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TO:- ALL MEMBERS OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Member

**RE: ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD –
AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE - THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015**

I write to inform you that the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee will be held on **Thursday 16 April 2015 at 10.00 am in the Blenheim meeting room, Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, First Avenue, Doncaster, DN9 3RH.**

Please note car parking is available in Heyford House staff car park; access can be gained by pressing the 'help' button.

The agenda and supporting papers are attached for information.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Shirt
Committee Secretary

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Membership:

Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

J Bamford (Nottinghamshire County Council), Councillor B Barker (Bassetlaw District Council), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor L Bramall (Sheffield City Council), Councillor J P Churchill (Lincolnshire County Council (Sub for Cllr O'Connor)), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint MP), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Dishman (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise), D Fell (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Councillor G Freeman (Bassetlaw District Council (Sub for Cllr Barker)), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor Alan Gosling (Rotherham MBC), Mr C Harcombe (Robin Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), Mayor R Jones (Doncaster MBC), P Maddison (FODSA), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), P Nears (Peel Holdings (Management Ltd)), Councillor P J O'Connor (Lincolnshire County Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), Councillor P Schofield (Observer), Town Councillor P Scholey (Maltby Town Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Councillor P Skelding (Nottinghamshire County Council), A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio), Councillor J Summers (West Lindsey District Council), R Wilkinson (Bassetlaw Development Agency), Councillor Y D Woodcock (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council) and Mr R Wright (Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Purpose of the Airport Consultative Committee

The Committee's purpose is to enable the Airport operator (Peel Airports Ltd), and communities in the vicinity of the Airport, local authorities, local business representatives, Airport users and other interested parties to exchange information and ideas.

ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 16 APRIL 2015

**IN THE BLENHEIM MEETING ROOM, HEYFORD HOUSE, ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT,
FIRST AVENUE, DONCASTER, DN9 3RH.**

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ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING

15 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
Councillor B Barker (Bassetlaw District Council), A Bosmans (FODSA), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint MP), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Dishman (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), P Nears (Peel Holdings (Management Ltd)), Councillor P J O'Connor (Lincolnshire County Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), M Di Salvatore (West Lindsey District Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: J Bamford, Councillor L Bramall, Councillor R Franklin, Mayor R Jones, Councillor P Schofield, Councillor P Skelding and Councillor Y D Woodcock

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

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair informed the meeting that Robert Hough, Chairman of Peel Airports and a Non-Executive Director of the Peel Group, had been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. It was noted that Robert had received the award in recognition of his services to business in the North West.

The Committee asked that their congratulations be passed onto Robert.

3 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2014**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 16 October 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

4 BUSINESS UPDATE FROM PEEL AIRPORTS LTD

The Committee received an update from Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director at Peel Holdings (Management) Ltd regarding key policy issues for Robin Hood Airport.

The Committee was informed that in relation to the Airports Commission and increasing new capacity in the South East, a number of meetings had been attended to promote the interests of RHADS, either directly or through its membership of the Regional and Business Airports Group (RABA) as follows:

- i) Heathrow and Gatwick Airport: Meetings held by RABA respectively, where discussions focused upon the commitments they could provide to regional stakeholders regarding access to the newly created capacity in the South East.
- ii) Airports Commission: A meeting was held by RABA with the Airports Commission. Much of the discussion revolved around the ability for access to be secured for regional airports to the new capacity.
- iii) Peter Nears had attended and gave evidence in the autumn to the All Party Regional Aviation Group at the House of Commons regarding the impact of regional aviation on local economies in the regions, including Sheffield City Region. It was anticipated that their report would be published shortly.
- iv) Heathrow had established a National Connectivity Task Force to consider regional connectivity issues. The Task Force had recently conducted a web based survey to gather evidence of the importance of connectivity to regional economies. (The Deputy CEO of Doncaster Chamber represents Yorkshire and the North East on this).
- v) The RABA would be attending the Transport Select Committee at their hearing on 19 January 2015 in respect of their inquiry into Smaller Regional Airports.

The Committee was informed that the Government had recently announced a consultation exercise on the Appraisal Process for Start-up Aid for Airports with less than 3 million passengers per annum. Peel Airports Ltd had responded to the consultation with a number of points.

