



ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

20 MARCH 2014

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council),
Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry
Town Council), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), J Davies (Doncaster MBC),
A Dutton (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor P Knight (Doncaster MBC),
Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), T McDonald
(Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt
(Secretary, South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat),
Parish Councillor Chris Stringer (Mission Parish Council),
Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), A Tolhurst OBE
(Chair of the ACC, Ex-officio), Parish Councillor M Wiles (Wroot Parish
Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish
Council)

Apologies for absence were received from P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint,
MP), Mr S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill
Town Council), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC) and Town Councillor P Scholey
(Maltby Town Council)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Woodcock welcomed Members to the March meeting of the Noise
Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee. An extended welcome went to Trevor
McDonald, (Enforcement Team Manager South/West, Doncaster MBC) and to
Councillor Pat Knight Doncaster MBC's Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social
Care.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring and
Environmental Sub-Committee held on 5 December 2013 be agreed as a correct
record.

3 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

L Daffern, Head of Terminal Services and Security informed the Committee that
LinksAir would be basing an aircraft at Robin Hood, launching new routes to Belfast
City and the Isle of Man.

The Belfast flights would commence on 7th April 2014 and would run twice-daily on weekdays and a single Sunday return. A number of advance bookings had already been made.

Following feedback received from passengers, the Airport would be installing a 400 square meter cover at the rear of the terminal building. Installation would take place after winter 2014.

Wizz Air would be increasing capacity over the summer period. A new route to Riga would commence on 20th June.

Dayle Hauxwell had now commenced in post as the Airport's Cargo Manager. It was reported that Dayle had vast knowledge and experience in the cargo industry and that he would be a real asset to the Airport.

Members were made aware that the management of Manston Airport in Kent had issued its staff with details of a 45-day consultation to closure notice. It was noted that if the Airport did close, it may result in increased QC4 operations from Robin Hood Airport.

Upgrades to the car park facilities at the Airport were due to be completed by Easter 2014. The Airport would be re-installing the drop-off lane at the front of the Terminal building (a charge of £1.00 would apply for up to ten minutes). Short-stay car parking located directly opposite the Terminal would be free for the first 15 minutes and stays of up to 30 minutes would be charged at £2.50.

A new Robin Hood Airport website was in the final stages of completion, it was anticipated that the new website would be launched week commencing 24th March 2014.

Craig Hewitt the Airport's Travel Trade Sales Executive had recently been working with all the Thomson travel agency stores in South Yorkshire and Lincolnshire on an incentive to entice customers to use Robin Hood Airport. Prior to the start of the incentive sales figures were -16%, following the incentive sales were now better than average at +6%.

A Dutton reported that the Chancellor George Osborne had announced in his Budget on 19 March 2014 that there would be £20m available from the regional air connectivity fund which would allow airports to apply for funding to entice airlines to set up new routes to places within the European Union.

On a separate issue, Councillor McNamee informed the meeting that she had visited the Airport's Terminal building on Friday 21st February 2014 at 7pm to collect a passenger arriving on the Lithuania Wizz Air flight. Highlighting that none of the information screens in the Terminal building had been working. **ACTION: L Daffern to investigate and report back to Councillor McNamee.**

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if there had been any further developments with locating the Red Arrows at the Airport. L Daffern reported that discussions were currently on-going with the Airport's Head of Aviation Development.

A Bosmans reported that there would be one long-haul Thomson flight departing from the Airport in November 2014 to Jamaica. Upon arrival in Jamaica passengers would be joining the Thomson Dream cruise ship for 14 nights.

4 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from A Dutton regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period 1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements November 2013 to February 2014.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from November 2013 to February 2014.
- iii) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2014.

b) Quiet Operations Policy

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 November 2013 to 28 February 2014 amounted to 11 complaints.
- ii) Robin Hood Airport's total number of complaints and type of complaints for November 2013 to February 2014.
- iii) Number of complaints and individuals for November 2013 to February 2014.
 - During November 2013, the Airport received 2 complaints from 2 individuals.
 - During December 2013, the Airport received 3 complaints from 1 individual.
 - During January 2014, the Airport received 2 complaints from 2 individuals.
 - During February 2014, the Airport received 2 complaints from 4 individuals.
- iv) Number of complaints and individuals from each area for the period.
 - During the period (November 2013 to February 2014) there had been 7 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.

- v) The per cent of total complaints from each area for the period.
- vi) Number of complaints and comparison figures for the 2012 and 2013 period.
- vii) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to February 2014.
 - The total number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards.
 - From 1st January 2014 to 28 February 2014 there had been 6 complaints received by the Airport.
- viii) Number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period November 2013 to February 2014.
- ix) Number of non-NPR aircraft departures November 2013 to February 2014.
- x) Number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to February 2014.
- xi) A QC4 Atlas Air Boeing 747-400 flight had departed from the Airport on 21st January 2014 at 23:43 on runway 20.
- xii) The number of engine tests for the period.

c Complaints Procedure

Members were reminded that the Airport had developed a Public Noise complaints procedure approved by Doncaster MBC to handle, monitor, investigate and report each complaint lodged by members of the public.

Members of the public could send their complaints to the Airport by writing, calling, sending an email or submitting a complaint via the link on the Airport's website.

The Airport investigates and responds to all complaints in writing within 10 working days to explain why and what has occurred and also issues an apology if something has gone wrong. Data from the Airport's Track Keeping System and fixed noise monitors are accessed to accurately locate the flight path of an aircraft and their noise level.

Members requested that a presentation be given a future meeting on the Airports' Track Keeping System. **ACTION: A Dutton**

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

A Dutton informed the Committee that energy consumption continued to fall at the Airport.

The annual energy consumption figures for the Terminal Building 2012/13 were presented:

<u>Utility</u>	<u>2012 Annual Consumption</u>	<u>2013 Annual Consumption</u>	<u>Reduction of</u>
Gas	158,173 m ²	116,729 m ²	41,444 m ² (26%)
Electricity	2,926,807 KWH	2,601,355	325,454 KWH (11%)
Water	12,201 m ³	9,853 m ³	2,348 m ³ (19%)

RESOLVED - That the update be noted.

6 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Parish Councillor J Worthington informed the Committee that Yorkshire Wildlife Park would shortly be re-homing a Polar Bear from Mexico; asking if the Bear would be arriving into Robin Hood Airport.

L Daffern indicated that she was unaware of any forthcoming flight containing the “specialist cargo”, however, she would make enquires and report back to the Committee accordingly. **ACTION:- L Daffern**

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Hedge on Station Road, Blaxton

Parish Councillor McCarron reported that the hedge on Station Road in Blaxton now required trimming, prior to birds nesting in the hedge. **ACTION:- L Daffern**

8 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR