that he had witnessed the work which had taken place to remove the aircraft from the runway to Hangar 2. The aircraft's undercarriage was currently in the process of being fixed. It was noted that the incident had not impacted adversely on the LinksAir service offered.

- Wizz Air had announced further flights to Poland from Robin Hood, with growth on routes to Katowice and Poznan.

The change by the airline would see Katowice grow from four weekly flights to five from 29 March 2015, and the Poznan route grow from three weekly to four from 21 May 2015.

The flight increases would provide an additional 22,000 seats annually from the Airport.

There would also be an increase in the number of flights to Riga and Vilnius from Robin Hood, which will come into effect from April 2015, bringing the airport a further 30,000 seats annually.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

5 BRIEFING ON AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT

Item deferred.

6 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period June 2014 to August 2014, together with the Airports' Track Keeping System.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements June 2014 to August 2014.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for June 2014 to August 2014.

J Davies reminded the Committee that the provisions set out in the Section 106 Planning Agreement stated that where possible, aircraft movements should depart to the North of the airfield, rather than to the South. During the period there had been 640 departures to the South and 510 departures to the North of the airfield.

A Tolhurst pointed out that there were a number of factors taken into consideration regarding aircraft movement, not least of which, the prevailing winds.

The Airport made every effort to minimise the effect of aircraft movements on communities within the Airport's flight paths.

b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014 amounted to 91 complaints.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 there had been 20 separate complaints regarding a Monarch training flight (9 circuits) from runway 02.

Members queried why there had been a number of complaints regarding this particular training flight.

K Naylor informed Members that this particular training flight had operated during the evening until approximately 8:30pm. The weather had been particularly warm on this evening which suggested that residents may have been in their gardens, or, had windows and doors open on their properties, which had resulted in the increase in complaints.

The Committee requested that if there were to be future evening training flights, these should be kept to a minimum. Members requested the Airport to ensure that, when possible, future evening training flights are carried out on runway 20, rather than runway 02, climbing out over Bawtry.

Parish Councillor Holland commented that aircrafts using runway 02 were being flown much lower over Bawtry on the approach to the Airport, than they had done so in the past.

A Tolhurst provided the Committee with an explanation about the glide path and the funnel in which aircraft captains are permitted to fly. For safety reasons he would be surprised if approaches were being made outside the funnel. **ACTION: A Tolhurst to seek assurances from the Airport.**

- ii) Robin Hood's total number of complaints and type of complaints for June 2014 to August 2014.
- c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for June 2014 to August 2014
  - i) During June 2014, the Airport received 32 complaints from 11 individuals.
  - ii) During July 2014, the Airport received 44 complaints from 24 individuals.
  - iii) During August 2014, the Airport received 15 complaints from 5 individuals,
- d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area for the period
  - i) During the period (1 June 2014 to 31 August 2014) there had been 42 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.
  - ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.
  - iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for June to August 2013 and 2014.
- iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to 2014.
- v) The annual number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards.
- vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period June 2014 to August 2014.

J Davies asked if a percentage could be included on future reports regarding the number of night time departures as against those operating during the day. K Naylor agreed to pick up this request. **ACTION: K Naylor**

- vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures June 2014 to August 2014.

A Tolhurst commented that he was surprised to see the number of aircrafts during the period which did not have the noise preferred routing (NPR) in their flight management system (FMS).

- viii) The number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to May 2014.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the report be noted.
- ii) That the Committee requests, that if there are to be future evening training flights, these be kept to a minimum.
- iii) That the Committee requests the Airport to ensure, where possible, that the preferred runway for evening training flights are carried out on runway 20, rather than runway 02, climbing out over Bawtry.

## 7 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

S Racjan reported that one of the two litter bins installed on Old Bawtry Road had recently been stolen, which had resulted in increased littering in the area.

There were currently on-going issues regarding land ownership and whose responsibility it would be in future to ensure that a full cleanse of the area takes places on a regular basis.

Discussions would now take place with Doncaster MBC and the Airport to ascertain land ownership and future responsibilities for cleansing the area.

Members of Friends of Robin Hood Airport (FODSA) and Finningley Village Community Group were making arrangements with S Racjan to carry out a community cleanse day of the area.

It was also reported that there had been an increase in fly-tipping at the Austerfield side of the Airport's vicinity. Investigations were currently taking place regarding land ownership and the potential for gating-off the area.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

## 8 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

No community activities were raised at the meeting.

## 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### i) Hedge Rows

Parish Councillor McCarron expressed her frustrations that once again, despite raising it at previous meetings, and reporting direct to the Airport, no action had been taken to trim the hedge rows and undergrowth surrounding the vicinity of the airport.

The matter had now been passed on to Doncaster MBC, by the Parish Council for action.

A Tolhurst agreed to follow-up with the Airport. K Naylor also stated that she would speak to L Daffern on this issue. **ACTION: A Tolhurst / K Naylor**

ii) Blenheim Drive, Finningley

Parish Councillor Lindley reported that it had been brought to her attention that people were walking their dogs over the bund which had been installed by the Airport near Blenheim Drive, Finningley. People were also gaining access onto Airport land through the back of the church yard at St Oswald's.

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that she had reported this security issue to the Airport.

iii) UK Airport's Wi-Fi access Charges

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the press had recently published reports on the availability of free Wi-Fi at major airports, asking if Robin Hood offered passengers free Wi-Fi.

K Naylor agreed to investigate and report back at the December meeting.  
**ACTION: K Naylor**

iv) Vulcan

Parish Councillor McCarron informed the Committee that the Vulcan bomber is to mark the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall with a Cold War tour on 25 September 2014, which would be the final flight of the 2014 season.

**10** DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 4 December 2014 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR