

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

12 JULY 2018

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC),
Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott
(Rotherham MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council),
M McCoolle (Barnsley MBC), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council),
Councillor B Mordue (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport),
R O'Toole (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), County Councillor C Pearson
(North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw DC),
Councillor I Saunders (Sheffield City Council), Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio) and
Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: P Cole, Councillor S Cox,
Town Councillor A Cropley, Councillor C Perraton-Williams, M Di Salvatore and
A Shirt

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed Members to the July 2018 meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC).

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst informed Members that A Shirt and his wife had recently welcomed another son, Finley Jacob. The Committee wished to convey their very best wishes onto A Shirt and his family.

3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members noted that Councillors Mordue, Cox, Cooper and Greenhalgh had been reappointed onto the Committee.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 APRIL 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 12 April 2018 be noted.

5 MATTERS ARISING

i) Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM) Accessibility Open Day

K Naylor informed the meeting that the contract for PR and terminal cleaning was going through the settling in process. It was anticipated that the open day would be held later in the year, upon completion of the training sessions. K Naylor would provide Members with further details as soon as possible.

ACTION:- K Naylor

ii) Educational School Visit to DSA

K Naylor reported that a party from a local primary school had recently visited the Airport, consisting of 37 children, accompanied by 2 teachers and 4 parents. A presentation had been prepared for schools, which had been focussed towards children who may be interested in working at the Airport in later life. She suggested that small group visits were preferable to large groups.

A Tolhurst requested Members to inform K Naylor of any schools within their respective local areas that may be interested in visiting the Airport.

ACTION:- All

Members noted that contact had been made with Hayfield School, Doncaster, in relation to careers at the Airport.

6 DFT AIRSPACE MODERNISATION UPDATE

A Tolhurst presented a paper to update Members on the DfT Airspace Modernisation.

Members noted that a Green Paper would be published later in the year, to revise the airspace within the UK, which was principally triggered by the congestion in and around the South East, together with the Government's recent decision to pursue a third runway at Heathrow. Any future proposed changes would come under the new regime, which would involve the Airport Consultative Committees to a far greater extent than previously.

K Naylor thanked the Committee and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee for the support provided in relation to the airspace changes.

Councillor McCarron referred to the frequency of the training flights, which had a tendency to veer off from the preferred flight path and fly straight over the houses within the Blaxton area, which had resulted in a number of complaints being made by the residents.

K Naylor stated that she had reminded Ryanair and easyJet, who were regular users of the airport for training, to avoid flying over built-up areas when possible.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

7 MINUTES OF THE LIAISON GROUP OF UK AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES (UKACCS) ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 6-7 JUNE 2018

A Tolhurst referred to the invaluable support provided to the Committee by UKACCs in keeping it apprised of aviation issues.

A Bosmans expressed his disappointment that the Airport had not been represented at the UKACCs Annual Meeting. He was pleased to note the interaction between UKACCs and the CAA.

It was noted that, in relation to the need to balance the economic benefits of aviation with the environmental disbenefits, DMBC had always been supportive of development of the Airport. Accordingly, the continued participation by DMBC councillors is most welcome.

K Naylor referred to the new housing development close to the Airport. Only one issue had been raised in relation to passengers who had parked their vehicles within the new housing development and had walked to the Airport; she added that only a small number of properties had applied for noise installation grants. It was envisaged that electrical vehicle charging points would be installed at the Airport in the future, which would appeal to passengers and provide a number of commercial opportunities.

A Tolhurst stated that the European Aviation Safety Agency had indicated that the situation regarding UK aviation aircrafts after 1 April 2019, remains uncertain because of Brexit.

Councillor McCarron referred to a local, single issue, self-appointed community noise group that was in the process of being established; she was currently in discussion with the group advising the members of the role of the ACC.

A Tolhurst emphasised the benefit that would accrue for both the Airport and the local communities, if Committee Members acted as a conduit between both parties: he asked for members' views on the effectiveness of the Committee. In reply, the members said that the response to the proposed airspace changes and the draft masterplan was evidence that the Committee is fulfilling its facilitative function effectively.

Councillor Pidwell stated that he would include information onto the Bassetlaw District Council's website, to indicate that he was a representative on the Committee.

ACTION:- Councillor Pidwell

Members noted that there were currently no plans for an e-gate programme to be installed at the Airport.

A Tolhurst was pleased to note the 15% of slots for regional airlines in London. He queried PEEL's view in taking up some of those available slots in London.

