



## **ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD**

### **NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**5 DECEMBER 2013**

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)  
Mr A Bosmans (FODSA), Mr P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint, MP),  
Mrs L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), Mr J Davies (Doncaster MBC),  
Mr A Dutton (Robin Hood Airport), P Holland (Bawtry Town Council),  
Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council),  
Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council),  
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), A Shirt (SYJS),  
C Stothard (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish  
Council), Mr 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 Mr C Barnes (Robin Hood  
Airport), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council),  
Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Mr S Gill (Robin Hood  
Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Councillor P Knight  
(Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC) and  
Mr S Racjan (Doncaster MBC)

#### **1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed Members to the December meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

#### **2 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013**

A Shirt confirmed that following the September meeting a letter of response had been sent to John Mann (Member of Parliament for Bassetlaw) regarding on-going aircraft noise concerns from a constituent residing in the Mattersey Thorpe area. To date, there had been no further correspondence.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 19 September 2013 be approved as a correct record.

#### **3 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS**

L Daffern, Head of Terminal Services and Security informed the Committee that 2Excel Aviation Ltd would be operating two Boeing 727s out of the airport in the New Year. One aircraft would be used for oil response and the second for cargo.

Refurbishment of Hangar 1 was currently being carried out. It was expected that work would be completed by April 2014.

Craig Hewitt had been appointed as Travel Trade Executive, who would commence in role from January 2014. His role would involve liaison with Travel Agents and raising awareness of the Airport and increasing sales.

The recruitment for a Cargo Business Development Manager was currently on-going.

A meeting with representatives from both the Airport and Thomson/TUI would be held shortly to discuss this year's performance and the campaign for 2014.

The research project regarding why airlines choose to locate at specific airports was now complete.

S Gill and C Harcombe would be focusing their efforts on the Growth Plan. It was noted that passenger numbers for 2014 were anticipated to be static. The catalyst for growth would be the new FARRRS link road.

A new Robin Hood Airport website would be launched during the first half of 2014. A number of radio marketing campaigns advertising the airport had now completed.

Work was currently taking place in liaison with the Vulcan Trust regarding a permanent home for the Vulcan.

Councillor McCarron asked if there was any information which could be provided to the Committee on a proposed railway link into the Airport.

A Bosmans informed the Committee that the Airport Operators Association (AOA), the trade body for UK airports, had long argued the case for more integrated transport policy to help deliver better surface access. The Association was pushing for capital spends away from London.

Councillor Holland asked for clarification regarding rumours that a fracking operation would be taking place in Bawtry shortly.

P Cole informed the Committee that Dart Energy was planning to submit an application next year to begin test drilling for fracking at a site east of Austerfield / Bawtry, adding that he would send on additional information which MP Caroline Flint had received for the Committee's information. **ACTION: P Cole**

#### 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 September 2013 to 31 October 2013.

##### a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements September to October 2013.

- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from September to October 2013.
- iii) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to October 2013.

b) Quiet Operations Policy

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 amounted to 36 complaints.
  - On 18 October 2013 there had been 4 separate complaints received, 1 departure and 3 arrivals all on runway 20.
- ii) Robin Hood Airport's total number of complaints and type of complaints for September to October 2013.
- iii) Number of complaints and individuals for September to October 2013.
  - During September 2013, the Airport received 17 complaints from 4 individuals.
  - During October 2013, the Airport received 19 complaints from 6 individuals.
- iv) Number of complaints and individuals from each area for the period.
  - During the period (September to October 2013) there had been 18 complaints from 3 individuals residing in the Bawtry area. There had been 14 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 October 2013.
  - The total number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards.
  - To date there had been 213 complaints received by the Airport.
- viii) Number of night time departures from Runway 20 for the period September to October 2013.
- ix) Number of non-NPR aircraft departures September to October 2013.
- x) Number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to October 2013.

- xi) The number of QC4 movements for the period.

A Bosmans stated that he understood that TC70 freight aircrafts were set to operate from RHADS, asking if these aircrafts were outside of the QC4 regulations. **ACTION: A Dutton to investigate and report back at the March meeting.**

- xii) The number of engine tests for the period.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## 5 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

A Dutton informed the Committee that energy consumption continued to fall at the Airport. The current energy consumption figures in the Terminal Building had been reduced by:

- Gas 38,300 m<sup>2</sup>
- Electric 261,469 KWH
- Water 2,500 m<sup>2</sup>

There had been a total reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 218.5 tonnes.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 6 FINNINGLEY AND ROSSINGTON REGENERATION ROUTE SCHEME (FARRRS) UPDATE ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that work had officially started on site to build the FARRRS link road. A ground breaking event had taken place on 14 October 2013. It was anticipated that the route would be completed by early 2016.

The Committee noted that an Open Day had been held on 21 October 2013 with around 300 people in attendance at the Holmescarr Centre in Rossington.

A Meet the Buyer Event and networking event had been held on 24 October 2013, where over 100 local business people had attended the event at Robin Hood Airport.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 7 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Councillor Woodcock reported that the World Duty Free annual sale had taken place at the Airport on Friday 29 November and Saturday 30 November 2013, in the Airport's Vulcan Viewing Area.

The Committee asked if they could obtain pass holders for the 2014 event. L Daffern agreed to Members requested.

Councillor Marrison wished to place on record that staff on duty at the event had been very helpful and pleasant to her whilst attending the event.

**ACTION:** L Daffern to provide the excellent feedback to staff on duty at the event.

**8**     SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2014

RESOLVED – That the schedule of 2014 meeting dates for the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on:-

- Thursday 20 March 2014
- Thursday 19 June 2014
- Thursday 18 September 2014
- Thursday 4 December 2014

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am and be held in the Blenheim meeting Room, Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster, unless stated otherwise.

**9**     ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Work Programme 2014

L Daffern informed the Committee that she would continue to arrange for a variety of speakers to attend future meetings, asking for Members' nominations for speakers.

Members suggested that speakers be arranged to present:-

- The principles of the noise monitoring preferential route and quiet operations policy, and
- Information on training flights.

**10**    DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 20 March 2014 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR