



## **ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

### **AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **ORDINARY MEETING**

**17 JANUARY 2013**

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (Chair)  
S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), T Lindop (Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry), P Maddison (Sub for FODSA), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor D R Pressley (Bassetlaw District Council), Councillor M Quigley MBE (Nottinghamshire County Council), Town Councillor P Scholey (Maltby Town Council), A Shirt (South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), A Simcock (Peel Holdings Limited), Mr A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio), Councillor Y D Woodcock (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: J Bamford (Nottinghamshire CC), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor L Bramall (Sheffield CC), Mayor P Davies (Doncaster MBC), D Fell (Doncaster Chamber), P Nears (Peel Holdings), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey DC) and Councillor P Schofield (Observer).

#### 1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### 2 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2012**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2012 be agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

- i) That the proposals for the housing development scheme were for land off Hurst Lane, and not Hayhurst Lane as quoted in the minutes.
- ii) That Councillor C Pearson be added to the list of attendees present at the meeting.

#### 3 **MATTERS ARISING**

##### i) **Regional Tourism**

The Chair informed the meeting that the action placed against him to contact Colin Joy at Doncaster Tourism regarding Bassetlaw District Council's Pilgrim

Fathers Story, remained outstanding. The Chair added that he would carry out this action shortly.

ii) Aircraft Movements Data

S Gill informed the meeting that he would circulate the aircraft movements data at a future Committee meeting.

4 SECTION 106 ISSUE

A Simcock reported that following internal discussions, she was able to confirm that there had never been any funds set aside in the Section 106 agreement for the allocation of funding towards a sports facility and playing fields.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

5 UPDATE ON PHASE 3 BUSINESS PARK APPLICATION

A Simcock provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to the planning application for phase 3 of the business park.

The Committee were informed that a planning application for phase 3 of the business park would be submitted to Doncaster Council by the end of January.

It was noted that once the necessary planning permissions had been obtained, Peel Holdings would commence building units only when interest had been obtained from occupiers. It was reported that there had already been interest in a unit from a pub/restaurant chain.

The Committee were informed that the land off Hurst Lane had now been sold by Peel Holdings to housing developers Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 CHANGE OF AIRPORT OWNERSHIP

S Gill informed the Committee that with effect from 20 December 2012, Peel Group had re-acquired Vantage Airport Group's shares in Robin Hood Airport. The shareholding in Robin Hood Airport had been formerly held by Peel Airport Limited, co-owned by Vantage Airport Group.

There would be no change in shareholding at Liverpool John Lennon Airport, which remained jointly owned by Vantage Airport Group and The Peel Group.

It was noted that Vantage Airport Group would continue to provide aviation services to all the airports in the group. A new subsidiary company, Vantage Air Traffic Services (Vantage ATS) had been created to provide air traffic services for Liverpool, Robin Hood and Durham Tees Valley airports.

Parish Councillor McCarron enquired if South Yorkshire Police's presence at the Airport would now be increased following the changes in ownership. S Gill informed the Committee that there was still Police presence at the Airport, albeit, a slightly reduced number of officers present.

S Gill reported that as part of the ownership changes, control of security at the Airport would return back under the control of Robin Hood Airport. It was noted that security for Robin Hood Airport had been previously provided virtually via Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

The Committee welcomed the news, adding that they would continue to support Airport Director and his team.

RESOLVED – That the change in Airport ownership be noted.

## 7 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT

S Gill provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and airline performance at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:

- The airport was back into growth mode, the Airport was anticipating 7,000 extra passengers using the facility this year.
- Both Thomson and Thomas Cook had added extra capacity to their 2013 flying schedules.
- Wizz Air had signed a 5 year agreement with the Airport.
- In relation to FARRRS, the Airport would be working closely with the charter airlines over the next few months in order to market the scheme and influence their future decisions for 2014/15.
- In terms of cargo, the Airport was on track to record a three hundred percent increase in its cargo figures for the year March 2012 – March 2013. The Airport was forecasting moving in excess of 400 tonnes of cargo by the end of the year.
- It was noted that the Airport continued to work with the local Chambers of Commerce and the local LEP's.

T Lindop commented that in relation to the plans to reopen Sheffield City Airport, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry's stance would be to continue to market and support Robin Hood Airport to its clients as the region's airport.

- The Airport was expecting the Thomson Dreamliner aircraft to make an appearance at the Airport over the coming year.
- The Airport Director was currently in the process of re-organising internal structures within the Airport following the recent ownership changes. Members requested that once the process was complete that the Airport Director circulates a structure chart setting out the names and roles of personnel in each department. **ACTION: S Gill.**
- The Airport was in the process of working with a developer on a price comparison website.

The Airport Director updated the Committee on the procedure the Airport followed when it received consultation on a planning application in respect of wind turbines. The Airport Director added that he would circulate a map setting out all of the local

wind turbines/farms in the vicinity of the Airport to the April meeting. **ACTION: S GILL.**

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8 BRIEFING ON REGIONAL LOGISTICS CENTRE

S Gill provided the Committee with an update in relation to the Regional Logistics Centre.

It was reported that there was now a commitment from private sector companies and local authorities to sell the region and the strengths of logistics in the area. The next stage of development was to procure systems which were required to develop a brand.

A Logistics Sector Working Group had now been established and would be chaired by S Gill.

S Gill added that once the brand had been solidified he would keep the Committee briefed on future developments.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2012

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 6 December 2012 be noted.

10 CIVIL AVIATION ACT PRESS RELEASE

The Committee noted that the Civil Aviation Act 2012 had become law from 19 December 2012.

The Act had been designed to modernise key elements of the regulatory framework for civil aviation in the UK in order to enable the sector to make a full contribution to economic growth without compromising standards.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the new Civil Aviation Act.

11 UKACCS PRESS RELEASES

The Committee noted that UKACCS had issued the following press releases:

- The Epworth Bells: Start is delayed on Airport link. (26.10.12)
- BBC: Air Passenger Duty Abolished on Long Haul Flights out of Northern Ireland. (06.11.12)
- Doncaster Free Press: Council not to oppose Owston Ferry wind turbine plan which Robin Hood Airport says will interfere with radar. (18.11.12)
- Birmingham Airport Press Release: BA and Virgin say Birmingham Airport will never be international hub. (22.11.12)

- Travelmole: Industry outcry after Minister's warning about APD campaign. (02.12.12)
- Doncaster Sheffield Airport: Wizz Air Signs 5-year deal with Doncaster Sheffield Airport. (03.12.12)
- MSN: Heathrow 'vital' for air travel. (03.12.12)
- Travelmole: UK Airports list lost routes due to APD levels. (04.12.12)
- BATA Comment on Autumn Statement. (05.12.12)
- eTurboNews: A4A Opposes increase in the UK Air Passenger Duty. (06.12.12)
- BBC: Robin Hood Airport Explosive Failings 'Risky Safety'(19.12.12)
- The Epworth Bells: Wind plan scrapped after airport objects (02.01.13)

RESOLVED – That the press releases issued by UKACCS be noted.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Pressley invited Steve Gill to attend a future Bassetlaw District Council Cabinet meeting.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 18 April 2013 commencing at 10:00 am at Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR