



ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

20 JUNE 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)
Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Mr J Davies (Doncaster MBC), Mr A Dutton (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor L Gilfedder (Austerfield Parish Council), Parish Councillor M Lindley (Finningley Parish Council), T Lonsdale (Robin Hood Airport), P Maddison (Sub for FODSA), Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town Council), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), A Shirt (SYJS), 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 A Bosmans (FODSA), Mr P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint, MP), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), Mr S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Councillor P Knight (Doncaster MBC), Mr S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor P Scholey (Maltby Town Council) and Parish Councillor Chris Stringer (Mission Parish Council)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the June 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 21 MARCH 2013

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 21 March 2013 be approved as a correct record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Noise Complaint from Bawtry Resident (Action from March meeting)

In relation to the issue raised by A Bosmans at the March meeting relating to a noise complaint received from a Balby resident. A Dutton informed the Committee that he had investigated the complaint further, and could confirm that the aircraft was not a commercial or general aviation movement from RHADS.

4 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

L Daffern informed the Committee that Chris Harcombe from the Airport's Aviation Development Team and Gary Winterman from Anglo World Cargo had recently attended the Air Cargo European Conference held in Munich to put Robin Hood Airport's re-launched cargo offering to the market. Following the conference a number of leads were currently being followed-up.

It was noted that there had been a small number of cargo movements since the last meeting of the Committee. The Antonov cargo aircraft had recently landed and departed from the Airport. There were a number of cargo movements scheduled for July and August 2013.

The Committee was informed that Pauline Chadwick had recently retired from her role as Airport Secretary. The Committee wished to formally record their thanks and appreciation to Pauline and asked that their best wishes for a long and happy retirement be passed on.

Sharon Cowlshaw had been appointed as Airport Secretary from 17 June 2013.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

5 BRIEFING ON AIRPORT SERVICES

The Committee received a presentation from Tony Lonsdale, Head of Airfield and Emergency Operations regarding the role of the Airport's Rescue and Firefighting Service (RFFS).

The Committee was informed that all aerodromes were categorised for RFFS requirements based on the size of aircraft in operation from 1 to 10. As the categories increase, the staffing levels and number of foam producing vehicles required also increase. Robin Hood Airport had a category 7 operation with the ability for category 8/9 operations on request.

There were two foam producing vehicles on site at the Airport with a third vehicle used as a spare. A total of 42 staff were employed at the Airport's Fire Station.

Members were informed that one of the principal objective of an Airport's RFFS, was to save lives in the event of an aircraft accident or incident, occurring at, or in the immediate vicinity of an aerodrome (1000 meters response area).

The operational objective for a response time was to achieve a desired response time of 2 minutes to the response area (not exceeding 3 minutes).

The RFFS had a number of training commitments of which, these were:

- Maintenance of the firefighter competency training programme IAW CAP699.
- Airport Community Fire Safety
- Airside Driving Course
- Airport staff first aid training/manual handling/working at height/fork lift
- External training – aircraft familiarisation and fire fighting techniques to the local Fire Service, aviation awareness training to Fire, Police and Ambulance

Services, and fire awareness training, first aid at work, manual handling and fire extinguisher training.

- Equipment testing and maintenance and standard testing of all RFFS vehicles and equipment

RFFS secondary duties included, snow and ice clearing, habitat management/bird control, winter operations and summer operations.

RESOLVED –

- That T Lonsdale be thanked for an informative and interesting presentation.
- That arrangements be made for a Members' tour of the Airport's Fire Station and a visit to Air Traffic Control at the conclusion of the September meeting.
- That a hard copy of T Lonsdale's presentation be circulated to Members for their information.

6 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 March 2013 to 31 May 2013.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- The number and type of aircraft movements March 2013 to May 2013.
- The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from March 2013 to May 2013.
- Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to May 2013.

b) Quiet Operations Policy

The presentation reported on the following:-

- The number of complaints received from Robin Hood Airport from 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013.
 - On 17 May 2013 there had been 13 complaints received regarding an easyJet training flight.
- Robin Hood Airport's total number of complaints and type of complaints for March to May 2013.
- Number of complaints and individuals for March to May 2013.
 - During May 2013, the Airport had received 34 complaints from 19 individuals.

- iv) Number of complaints and individuals from each area for the period.
 - During the period there had been 14 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.
 - There had been 12 complaints from 7 individuals residing in the Bawtry 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 May 2013.
 - Members were pleased to note that the total number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards.
- viii) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway for the period.
- ix) Number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to May 2013.
- x) Number of night time departures for the period.
- xi) Number of Quota Count Points used and Quota Count Points from April 2005 to February 2013.
- xii) Number of non-NPR aircraft departures for the period.
- xiii) The number of QC4 movements for the period.
- xiv) The number of engine tests for the period.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

7 DRAFT ANNUAL NOISE REPORT 2012/13

A Dutton presented the draft Annual Noise Report for the period 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013.

The Committee noted that the final Annual Noise report would be presented and considered at the July meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee.

A copy of the report would also be submitted to Doncaster MBC in accordance with the provisions set out in the Section 106 agreement.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes and approves the contents of the 2012/13 draft Annual Noise Report.

8 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that construction work was due to start on the FARRRS link road imminently.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Speeding Motorists (Plane Spotters)

Parish Councillor M Lindley informed the Committee that it had been raised at a recent Finningley Parish Council meeting that motorists who had been seen plane spotting were speeding in their cars from the Airport, through Finningley to Old Bawtry Road to catch sight of the Vulcan flying from the Airport, questioning if anything could be done by the Airport to stop this dangerous practice.

After discussion, it was felt by the Committee that this was a matter for the local Police to deal with. Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that she would raise this issue with the local police at a meeting scheduled for Friday 21st June.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 19 September 2013, commencing at 10:00 am in the Fire Station Training Room, Old Bawtry Road, Finningley, Doncaster, DN9 3BY.

The meeting will be followed by a tour of the Fire Station and a visit to Air Traffic Control.

CHAIR