R O'Toole stated that the basic principle was to ascertain whether the travel connection was feasible. There could be a potential opportunity in relation to Heathrow Airport, at a macro level, in terms of aviation to redistribute capacity.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the UKACCs Annual Meeting held on 6 - 7 June 2018 were noted.

8 UKACCS DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE DFT'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MECHANISMS QUESTIONS

A Tolhurst stated that he had informed UKACCs that the Airport supported the draft response to the DfT's Community Engagement Mechanisms Questions.

9 DSA MASTER PLAN

R O'Toole stated that the first draft of the Interim Consultation Report had recently been received. He thanked the Committee for its support and endorsement to the plans.

A total of 1,650 individual responses to the consultation had been received via the online form. Overall, the responses to the consultation had indicated that 90% of the individuals had agreed or strongly agreed to the Master Plan.

Members noted a number of challenges in relation to the environmental noise level and the green belt surrounding the Airport. The public sessions had provided an opportunity to discuss land use, residential issues, the potential to increase the number of jobs at the Airport and the rail line, which had all been well received.

The Interim Consultation Report would be published on 30 July 2018, following which a review of the categorised responses would be undertaken. It was envisaged that a final Master Plan Report would be produced by the end of December 2018.

A Tolhurst thanked Members for their assistance provided to the Master plan, which had appeared to have received good publicity. He requested that Members of the Committee and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee receive a copy of the Interim Consultation Report, when it was available. **ACTION:- R O'Toole**

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

10 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

R O'Toole referred to the throughput during the last financial year April 2017 to March 2018. The pax numbers had totalled 1.24m in comparison to 1.22m the previous year. A total of 1.2m pax was expected for the current financial year, including at least one new route from Wizz Air to Debrechen.

Freight cargo had achieved 11,500 tonnes in comparison to 9,600 tonnes during the previous year. 12,000 tonnes were expected for the current financial year; there had been many concert related flights, as well as automotive parts bound for the USA.

The new extended Premium Lounge had opened at the Airport in April 2018, to which bookings had filled up straight away and excellent customer feedback had been received.

Operation of the cargo transit shed had been taken in house from Anglo in February 2018, and was now operational. This had enabled improvements to be made to operational delivery and staff.

The Fixed Base Operator, taken in house from Weston Aviation, was now operational to handle light and business aviation activity i.e. business jets, royal flights etc.

The first two National Police Air Service (NPAS) aircrafts would arrive at the Airport during July 2018, with a further two aircrafts later in the year, to be situated in the NPAS hangar.

Plans were underway for the installation of another hangar for later in the year, for a helicopter operator to be situated alongside Hangar 3. Discussions were in their infancy stage for the installation of a larger hangar opposite Hangar 3, on the other side of the freight apron, to be large enough to hold two B 767s.

TUI had announced new routes at the Airport from 2019, to include long haul flights to Florida using a Dreamliner; flights to the route were selling very well. It was hoped that Wizz Air would announce a number of new routes from the Airport either later this year or in 2019.

Councillor McCarron commented that she was very pleased to note how the Airport was anticipated to grow. She referred to the high volume of parking tickets that were issued to the delivery lorries to the cargo facility at the Airport, due to them being unable to park in the parking bays. She queried whether any additional parking capacity could be provided for them.

K Naylor referred to the discussions underway in relation to the cargo operation in-house at the Airport. A data bank of all vehicle registration numbers had been created to prevent parking fines being issued.

Councillor Pearson queried the number of staff employed at the Airport, and whether this was intended to increase.

R O'Toole reported that PEEL currently employed approximately 200 staff at the Airport, and that staff levels were increasing. New jobs had recently been created within the Customer Service Department, following the extension to the Premium Lounge. An additional 40 – 50 jobs for TUI were anticipated to be created at the Airport in 2019, for crew, handling and back office staff.

Councillor Cooper queried the number of employees at the Airport who lived within the local area, in particular from Rossington.

K Naylor would ascertain the information from the postcode database, to be provided to Members.

ACTION:- K Naylor

RESOLVED – That Members noted the update.

11 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JUNE 2018

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 28 June 2018 would be provided to Members in due course.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pearson referred to Selby Abbey's 950th anniversary in 2019. He queried whether this would be of interest to the Airport from a tourism perspective.

R O'Toole would discuss the matter separately with Councillor Pearson, in relation to connectivity with the Airport. **ACTION:- R O'Toole**

Councillor McCarron requested a copy of the aviation terms list. **ACTION:- K Naylor**

CHAIR