

## RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP

**Venue:** Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, ROTHERHAM.  
S60 2TH

**Date:** Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014

**Time:** 11.30 a.m.

### A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September, 2014 (Pages 1 - 5)
3. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not covered by the agenda items)
4. Northern Rail  
*Presentation about Northern Rail*
5. Updates from the Transport Operators (Pages 6 - 12)
  - 1) First Group
  - 2) Stagecoach
  - 3) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
  - 4) Rotherham Community Transport
  - 5) Robin Hood Airport - Consultative Committee meeting - minutes of 16 October, 2014 (pages 6 to 12)
6. Updates from RMBC Transportation Unit
7. Any other business
8. Date and time of the next meeting  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 2.00 pm  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 2.00 pm

All meetings at Rotherham Town Hall

### **Transport Liaison Group membership:-**

Cabinet Member for Safe and Attractive Neighbourhoods & Combined Authority  
Transport Committee Member - Councillor Godfrey (Chair)  
Combined Authority Transport Committee Member, Councillor Foden  
The Leader and the Deputy Leader

One Council member from each Ward as follows:-

Ward 1 – Burton	Ward 8 - Cutts	Ward 15 - Cowles
Ward 2 – Wootton	Ward 9 – Beaumont	Ward 16 - Sansome
Ward 3 – Ahmed	Ward 10 – Whelbourn	Ward 17 - Currie
Ward 4 – Finnie	Ward 11 – Swift	Ward 18 – Whysall
Ward 5 – Astbury	Ward 12 – Wallis	Ward 19 – Atkin
Ward 6 – Pitchley	Ward 13 – M. Vines	Ward 20 – Hoddinott
Ward 7 – J. Hamilton	Ward 14 – Russell	Ward 21 – Sharman

**RMBC TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP  
Wednesday, 24th September, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Godfrey (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Burton, Cutts, Sansome, Sharman, Swift, Whelbourn, Whysall and Wootton.

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor Foden) and from Councillors Ahmed, Beaumont, J. Hamilton, Hoddinott, Lakin and M. Vines.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 2014**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Transport Liaison Group, held on 25th June, 2014.

Agreed:- That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

With regard to Minute No. 2(4) – Ward Members asked to be informed of progress with the feasibility study of bus services for the Wentworth Parks housing estate (Swinton); it was noted that some preliminary discussions had been held with various bus operators.

**7. UPDATES FROM THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS**

(1) First Group - The Rotherham Bus Partnership has had a successful beginning – there will be continuing analysis of the service changes which have taken place, examination of customer/passenger feedback, any successes and failures, so as to form recommendation for future service changes.

The First Group (and other operators) has faced problems in trying to manage services which have to travel along the Centenary Way road network in Rotherham, through the roadworks there (principally the Pool Green crossroads scheme). The effect on service punctuality has been fairly severe and alternative routes are being assessed.

Members questioned the direct service between Todwick and Dinnington, which was removed and later reviewed, but ultimately will not be reinstated. Some direct services to the Rotherham hospital were to be reduced in number, yet they were eventually reinstated. Overall, however, the Todwick to Dinnington bus service has been made worse. No solution has yet been found in order to restore the service link between Todwick and Dinnington and also to retain the main link to Rotherham (via the hospital) and to Sheffield. There will be a further review of this service, by the Rotherham Bus Partnership, although any future changes would not take effect until September 2015. It was noted that the bus services to Todwick already receive considerable subsidy from the South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive. Sir Kevin Barron MP and the Todwick

community group have been informed of these issues (the Chair asked to be provided with a summary briefing note of this issue). Members commented that Todwick village was not particularly well served by the bus services.

Further reference was made to the disruption caused by the Centenary Way roadworks, near to the Rotherham town centre.

Members questioned the Rotherham to Ravenfield service number 3, which had been withdrawn and replaced by service 37, although the link from Ravenfield to Wickersley has been severed. The bus partners (operators and the SYPTE), John Healey MP and Ward Councillors will meet soon to discuss these issues and whether any service improvements are possible.

(2) Stagecoach East Midlands – no report.

(3) Stagecoach Yorkshire – A number of minor changes to services had been introduced to coincide with the launch of the Rotherham Bus Partnership, mostly to adjust timings to improve punctuality, or responding to customer requests (customer feedback has been 99% positive).

The 108 and 109 services (Rawmarsh) have been restored to the routes operating during 2012, in response to customer feedback. This service change has been very well received and passenger numbers were increasing year-on-year. The September to December period is challenging in terms of maintaining service punctuality. Services operating along the Parkgate corridor are sometimes delayed because of the severe traffic congestion in that area.

It was noted that a development scheme at the Stairfoot roundabout (Barnsley area) will impact upon services 22X and 218. This new development will not include priority lanes for buses and there will necessarily be a detrimental impact upon the services travelling into the Rotherham Borough area.

(4) South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYPTE) – a public consultation exercise, entitled “have your say,” is taking place to find out customer priorities in terms of passenger transport provision, the impact of future budget changes, etc. To date, there has been a low response from residents of the Rotherham Borough area. The SYPTE is trying to encourage more people to respond. There are both paper-based and Internet web-based means of responding to the consultation.

Requests for new bus shelters – there are none being provided, because of budget and funding limitations. There is also limited funding for bus shelter maintenance, although vandal-damage is being repaired. A number of shelters which suffer severe and repeated damage have had to be removed altogether.

Members questioned the safety of the travelling public within the Rotherham Transport Interchange: issues of both public safety and specifically the safety of children and young people. It was noted that there are initial discussions about the potential for redevelopment of the bus station and car park site. These discussions may eventually result in the re-design of the bus station (using the Barnsley interchange as an example). There is regular liaison with the South Yorkshire Police and problems are investigated. There is also a need to challenge the public perception of threats to safety within the interchange. Reference was made to the Rotherham Youth Cabinet study of the safety of young people using public transport. Dialogue continues between the SYPTU and the Rotherham Youth Cabinet, with representation on the Transport User Group.

(5) Rotherham Community Transport – Members noted that Stephen Hewitson retired from the Community Transport Service during the Summer 2014. Stephen was thanked for his contributions to the Transport Liaison Group.

(6) Robin Hood Airport – consideration was given to the minutes of the most recent meeting of the Robin Hood Airport Consultative Committee, held on 17th July, 2014. The contents of these minutes were noted.

(7) Northern Rail – it was agreed that the Chair send a letter to Northern Rail encouraging a representative to attend future meetings of the Transport Liaison Group.

## **8. UPDATES FROM RMBC TRANSPORTATION UNIT**

Members were informed of details of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF), which was entering the third round of bidding for funding by local authorities, with the funding to be spent entirely in the 2015/2016 financial year. Priority would be given to projects which would boost economic growth and reduce carbon emissions. The focus of the funding will be on public transport, walking and cycling. The South Yorkshire Integrated Transport Authority had submitted its bid to the LSTF during March 2014. The full amount of £4.8 millions has been awarded over the lifetime of the LSTF (Rotherham has received £3.5 to £4 millions of capital funding, with the addition of £700,000 of revenue funding).

Rotherham's funding will be concentrated on the two main LSTF corridors (Rotherham to the Dearne Valley and Rotherham to Sheffield). There may also be some funding available for schemes in a number of district centres (eg: Aston, Dinnington and Maltby).

Projects to be funded are:-

: cycling related schemes (eg: mobile cycling hub to visit businesses and district centres; cycle training and bike hire);

- : Eco-stars and Eco-driving – to reduce vehicle emissions;
- : Safe and sustainable travelling;
- : Wheels to work (motor cycle hire);
- : helping vulnerable people to use public transport;
- : South Yorkshire intelligent transport scheme;
- : Plugged in Places (electric vehicles);
- : a marketing programme to support the whole package of schemes.

To demonstrate the impact of LSTF, Members were informed of the following list of schemes funded from revenue and capital LSTF strands:-

- : Main Street, Rotherham – pedestrian crossing (adjacent Riverside House);
- : Centenary Way, Rotherham – pedestrian/cycle crossing near to Bailey House;
- : surfacing of path alongside the canal (town centre, Holmes, towards Meadowhall);
- : A633 cycle route (between Rotherham and Parkgate);
- : South Yorkshire intelligent transport;
- : Common Lane, Wath upon Dearne – footpath improvements;
- : cycle training for commuters;
- : Doctor Bike – cycle maintenance sessions;
- : Cycle parking in businesses;
- : Provision of monthly bus passes.

Members also heard that new projects will begin during 2015/2016, with the aim of encouraging the private sector to contribute funding to schemes which will provide direct benefit their businesses.

Ward Members asked to be provided with details of the schemes to improve the bus corridor and to construct a cycle route between Rotherham, Parkgate and Rawmarsh.

Reference was made to the provision of charging points for electric vehicles (eg: at the Council's Riverside House building). It was noted that some may in future be positioned in car parks, with fees being payable. Businesses are able to lease the devices, in order to provide charging points (at no cost) for their employees.

Agreed:- That the information be noted.

## 9. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- (1) That the next meeting of the RMBC Transport Liaison Group

be held at the Town Hall, Rotherham on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2014, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

(2) That future meetings of the Transport Liaison Group take place on:-

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2015



## **ROBIN HOOD DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT**

### **AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**16 OCTOBER 2014**

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)  
 A Bosmans (FODSA), P Cole (Office of Caroline Flint MP), L Daffern (Robin Hood Airport), S Dishman (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), B Johnson (Doncaster MBC (Substitute for Mayor Jones)), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Councillor H McNamee (Doncaster MBC), Councillor P J O'Connor (Lincolnshire County Council), Dr R Fleming (Vulcan to the Sky Trust), Councillor P Schofield (Observer), A Shirt (Secretary, South Yorkshire Joint Secretariat), A Storey OBE (Ex-Officio), M Trotter (Vulcan to the Sky Trust), Councillor Y D Woodcock (Doncaster MBC) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: J Bamford, Councillor Councillor B Barker, Councillor L Bramall, S Gill, Councillor Councillor B Hoyle, Mayor R Jones, K Naylor, County Councillor C Pearson, M Di Salvatore and Town Councillor P Scholey

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

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

An extended welcome went to Dr Robert Fleming and Michael Trotter from Vulcan to the Sky Trust.

Apologies for absence were noted above.

#### 2 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made at today's meeting.

#### 3 **PRESENTATION FROM VULCAN TO THE SKY TRUST**

Members received a presentation from Dr Robert Fleming, Chief Executive at Vulcan to the Sky Trust.

The presentation provided Members with a history of the Avro Vulcan, funding, hangar tours and plans for the future.

Members were informed that:



- On 18 October 2007 the Vulcan departed on its first flight following a 2 year restoration programme.
- Since 2007, there had been 192 flights; 272 flying hours; over 22 million people had seen the Vulcan at events and over £22m invested on the Vulcan's maintenance and restoration.
- It current costs £2.2m to fly the aircraft for one year, plus maintenance costs.
- Vulcan Experience Tours could be pre-booked online or by calling 0845 124 7285.
- The Vulcan Experience Tours had been ranked number 1 of 32 attractions in Doncaster on Trip Advisor.
- 25 September 2014 was the last flight of the Vulcan's flying season.
- The Vulcan's flying life would conclude at the end of 2015, a Business Plan was being developed for the Vulcan's legacy.

The Trust were currently working with the Aviation and Skills Partnership to create a Vulcan Aviation Academy, with the aim of attracting young people at an early age to consider a career in engineering and technology. It was indicated that the Academy would be built on site at Robin Hood Airport. It was anticipated that the Academy would be up and running in 2017/18.

Members were informed that the Vulcan to the Sky Trust would be holding an 'Expressions of Interest Day' on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Hangar 3, where the Aviation Skills Academy would provide a briefing on the plans to create a Vulcan Aviation Academy.

RESOLVED – That the Committee thank Dr Fleming and M Trotter for the interesting and informative presentation.

4 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JULY 2014

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Airport Consultative Committee held on 17 July 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

i) Reply to the Transport Select Committee's Announcement regarding an inquiry into smaller airports

It was reported that S Gill was currently working with P Nears on a detailed reply to the Transport Select Committee's announcement of 10 July 2014. An update would be given at the January 2015 meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern via S Gill**

ii) Thames Estuary Airport

Members noted that the Airports Commission had announced its decision not to add the inner Thames Estuary airport proposal to its shortlist of options for providing new airport capacity by 2030.

iii) Connections from RHADS to an international Hub

Councillor Johnson asked if there were any plans for Robin Hood to attract airlines which could take passengers to an international Hub, for example, Amsterdam or Heathrow. He asked if the Committee could help to lobby airlines for this service.

S Dishman commented that Doncaster Chamber would also support a Hub and Spoke model of operation. Adding that the Chamber would be happy to help lobby local businesses and the public in support of this model of operation.

A Tolhurst explained that in order for airlines to operate from an airport there needed to be a perceived level of commercial advantage. In respect of the Committees' role in lobbying, a discussion would need to take place with the Airport's Director, as it was unclear if the Committee could influence airlines.

**ACTION: A Tolhurst to clarify with S Gill.**

L Daffern indicated that she would make arrangements for Chris Harcombe (Head of Aviation Development) to attend the January meeting to explain the process which the airport goes through to attract new airlines to Robin Hood.

**ACTION: L Daffern**

iv) Pilgrim Fathers

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that along with the Airport Director, he had recently met with Tourism officers from Nottinghamshire, Bassetlaw and the Chairman of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association to further discuss the development of the Pilgrim Fathers trail. It had been agreed at the meeting that officers from the airport would meet again with the Chairman of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association and a PhD student to make progress with marketing the Pilgrim Fathers trail.

v) Airport Business Park Map, Master Plan and Vision Document

It was noted that the above action to supply Members with copies of the above was outstanding. **ACTION: L Daffern.**

vi) Litter on Old Bawtry Road, Finningley

L Daffern reported that following the July meeting, officers from the Airport had met with John Davies (Doncaster MBC, Environmental Health) to address the issue of littering on Old Bawtry Road.

Discussions were now taking place with Peel Airport's Legal Department and Doncaster MBC to clarify land ownership.

vii) Hedge Rows

L Daffern reported that some work had been carried out in cutting the hedge rows at Blaxton, however, this had been paused until land ownership had been clarified with Doncaster MBC and the Airport.

Members were reassured that once land ownership for the hedges had been clarified, then a scheduled maintenance of the hedge rows would be arranged.

L Daffern agreed to keep the Committee informed of progress and the outcome.

6 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Members noted that Lincolnshire County Council had appointed Councillor Johanna Churchill as substitute Member for Councillor Pat O'Connor.

RESOLVED – That the Membership update be noted.

7 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES REPORT

L Daffern, Head of Airport Services provided the Committee with an update regarding the commercial, marketing and operational issues at RHADS. In summary it was reported that:-

- Initial discussions were taking place with RAF Waddington and the Vulcan to the Sky Trust in relation to arranging a Family Fun Day at the Airport in 2015, with the possibility of holding an Air Show at the Airport in 2016. Early ideas were to arrange for a fleet of 10-12 aircrafts from the 1950's/1960's to be stationed at the Family Fun Day.

Councillor Woodcock asked if the Airport could work/ask the Yorkshire Wildlife Park at Doncaster to attend the event. L Daffern stated that the Airport would be looking to work with all the connections/organisations in the area.

Councillor Johnson asked that as Doncaster MBC's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Growth, Leisure and Tourism he be kept informed of developments due to Doncaster MBC's Marketing Team looking to support 12 events in the Doncaster area over the next twelve months.

- In terms of growth for next year, the Airport Director was anticipating this to be between ten to fifteen percent. A number of new opportunities were also being explored.
- Chris Harcombe had recently attended the World Routes Conference held in Chicago. His attendance at the conference was to promote the airport and to make the case for new air services.
- The Environment and Communities Officer, along with the Airport's Marketing Team would shortly be refreshing the Airport's Corporate Social Responsibility policy.
- Hanger 1 was currently being refurbished in preparation for use by 2Excel.

T Storey asked if the Isle of Man and Belfast City LinksAir service was being successful in terms of passenger numbers.

It was reported that load factors were steady; further work was still to be carried out to increase them.

A Bosmans asked if there had been any discussions with Jet2 to operate from Robin Hood, following the closure of Blackpool International Airport and its recent decision to base at Manchester Airport.

L Daffern confirmed that discussions had taken place with Jet2. In addition discussions had also taken place with Blackpool International Airport's staff regarding current job vacancies at Robin Hood, prior to the closure of the Airport.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACC NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 18 September 2014 be noted.

9 SCHEDULE OF 2015 MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the schedule of Airport Consultative Committee meetings for 2015 be agreed as follows:

Thursday 15 January 2015 (AGM and Ordinary Meeting)  
Thursday 16 April 2015  
Thursday 16 July 2015  
Thursday 15 October 2015

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

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Terminal Building – Addition of Passenger Waiting Area

Following feedback received from passengers, the Airport would be installing a 400 square meter addition at the rear of the terminal building. Installation would take place during January 2015, with works expected to take between 8-10 weeks.

ii) Customer Experience

T Storey suggested that it would be useful for the Committee to receive a briefing at future meeting regarding the customer experience from using the airport from start to finish.

It was also suggested that a briefing regarding how the airport arranges services for passengers with reduced mobility would be welcomed.

L Daffern agreed to provide briefings at the January meeting. **ACTION: L Daffern.**

iii) Airport Car Parking

A Bosmans reported that there had been a number of occasions over the summer period where the on-site car park had been full, causing passengers to panic.

L Daffern reported that following feedback from passengers, Ian Smith (the Airport's Commercial Manager) had taken on board the comments; plans were in place to rectify the issues raised. There were also plans in place to extend premium car parking by an additional 25 spaces over the winter period.

iv) Doncaster High Speed Rail College

Councillor Johnson informed the Committee that a new National College for High Speed Rail would be built in Doncaster, following a successful bid to the Centre for Rail Engineering and Technical Expertise.

The college would provide specialist vocational training to the next generation of engineers working on the High Speed 2 (HS2) project and beyond. The college would also enable local rail and engineering companies to build on their success, by upskilling their existing workforce and helping to attract new companies to the area.

Work would now begin on constructing the college and developing the available courses, before the site opens in September 2017.

The Committee commented that this was excellent news for Doncaster and for the Airport.

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS

i) 15 January 2015 – ACC Ordinary Meeting

The Committee noted that Peter Nears would be invited to attend the January meeting to inform the Committee about Peel's plans for the future of Robin Hood Airport and an update on the Airport's Master Plan.

A Tolhurst informed the Committee that the Section 106 Agreement between Doncaster MBC and the Airport would also be discussed at the January meeting.

ii) Lincoln Castle Restoration Project

A Tolhurst reported on-behalf of M Di Salvatore that a large restoration project was currently being carried out at Lincoln Castle. Some £22m is being spent on the Castle between 2011-14. It was intended that the revealing of the restored Lincoln Castle would be in time to celebrate the Magna Carta's 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015, which would attract thousands of visitors to the area.

Members were signposted to the following website for further information:  
<http://historiclincolntrust.org.uk/countdown-to-lincoln-castle-revealed>

M Di Savatore had indicated that if the Committee wished she would make arrangements for the Lincoln's Tourism Officer to attend a future meeting to give a more detailed presentation about the Countdown to Lincoln Castle Revealed project. The Committee commented that they would welcome this presentation.

**ACTION: A Shirt to arrange with M Di Salvatore for Lincoln's Tourism Officer to attend the April 2015 meeting.**

A Tolhurst indicated that he would also arrange for the Chairman of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association to attend the April meeting to provide the Committee with a progress update.

**RESOLVED** –That the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 15 January 2015 at 10:00 am in the Blenheim meeting room, Heyford House, Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.