



**ROBIN HOOD AIRPORT DONCASTER SHEFFIELD**

**NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

**17 MARCH 2016**

PRESENT: A Tolhurst OBE (in the Chair)

A Bosmans (FODSA), M Cotterill (Peel Airports Management), Parish Councillor S Crawford (Austerfield Parish Council), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), J Davies (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), K Naylor (Robin Hood Airport), S Racjan (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor C Sheriff (Finningley Parish Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Parish Councillor I Swainston (Auckley Parish Council), Parish Councillor A Wilcox (Misson Parish Council) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Members of the Airport Consultative Committee in attendance:- County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor I Saunders (Sheffield City Council) and Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio)

Speaker:- R Tapsfield (Thomson Airways Ltd)

Observer:- P Edwards (Misson Parish Council)

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillor S Ball (Maltby Town Council), Councillor R Blake (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor R Brown (Blyth Parish Council), Councillor J Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor L Curran (Doncaster MBC), S Gill (Robin Hood Airport), Parish Councillor J Holmes (Misson Parish Council), Parish Councillor D Sanders (Wroot Parish Council) and Town Councillor Gordon Whitehead (Tickhill Town Council)

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

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the March meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee.

An extended welcome went to Ralph Tapsfield, Base Pilot for Thomson Airways Ltd.

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

**2 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

3 PRESENTATION ON AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE

The Committee received a presentation from Ralph Tapsfield, Base Pilot for Thomson Airways Ltd.

R Tapsfield informed Members that he was based at Robin Hood Airport responsible for setting policies and procedures for Boeing 737 aircraft and how the base operations are conducted at Robin Hood.

Members were informed that Thomson would begin to renew its fleet of aircraft in 2 years' time with new Boeing 737 MAX aircraft. The new aircraft would be larger and have some reductions in noise.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions in relation to aircraft performance.

A Tolhurst asked if Members could be given an explanation as to why aircrafts would not follow Noise Preferential Routes (NPR); it was often stated by pilots that the reason for this was due to the NPR not being in the aircraft's flight management system.

R Tapsfield explained that this was dependent upon the aircraft's age; the older the aircraft, the less technologically advanced it would be and quite often there may not be enough capacity in the aircrafts flight management system for additional routes. Additionally, pilots may request that their aircraft does not follow the NPR due to clusters of traffic in sky at the same time and the current weather conditions.

In relation to training flights, Members were informed that as part of a cadet pilots' training, all cadets must undertake six take-offs and landing circuits as required by the Civil Aviation Authority. It was explained that cadet pilots carried out repetitive circuits in order for them to create a visual fixed point every time and replicate this manoeuvre in order to gain confidence and demonstrate to the examiner that they can fly aircrafts.

RESOLVED – That the Committee thanked Ralph for an interesting and informative presentation.

4 MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2015

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 3 December 2015 be agreed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

i) Doncaster Bus Partnership Consultation

K Naylor informed Members that a number of discussions had taken place with bus operators First and Stagecoach along with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTTE) regarding proposals to terminate services that serve Robin Hood Airport. It was hoped that an interim service could be operated, subject to further discussions with SYPTTE.

A Bosmans expressed his disappointment regarding the proposals, especially when a large number of passengers relied upon public transport in the evening.

ii) Rossington Trussell Trust Food Bank

K Naylor reported that discussions continued with WHSmith regarding their store donating surplus food to the Rossington Trussell Trust Food Bank.

6 AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS

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

- During the current financial year, up to February 2016, there had been a total of 831,000 passengers at the Airport, which was a 17.9% increase on the same period in 2014.
- Robin Hood Airport was officially the fastest growing airport in the UK.
- In relation to cargo performance, the current position for the current financial year up to February 2016 was just over 300% growth compared to the same period last year.
- The inaugural Flybe flight from Robin Hood to Paris Charles de Gaulle was scheduled for 24 March 2016. Forward sales for Flybe routes were on target.
- Works on the airports' infrastructure continued, a new 'Meet and Greet' car parking option was scheduled to commence during April.
- A new arrivals shelter on the Terminal Building was scheduled to be ready for the Summer season.
- A new Premium Lounge within the Terminal Building was almost ready for opening.
- Phase one of the FARRRS route, named the 'Great Yorkshire Way' had been officially opened on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016.
- A Bosmans reported that Friends of Doncaster Sheffield Airport (FODSA) produced and updated a table on a monthly basis showing passenger statistics since the Airport opened back in 2005.
- A Bosmans informed Members that Flybe's website was now showing flights for Winter 2016/17.
- Members commented that it was often more expensive to fly from Robin Hood Airport than other Airports. M Cotterill acknowledged Members' observation, explaining that this was due to the airlines operating from the airport having different business models.

- A Tolhurst referred to a news article published in the London Evening Standard regarding summer flight delays between July and September 2015, highlighting that 24% of flights during the period from Robin Hood had been delayed.

M Cotterill explained that there were a number of reasons why a flight could be delayed. Furthermore, delays at Robin Hood Airport were minimal.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

## 7 AIR TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS AND QUIET OPERATIONS POLICY REPORT

The Committee received a presentation from K Naylor regarding the Air Transport Movements and Quiet Operations Policy for the period November 2015 to February 2016.

### a) Air Transport Movements

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number and type of aircraft movements from November 2015 to February 2016.
- ii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from November 2015 to February 2016.
- iii) The number of arrivals and departures on each runway from April 2005 to February 2016.

### b) Quiet Operations Policy Report

The presentation reported on the following:-

- i) The number of complaints received by Robin Hood Airport from 1 November 2015 to 29 February 2016, amounted to 57 complaints.
- ii) Robin Hood Airport's total number of complaints and type of complaints for the period 1 November 2015 to 29 February 2016.

### c) Number of Complaints and Individuals for September 2015 to October 2015

- i) During November 2015, the Airport received 12 complaints from 8 individuals.
- ii) During December 2015, the Airport received 7 complaints from 3 individuals.
- iii) During January 2016, the Airport received 2 complaints from 2 individuals.
- iv) During February 2016, the Airport received 36 complaints from 14 individuals.

### d) Number of Complaints and Individuals from each area from 1 November 2015 to 29 February 2016

- i) During the period the highest number of complaints received by the airport from each area were as follows:

- 25 complaints from 5 individuals residing in Bawtry;
- 4 complaints from 3 individual residing in Blaxton;
- 3 complaints from 1 individual residing in Mattersey Thorpe;
- 10 complaints from 1 individual residing in Moorends;
- 3 complaints from 1 individual residing in Scrooby; and
- 7 complaints from 4 individuals residing in Wroot;

- ii) The percentage of total complaints from each area for the period.
- iii) The number of complaints and comparison figures for November to February 2014 and 2015.
- iv) Robin Hood Airport's annual number of complaints and total movements from 2005 to 2016.
- v) The number of complaints received by the Airport continued to decline year-on-year from 2009 onwards. During 2015 there had been 244 complaints received by the airport to 31 December 2015.
- vi) The number of night time departures from Runway 20 for November 2015 to February 2016.
- vii) The number of non-NPR aircraft departures from November 2015 to February 2016.

A Tolhurst observed that there had been 21 occasions during the period where the Noise Preferential Route had not been in the Aircrafts Flight Management System, asking if further details could be provided. **ACTION: K Naylor to investigate.**

- viii) The number of Quota Count Points (QCP) used and QCP Limits from April 2005 to February 2016.
- ix) The number of Quota Count 4 Movements from November 2010 to February 2016.
- x) The number of Engine Tests for November 2015 to February 2016.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

## 8 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

K Naylor reported that during the period November 2015 to January 2016, ReFood had collected 30 bins of waste food from the airport totalling 2290kg, which otherwise would have gone to landfill or to an incinerator. The total kilowatt hours of renewable energy produced amounted to 618.30 Kw hours. The tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> saved by diversion from landfill amounted to 0.55 with the total tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> being saved overall at 1.05.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

9 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE & APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

K Naylor reported that following the re-launch of the Community Investment Fund, six applications had been received by the airport.