Peel had continued to put the case for Regional Airports to the ongoing debate promoted by the Chancellor regarding a more unified approach to major infrastructure in the North, including high speed rail (HS3).

Peel would be meeting with the Local Authority to discuss how a railway station scheme could be progressed to ensure that funding/delivery opportunities could be captured.

The Airport had secured a reference in the One North Report: A Proposition for an Interconnected North, which identifies the Airport as: *'The international gateway to Sheffield City Region for passengers, and part of the logistics hub. Over £113m is currently being invested to improve surface connectivity which will increase passenger numbers, and hence heighten its strategic significance and GVA benefit to the North'*.

The report set out a strategic proposition for transport in the North. Led by the city regions of Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle and Sheffield, One North reflects the critical importance of transport for vibrant, sustainable economic growth across the North.

With regards to highways signage to the Airport, Peel had raised this with both Doncaster MBC and Sheffield City Council. There was a need for a comprehensive signage strategy, which directs passengers from Sheffield, Barnsley and Rotherham, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire to the Airport and to co-ordinate with FARRRS, and to also highlight these as destinations for inward visitors.

Members were presented with a copy of the Airport's 'Vision for Growth Update' brochure which set out future aspirations for the Airport and the surrounding areas along with an update on the key projects and next steps. It was noted that the Airport Master Plan would be updated during 2015.

Parish Councillor McCarron asked if it could be confirmed if Peel had purchased the bungalow and farm on Gatehouse Lane at Blaxton.

P Nears informed the meeting that Peel had not purchased any land on this site and that discussions with the Vulcan Trust were currently taking place regarding a future site for the Vulcan Trust Academy.

Post meeting note - 2nd March 2015 – Gatehouse Lane Bungalow and Farm – Peel have now completed on the sale of the above properties. At the time of the ACC meeting, Peel had not completed on the potential purchase of the above properties.

The Committee thanked Peter for his comprehensive update.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

5 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

Steve Gill provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- At the end of March 2015, it was forecast that there would be 7% continued growth, with the number of passengers passing through the Airport at 750,000 for the financial year 2014/15. During the 2013/14 financial year, there had been 650,000 passengers passing through the Airport.

During the 2015/16 financial year the Airport was forecasting 12% growth, with passenger numbers growing to around 850,000.

- The FARRRS link road would become fully operational in early 2016, which would be transformational and a catalyst for growth at the Airport.

Members were reminded that the link road would provide a direct link from the M18 at junction 3 to the Airport. The link road would considerably reduce journey times and would result in a 79% increase in the population living within 30 minutes of the

Airport. The Airport's Managing Director asked Members to promote the link road to their contacts and further committees'.

- The Airport were forecasting the amount of cargo movements during the 2014/15 financial year to be around 1,000 tonnes. There had been a 100% increase in the amount of cargo operations during this financial year. It was forecast that there would be further growth in cargo movements during the 2015/16 financial year of a further 100%.
- An updated network map setting out the airlines operating from the Airport in the year ahead was now available.
- A new Robin Hood Airport website had recently been launched with new branding, promoting the excellent customer service on offer at the Airport.

A further new addition to the website was the ability for users to search and book holidays and flights via the 'Travel Shop' facility on the website.

- Newmarket Holidays were now offering packages to Italy from Robin Hood during 2015. Escorted tours included the 'Seven Cities of Italy', 'Lake Garda' and the 'Italian Lakes', along with independent trips to Italy.
- Thomson and First Choice had announced that during winter 2015/16 there would be the introduction of a day trip to Lapland and an additional flight operating on a Monday to Tenerife from Robin Hood Airport.
- Following recent refurbishment of Hangar 1, 2Excel Aviation had now moved into Hangar 1 along with two of their B727 freighter aircrafts for cargo and oil spill response operations.
- The LinksAir service operating to the Isle of Man and Belfast City had been reasonably successful; however following problems with their fleet the operation had been temporarily suspended. It was anticipated that the services would be re-introduced shortly.
- The Airport were currently in discussion with the Vulcan to the Sky Trust regarding a suitable location on the Airport's site which could house the development of a Vulcan Aviation Academy and Heritage Centre.
- During 2015, Peel Airports had committed to invest heavily in marketing the Airport and routes. Members were also encouraged to also promote the Airport to their contacts.

RESOLVED – That the updated be noted.

6 NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE NEW MEMBER
INDUCTION BRIEF

The Chair presented the Committee with a draft Member Induction Briefing note, which would be given to new members joining the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Committee agrees the Member Induction Briefing note for new members joining the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

7 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-
COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 4 December 2014 be noted.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lorraine Daffern wished to thank Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (FoDSA) on behalf of all the Team onsite at Robin Hood Airport, for carrying out the role of volunteer Airport Ambassadors. The Ambassadors were thanked for providing a friendly welcome to everyone visiting the airport and for providing support and assistance to passengers flying in and out of the Airport.

Andrew Bosmans informed the meeting that the Ambassadors had enjoyed working with the Team at the Airport, and that from his own general observations; passengers really appreciated the service offered to them by the Ambassadors. Andrew added that he would feedback the thanks to FoDSA members.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 16 April 2015 at 10:00 am, in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR

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ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
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1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair welcomed Members to the ninth Annual General Meeting of Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield Consultative Committee.

An extended welcomed went to Peter Nears, Strategic Planning Director at Peel Holdings (Management) Ltd.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 JANUARY 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 January 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair informed the meeting that when considering the contents of his report on 2014, he thought that he would be commenting merely on a year of consolidation, rather as he had done so last year at 2013.

However, upon further reflection about the activity which had taken place during 2014, the Chair had realised that there were plenty of positives to reflect upon. There had been many developments, instead of being isolated events, which were beginning to hang together and set the Airport for a bright future. Furthermore, the Chair added

that it was a brave and significant move on the part of Peel to take back control of the Airport in 2013.

There had been some important and interesting developments during 2014, nationally and locally which the Chair wished to report upon:-

Airports Commission

In 2014, the outcome of the Airports Commission on the developments in the South East of the country became that bit closer and the final options were now appearing.

Future of Smaller Airports

The Commons Transport Select Committee had started to take a keen interest in the use of smaller Airports, and RHADS, along with others, had responded to the Committee's inquiry document. The Chair commented that this was a good sign, as politically, the strategic importance of smaller Airports was at last, being recognised and that the Airports' collective longer term sustainability is crucial to the UK economy.

Managing Noise

In May 2014, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) had published a series of recommendations to help drive improvements in the way aviation manages aircraft noise, which the Authority was now discussing with the industry. One interesting recommendation included the potential for tax breaks for local people and businesses, as well as the potential for a future noise tax to incentivise airlines to procure and operate fleets in the most efficient fashion possible.

Air Passenger Duty (APD)

The unwelcome APD remained in place in 2014, and over 30 aviation, tourism and business groups joined together to press for the abolition of the tax. So far, progress had been limited and there was an increase charged from April.

The Chair commented that on a positive side, the announcement that APD on children's flights would be abolished was most welcome.

Department for Transport (DfT) Guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees

Following a consultation, the DfT had issued a new set of guidelines for the conduct of Airport Consultative Committees. The RHADS ACC welcomed the proposals and agreed to review the RHADS Constitution accordingly. This has been carried out, and a revised version of the Constitution had been included as an item in the agenda for approval.

Local Developments

During the year, a number of important local developments started to come together.

There were signs that progress on the FARRRS link road was having an impact on airlines' thinking about the potential of the Airport. And on a recent visit, airline

representatives were flown over the development to see the progress; the reactions from the representatives were very positive.

Another very positive news story was published in late 2014 regarding the £10million development of the **Doncaster International Business Park**. The proposed design for 'Eco Pods' had been received with acclaim; and fitted well within the local environmental vision for the area.

Support from the **business community** increased during the year with the Sheffield City Region's Chairman expressing full support for Peel's vision for the Airport. An 'Advocacy Event' had been held to secure the support of local businesses; which had been well attended and many of these had agreed to become Advocates for the Airport.

Business leaders had seen the impact that RHADS could have on future trade, and with the introduction by airlines of more efficient aircraft, it was surely not beyond the realm of a possibility that RHADS will develop into a critical international point to point base.

During the year, the ACC saw some of the results of Steve Gill's and Chris Harcombe's hard work in marketing the Airport, which had resulted in increased flights to Riga, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Bucharest and other important destinations.

Overall, there was growth in **passenger numbers** and the outlook was good with around 10% growth forecast for the year ahead.

On the question of route development, the Airport had responded to a DfT consultation on how the Government should assess the need for start-up route development support for Airports with fewer than 5 million passengers a year.

Last year, the ACC had been pleased to note that, while passenger numbers were steady, **cargo traffic** had increased by 8% during 2013. In 2014, cargo activities continued to increase with 112% growth, with evidence of further opportunities in 2015. The Chair commented that this was a good news story and was very much in keeping with the Airport Director's vision in making the Airport a Centre of Logistics Excellence.

In December 2014, under Lorraine Daffern's leadership, the Airport achieved a **Doncaster Chamber Award** for its success in customer relations; and this was on top of being voted No 1 Airport again by the Which? Magazine.

From a **tourism** perspective, the Committee was involved in meetings between the Airport and representatives of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association, who were in the early planning stages of events which will culminate, (it is hoped) in a major event in 2020.

Similarly, contacts had been made with authorities in Lincoln who are leading the planning for this year's celebration of the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta.

These events will have an impact on the marketing of the Airport.

The news that the **Vulcan to the Sky Trust (VTST)** is firming up its plans for the development of an Engineering Centre at the Airport was most welcome, and a briefing on the vision will be given on Friday 13 February, at 2pm in Hangar 3 at the Airport.

This news, coupled with the announcement about the new **Rail Academy** Project in Doncaster served to add to the good news story about the region.

Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee

The Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee continues to monitor the implementation of the Quiet Operations Policy. The number of complaints about aircraft noise during the year was limited, with just a few complainants' comments making up the bulk of the totals.

Members were reminded that each complaint is recorded and responded to by Kellie Naylor, whose arrival as the new Environmental and Communities Officer was welcomed during the year.

The Chair rounded-up his Annual Report by taking the opportunity to thank the Airport Director and his colleagues for the positive and constructive manner in which the relationship between the Committee and the Airport is conducted.

Thanks were also given to Andrew Shirt for his excellent support to the Chair personally, and to the Committee.

The Chair extended his sincere thanks to the Committee Members for their commitment and support.

2014 had been a good year with much to celebrate and the signs were there for an excellent year in 2015.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman's Annual Report be noted.

4 ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE: UPDATED CONSTITUTION

The Chair reminded Members that back in April 2014; the Department for Transport (DfT) had issued revised guidelines for Airport Consultative Committees.

It had been agreed that the RHADS ACC's original Constitution should be updated to reflect the new guidance.

The updated version of the Constitution was presented for Members' approval.

RESOLVED – That the Committee agrees to adopt the updated Constitution presented at today's meeting.

5 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.

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the current membership of the Airport Consultative Committee and Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2015

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

Airport Consultative Committee

Thursday 15 January (AGM and Ordinary)
Thursday 16 April
Thursday 16 July
Thursday 15 October

Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee

Thursday 19 March
Thursday 11 June
Thursday 17 September
Thursday 3 December

All meetings will commence at 10.00 am, in the Blenheim meeting room in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, unless stated otherwise.

CHAIR

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ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD

NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

19 MARCH 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Y D Woodcock (in the Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council),
Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), J Davies (Doncaster MBC), S Gill
(Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor G Hassall (Sub for Blyth Parish
Council), G Levett (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor M Lindley
(Finningley Parish Council), Parish Councillor M Marrison (Tickhill Town
Council), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor
(Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor D Sanders (Wroot Parish Council),
A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley
Parish Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton
Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth
Parish Council), Councillor T Corden (Doncaster MBC), L Daffern (Robin
Hood Airport), Councillor B Hoyle (Doncaster MBC), T McDonald
(Doncaster MBC), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), S Racjan
(Doncaster MBC) and A Tolhurst OBE (Chair of the ACC, Ex-officio)

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

i) Alan Tolhurst OBE

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that Alan Tolhurst OBE had
recently undergone a knee replacement operation, and would therefore be
absent from today's meeting.

The Committee asked that a letter and get well soon card be sent to Alan wishing
him a speedy recovery. **ACTION: A Shirt**

ii) Gavin Levett

Councillor Woodcock welcomed Gavin Levett, Environmental Health Officer from
Doncaster MBC to the meeting.

iii) Councillor Yvonne Woodcock

Members noted that this would be the last meeting of the Committee that Councillor Woodcock would be Chairing, as she would be standing down from Doncaster MBC at the forthcoming municipal elections.

The Committee paid tribute to the dedicated service Councillor Woodcock had given to the Airport, FODSA and the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee over the last number of years and wished her well for the future.

Councillor Woodcock thanked Members, the Joint Secretariat and officers at the Airport for all their support.

3 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the following changes of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Committee:

- Wroot Parish Council has appointed Parish Councillor David Sanders (in place of Parish Councillor Mel Wiles).

4 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 4 December 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

5 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

K Naylor provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- Passenger traffic for the year to date was +7.2% ahead year on year, with passenger departures +6.8% ahead.
- February 2015 traffic was +28% up in comparison with February 2014.
- Wizz Air is driving traffic growth with year to date traffic up by 42% in the financial year to date.
- Wizz Air had confirmed an earlier start date for the Kosice service which will now start in June 2015 (initially planned for September) and will deliver circa 37.5k of new seats on an annualised basis.
- The Riga service launched last summer will grow to a 3rd weekly frequency (after less than 12 months of operation).
- Aer Lingus Regional had recently announced the return of their Dublin service which would commence on 29th May from Robin Hood.
 - The Service will operate 5 times weekly with fares from £29.99.

- Onward connections are available and on sale now through to four Aer Lingus transatlantic destinations – New York, Boston, Chicago and Toronto.
- Cargo Traffic had surpassed 1100 tonnes in the financial year to date, which represents over 100% growth year on year.
- Two Ethiopian Airlines B777's had operated through this month carrying over 200 tonnes of tea.
- In Quarter four of 2014, the Airport handled eight 747's operating on behalf of the Department for International Development supporting the UK's Ebola Relief effort.
- In the last 12 months the Airport had received:
 - 10 B747's, 1 Antonov 225, 2 Antonov 124, and 2 B777's
 - 48 Small charters, 22 of those were Metroliners and 3 Horse charters.
- The Airport had invested in the Aviation Development Team with Declan Maguire joining the Team as Aviation Development Manager, focussing predominantly on Passenger Development.

A Bosmans reported that there had been small snippets in the media recently regarding whether a new Yorkshire airport should be built. He informed the Committee that FODSA would be keeping a close watch on future reports in the media.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor, Environment and Community Officer regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period November 2014 to February 2015.

a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements November 2014 to February 2015.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway for November 2014 to February 2015.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2015.

b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by Robin Hood Airport from 1 November 2014 to 28 February 2015, amounted to 42 complaints.

- ii) Robin Hood's total number of complaints and type of complaints for November 2014 to February 2015.
- c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for November 2014 to February 2015
 - i) During November 2014, the Airport received 16 complaints from 6 individuals.
 - ii) During December 2014, the Airport received 6 complaints from 5 individuals.
 - iii) During January 2015, the Airport received 11 complaints from 6 individuals.
 - iv) Throughout February 2015, the Airport received 10 complaints from 3 individuals.
- d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area from 1 November 2014 to 28 February 2015
 - i) During the period there had been 24 complaints from 1 individual residing in the Moorends area.
 - ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.
 - iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for November to February 2013 and 2014.
 - iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints from 2005 to 2015.
 - v) The annual number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards. During 2014 there had been 214 complaints received by the Airport.
 - vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for November 2014 to February 2015.
 - vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures November 2014 to February 2015.

During November 2014, Members noted that there had been one occasion where NRP had not been practical, asking why this had been the case.
ACTION: K Naylor to investigate.
- viii) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to February 2015.
- ix) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to February 2015.

On a separate issue, Parish Councillor Sanders reported that Wroot Parish Council had received 10 complaints regarding Easyjet training flights flying and circling over the village of Wroot. The Committee was informed that the Parish Council had been tracking all flights over Wroot village using the App, Flightradar 24, which clearly showed that aircraft were flying over the village. (Copies of the flight tracks were circulated for Members' information).

K Naylor informed the Committee that she would investigate all the flights tracks and collate these with the Airport's data and provide a reply to Wroot Parish Council.

ACTION: K Naylor

K Naylor reminded Members' that the training pilots were advised by Air Traffic Control not to fly over villages; adding that the training flights did follow a set flight track to the East of the airfield.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

No environmental issues were raised at the meeting.

8 POSITIONING OF THE PORTABLE NOISE MONITOR AT MATTERSEY THORPE

K Naylor informed the Committee that the Vice Chairman of Mattersey Thorpe Parish Council had kindly agreed to have the portable noise monitor located at his property in response to a request from a complainant to have the noise monitored from training flights.

The Committee was informed that once the data had been collected from the noise monitor a full report would be presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

9 OWNERSHIP OF OLD BAWTRY ROAD

K Naylor informed the Committee that following on from previous discussions, it had been confirmed by the Land Registry that the ownership of Old Bawtry Road was an un-registered piece of land and that neither Peel Environment nor Doncaster MBC have responsibility for the land. It had also been confirmed that the ad medium filum rule did not apply to this piece of land.

Parish Councillor Lindley reported that there were no litter bins in the vicinity of the aircraft viewing area, asking if the Airport could install signs asking people to take their litter home with them.

It was agreed that further discussions needed to take place between the Airport and Doncaster MBC regarding a way forward. **ACTION: K Naylor / J Davies**

Parish Councillor Lindley and A Bosmans asked if a copy of the map setting out the ownership of Old Bawtry Road could be sent to them. **ACTION: K Naylor**

RESOLVED – That the position be noted.

10 THE POTENTIAL PERMITTING OF NIGHT FLIGHT ARRIVALS TAKING A MORE DIRECT APPROACH AND LANDING USING RUNWAY 02

K Naylor informed the Committee that a request had been made at the recent Flight Safety meeting which asked if the Airport would consider the potential permitting of night flight arrivals to take a more direct approach and landing using Runway 02 during the summer flying season.

Members were informed that, if the request was agreed, on average, there would be between 5-6 flights during the night, per week, which would descend using Runway 02. It was noted that aircrafts would fly over Bawtry and Tickhill descending at 9,000 feet.

The Committee considered the request; however, it was felt that allowing the Airline to use Runway 02 on its descent to the Airport would lead to increased noise complaints, especially during the summer flying season when households may have their windows open during the night.

J Davies pointed out that he would need to check the contents of the Section 106 Agreement and the preferential routes set out in the Agreement. It was agreed that further discussion takes place between Doncaster MBC and the Airport and that the views of the Committee are taken on board. **ACTION: J Davies / K Naylor**

RESOLVED – That the Committee notes the position.

11 COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

i) Recent Planning Application Approved

Councillor Woodcock informed the Committee that Doncaster MBC had approved a recent planning application which would allow the German farm machinery manufacturer 'Amazone Ltd' to move its UK headquarters to Doncaster from Nottinghamshire onto a site on Hurst Lane.

ii) Thanks from Blaxton Parish Council

Parish Councillor McCarron wished to thank the Airport on behalf of Blaxton Parish Council for cutting the hedge rows on Station Road at Blaxton.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Vulcan to the Sky Trust

Parish Councillor McCarron informed the Committee that she had recently attended a briefing and discussion event on future plans to create a Vulcan Aviation Academy and Heritage Centre at Robin Hood Airport. It was questioned at the event where the facility would be built; unfortunately, the Vulcan Trust could not provide confirmation at the event.

13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 10:00 am in the Fire Station Meeting Room, Robin Hood Airport, Old Bawtry Road, Finningley, Doncaster.

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a visit to Air Traffic Control.

CHAIR