



## **ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

### **AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL 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 (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), 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, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair welcomed Members to the seventh Annual General Meeting of Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield Consultative Committee. An extended welcome went to Tom Lindop, Account Manager for Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### 2 **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2012**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 19 January 2012 be agreed as a correct record.

#### 3 **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair commented that this year's report would be very similar to last year's report, as very little had changed regarding some of the key issues discussed.

The Chair reported that the debate over the level of Air Passenger Duty charged in the UK continued to rage. It was given greater focus when, in November, the duty on long haul flights out of Northern Ireland was abolished by the Stormont Assembly.

The ACC had voiced its concern about the narrowness of the Framework and the inadequate attention given to the contribution regional airports make to UK prosperity.

The ACC acknowledged that international airlines and governments naturally looked to London and the south east when considering long haul connections with the UK. The ACC commented that it should also be recognised that connectivity problems across the south east had an adverse impact on travellers to the UK with the consequent effect on tourism.

In relation to FARRRS, there had been good news earlier in the year that the FARRRS link road would be developed. Development of the road would remove the issue regarding accessibility which had been stated as the main reason for aviation operators not considering Robin Hood.

The Chair commented that excellent progress had been made as part of the strategy to develop strategic partnerships. During the year, two key aviation specialists, Anglo World Cargo and Weston Aviation had located at the airport, with the expectation that the moves would result in increased cargo operations, business aviation and charters.

The Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee started to function shortly after the last AGM. The Committees includes many new members.

The Sub-Committee had received presentations on aircraft performance and on air traffic control. Both of the briefings had been useful, although somewhat testing for those not familiar with aviation.

In relation to the Vulcan, there had been more good news about the Vulcan project as the charity was keen to establish an engineering study facility at the Airport. The plan fits well with the Airport and hopes to create links with the Advanced Manufacturing Centre in Rotherham.

One recent development was the announcement that the ownership of the airport has changed, and that Peel would now play a larger part in the development and operation of the airport.

The Chair commented that the Annual Report would not be complete without making reference to the hedges in Blaxton which needed cutting; discussions continue.

The Chair rounded-up his Annual Report by taking the opportunity to thank Committee members for their contribution towards the work of the Committee. An extended thank you went to Andrew Shirt, for his support to the Committee.

The Committee wished to extend their appreciation to Steve Gill and his team for their support of the ACC work and for the transparent, honest way business was conducted.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

#### 4 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A report of the Secretary was presented setting out the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

The Committee highlighted that several organisations attendance at meetings over the last 12 months had decreased.

It was agreed that the Chair writes to all organisations reminding them that should a member be unable to attend, they could nominate a substitute to attend in their place.

Councillor Pressley suggested that the representative for Bassetlaw Development Agency be Robert Wilkinson and no longer David Armiger. The Secretary agreed to write to Bassetlaw Development Agency to endorse this recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the Committee:

- i) Notes the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.
- ii) Requests the Chair to write to all organisations reminding them that should a member be unable to attend that they could nominate a substitute.
- iii) Requests the Secretary to write to Bassetlaw Development Agency to seek endorsement of Richard Wilkinson as their representative.

5 SCHEDULE OF 2013 MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the following schedule of meetings be agreed:-

Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 17 January (AGM and Ordinary)  
Thursday 18 April  
Thursday 25 July  
Thursday 24 October

Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee

Thursday 21 March  
Thursday 20 June  
Thursday 19 September  
Thursday 5 December

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am at the Airport, unless stated otherwise.

CHAIR