Members were reminded that the airport had set aside £5,000 for the 2015/16 financial year to help community projects in the Sheffield City Region to bid for money to assist them in improving the local environment and community that the airport serves.

The Committee was asked to give its consideration to the projects set out below:

<b>Application Number</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Decision of the Committee</b>
DSA/KN160001	Armthorpe Parish Council	The splash Holiday Programme	£1,000	Not supported
DSA/KN160002	Salvation Army Housing Association	Football Team	£660.00	Not supported
DSA/KN160003	Misson Pre-School, Misson Community Centre	Improvement of garden area, purchasing equipment and seeds	£1,000	<b>Supported</b>
DSA/KN160004	Finningley Church	Construction of a community building to help provide a centre to help elderly isolated and disabled people in the community.	£2,000	<b>Supported</b>
DSA/KN160005	The Spirit of Goole	Youth Build a Plane Project	£1,000	<b>Supported</b>
DSA/KN160006	Askern Community Library	Re-Read Project	£908.00	<b>Supported</b>

Members asked if there would be a further round of funding available for the 2016/17 financial year. **ACTION: K Naylor to obtain confirmation.**

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Committee agreed to support four projects highlighted above totalling £4,908.00.
- ii) That the Committee thank Peel Airports for their generosity and continued support with the community projects.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Heritage Memorial Site

Y Woodcock wished to remind Members that on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 a dedicated Heritage Memorial, recording the history of RAF Finningley and the change of custodianship of aviation to the commercial industry had been unveiled in front of the Airport's Terminal Building.

Members were informed that a Heritage Garden was in front of the Airport's Terminal Building with a stainless steel sculpture titled 'Aviator' and that the Heritage Garden is bounded by the fencing and gates that previously formed the front entrance to the RAF station. The fence has plaques reinstated that show the original markings of the oak leaf (representing Nottinghamshire) and the white rose (representing Yorkshire) which had been drawn from the RAF Station's coat of arms.

Members were encouraged to visit the Heritage Memorial.

ii) Drones

Parish Councillor McCarron thanked the Committee Secretary for forwarding recent press releases regarding drones and near misses with aircrafts.

A Tolhurst informed Members that he had arranged for a presentation on the use Drones to take place at the June meeting of the Committee.

iii) Dorset Eye News Article

Parish Councillor McCarron referred to parking enforcement at Robin Hood Airport informing the Committee of a news article published by the Dorset Eye, which had stated that private parking firms could not fine you, and that tickets at supermarkets or private car parks may be disguised as fines, but they were really just invoices.

M Cotterill acknowledged the news article, adding that the Airport's access roads were owned by Peel Investments North and Peel Land and Property and monitored by a private parking enforcement firm Vehicle Control Services; any fines issued were fully enforceable by Magistrates.

iv) Chosen Charity for 2016

K Naylor informed the Committee that the airport and TUI UK Ltd had chosen to support The Children's Hospital Charity's 'Make it Better Appeal' as their local charity for 2016.

The Children's Hospital Charity's 'Make it Better Appeal' aimed to raise £10million regionally to transform Sheffield Children's Hospital.

Further information on the Charity was available online at [www.tchc.org.uk](http://www.tchc.org.uk)

v) Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Consultation on issues affecting Passengers' access to UK airports: a Review of Surface Access

A Tolhurst informed Members that the CAA was currently reviewing surface access to UK airports to better understand how they are operating and how that affects consumers, focussing primarily on road-based access to airports, including transport providers' access to the airport forecourt in a recently published Consultation on 'issues affecting passengers' access to UK Airports: A Review of Surface Access.

Members were asked to provide the Committee Secretary with their views on any aspect of the review by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

vi) Robin Hood Airport's Continued Success

Members wished to congratulate the Airport Director and all of his Team for their continued success.

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee be held on Thursday 23 June 2016 at 10:00 am in Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR