



ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

25 JULY 2013

PRESENT: Mr A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
Councillor B Barker (Bassetlaw District Council), Mr A Bosmans (FODSA),
Mrs L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC),
Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), County Councillor C Pearson (North
Yorkshire County Council), Town Councillor P Scholey (Maltby Town Council),
A Shirt (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), Mr A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio),
G Winterman (Anglo World Cargo), Councillor Y D Woodcock (Doncaster MBC)
and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: Mayor R Jones, Mr J Bamford, Councillor
L Bramall, Mr P Cole, Mr D Fell, Mr S Gill, Mr T Lindop,
Parish Councillor N McCarron, Councillor P Schofield and
Mr R Wright

1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

An extended welcome went to Gary Winterman, Managing Director for Anglo World Cargo and Councillor Bill Barker, Bassetlaw District Council.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

The Chair informed the meeting that Parish Councillor Norma McCarron had broken her hip. The Committee asked that their best wishes be passed to Norma for a speedy recovery.

2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2013**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

3 **MATTERS ARISING**

i) **Regional Tourism – Pilgrim Fathers Heritage Trail**

The Chair informed the meeting that he had discussed the issue regarding wider marketing of the Pilgrim Fathers heritage trail with Robert Wilkinson at Bassetlaw Development Agency. It was noted that there was currently no intention to market a wider heritage trail than currently exists.

It was noted that Mike Burrows from Nottinghamshire County Council was due to meet with Steve Gill to discuss the North of the County and also the Pilgrim Fathers heritage trail.

ii) Wind Farms – Selby and Rotherham

L Daffern confirmed that Peel were in dialogue with the local councils regarding the proposed wind farms at both Selby and Rotherham.

iii) Wind Turbines Near Airports (Prestwick Airport)

A Tolhurst informed the meeting that testing of a radar system at a wind farm near Prestwick Airport had successfully proved its ability to detect the difference between aircraft and the movement of turbine blades, which could be blocked out on air traffic control screens.

It was highlighted that the number of wind farms across the UK could be almost doubled following the trials of this revolutionary radar system which was expected to end safety concerns over installing turbines near airports.

iv) Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise – Meeting at RHADS 10 May 2013

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that he had attended a meeting at the Airport on 10 May 2013 arranged by Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise to facilitate discussion between local businesses, partners and the Department for Transport (DfT). It was noted that Steve Gill had provided attendees with a presentation regarding the Airport's facilities and the importance of the Airport regionally.

Attendees had commented that they wished to use the Airport more often, however to due to limited range of destinations available this was not possible. It was highlighted that it was the airlines choice to fly from an Airport, and not the decision of the Airport.

Councillor Woodcock asked if a briefing note could be prepared for Members setting out the reasons why people should fly from the Airport and the efforts being carried out to attract airlines to the Airport. **ACTION: L Daffern to discuss with C Harcombe**

v) Major Hubs v Regional Airport Debate

A Bosmans informed the meeting that on behalf of the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group (SASIG) he had talked recently at two events reiterating the importance of regional aviation.

A report had been prepared by Transport for London regarding the need for a new UK hub airport.

4 CARGO OPERATIONS PRESENTATION

The Committee received a verbal presentation from Gary Winterman, Managing Director for Anglo World Cargo regarding the cargo operations at the Airport.

Members were informed that Anglo World Cargo was based on-site in Hangar 1 working alongside the airport's management team and key operators to enable the movement of freight.

The Airport's Cargo Terminal consists of 50,000 square feet of operational space and is equipped with the latest cargo handling equipment. This, coupled with the airport's 2893m runway, means that Anglo World Cargo have the ability to handle all aspects of airfreight from the smallest parcel to bespoke charters of the largest cargo aircraft, up to and including the Antonov-225's.

During the first six months of 2013 there had been 334 tonnes of cargo moved at the Airport. 18 cargo flights had arrived and departed from the Airport during the first six months of 2013.

Members were also informed that Anglo offered a pet exporting and importing service which had full AHVLA (DEFRA) compliance.

Future developments such as the Finningley and Rossington Regeneration Route Scheme (FARRRS), would offer a direct link road to the motorway network which would make the airport even more accessible for cargo operations.

RESOLVED – That G Winterman be thanked for the update.

5 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members noted the following changes of membership on the Airport Consultative Committee:-

- Bassetlaw District Council has appointed Councillor Bill Barker (substitute Gillian Freeman) in place of Councillor David Pressley.
- Doncaster MBC had appointed Mayor Ros Jones in place of Mayor Peter Davies

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT

L Daffern provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:

- Work on the FARRRS route was due to start in September 2013 with an anticipated completion date of 2015.
- In terms of airport patronage, there had been an increase during May 2013 of 4 1/2 % and during June there had been a 2% increase based on the same period in 2012. The recent reports issued by the CAA and the media regarding the patronage figures were incorrect; the Airport was currently working to correct these.

- A marketing campaign advertising the airport was currently being aired on Capital FM.
- The Airport was also sponsoring the weather update on Hallam FM.

Councillor Woodcock asked if the Airport used social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook. It was confirmed that the Airport had both a Twitter account and Facebook page which were used to promote the airport.

- A research programme regarding why airlines choose to locate at specific airports was currently being carried out by an external consultant. The results of which would be used as evidence by Aviation Development Team when meeting with new potential airlines. The Committee asked if the results from the research programme could be presented at the October meeting. L Daffern commented that the research would not be completed by October, however an update would be provided at the October meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern to discuss via C Harcombe**
- A new management structure was in the last phase of implementation, with a small number of posts remaining vacant. A new Aviation Analyst would commence in post during August who would carry out research to assist the Aviation Development Team.
- The Airport would shortly be advertising for an Environmental and Communities Officer along with a Cargo Manager.
- Operation of the Control Room had now reverted back to Robin Hood Airport from Liverpool.
- A meeting would take place shortly regarding changing the phone system which would allow customers to speak to the Airport 24 hours a day.

RESOLVED – That L Daffern be thanked for the update.

7 UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE AIRPORTS COMMISSION INVESTIGATION

L Daffern informed the Committee that the UK Airports Group, which represents the smaller regional airports, including RHADS had submitted joint evidence to the Davis Commission. The Group submission drew attention to the fact that the current assumptions did not give due weight to the contributions made by regional airports. An individual comprehensive report had also been submitted by Peel regarding RHADS.

It was anticipated that the Airport would be in a position to share the report with Members at the October meeting.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 20 June 2013 be noted.

Councillor Woodcock reported that the 19th September meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee's would be held at the Airport's Fire Station, which would include a tour of facilities and a visit to Air Traffic Control. If any Member of the ACC wished to attend the meeting and visit they were welcome to do so.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Topics for Discussion/Presentation at future meetings

The Chair asked Members for suggestions regarding topics for discussion / presentation at future meetings. Members suggested the following areas:-

- Presentation from Kinch Aviation
- Presentation from Weston Aviation
- A tour of the Airport's terminal building
- Update regarding the Vulcan
- Presentation from Redline

ii) Apprenticeships

Councillor Woodcock asked if there were any apprenticeships currently working for Peel and if there were any future plans in place to recruit individuals.

ACTION: L Daffern to discuss with the HR Manager and report back to Members.

Post meeting note:- The following article was circulated by UKACCS 26.07.13

Careers taking off at the airport for College high flyers

A group of former Doncaster College students are celebrating having landed jobs in the aviation industry at Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield.

A total of six of the College's former students have all secured jobs working in various roles for Servisair and Securitas, the ground handling agent and security providers for the airport, ranging from Passenger Service Assistants, Cabin Crew and airport security.

The employment success reinforces the strong partnership between Doncaster College and the airport. In addition to this year's new recruits securing jobs, a number of College alumni from 2012 who were successful in achieving positions at the airport last year have had their contracts renewed for a further year.

Steve Gill, Managing Director at Doncaster Sheffield Airport, said: "We have a long standing partnership with Doncaster College and it is fantastic news that the former students have been recruited by Servisair and Securitas and are now working at the airport.

"It is important that students enrolling on aviation focussed courses at the College see a career progression into their chosen sector. As a regional airport

we are always keen to recruit local people, which has a positive impact on the local economy.

“The continued success of the last year’s College students who work at the airport is testament to the development opportunities we have.

“I wish the employees every success in their careers and look forward to hearing about their progression.

[Doncaster College](#) is a large provider of further and higher education in South Yorkshire, with hundreds of further and higher education course options. With a turnover of circa £38 million, the College is based across two main sites, the £65-million pound Hub campus on the town’s waterfront and the University Centre Doncaster campus situated at High Melton.

The College offers both full and part-time courses in aviation, travel and tourism including Air Cabin Crew Level 2 City & Guilds Diploma, Aviation Environment Level 2 City & Guilds Diploma, Travel and Tourism Levels 1 and 2 City & Guilds Introductory Diploma and Travel and Tourism Level 3 Edexcel BTEC National Certificate.

George Trow, Principal at Doncaster College, added: “We work hard to deliver courses which give our students the knowledge and skills to secure a career in a field which they are passionate about.

“We offer a number of travel, tourism and aviation courses at the College and these courses are perfect for those wanting to enter the aviation industry.

“We are delighted that the majority of the recent Servisair positions have been filled by our former students and look forward to continuing our excellent, mutually beneficial working relationship with the airport.”

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10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 24 October 2013 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR