

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

13 JULY 2017

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)

R Cooke (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Town Councillor A Copley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), County Councillor C Pearson (North Yorkshire County Council), Councillor C Perraton-Williams (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor A Smith (Bassetlaw District Council), A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor R Franklin (Barnsley MBC), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw DC), Councillor I Saunders (Sheffield City Council), Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport) and M McCoole (South Yorkshire Joint Authorities)

Apologies were received from: Councillor J Blackham, Councillor S Cox, Councillor D Lelliott and Councillor B Mordue

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed everyone to the July meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC).

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst informed Members of the cargo improvement service and the proposal for the railway link at DSA.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 6 April 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Vision for Transformational Growth

Members were informed of the progression of the Master Plan and that further information would be available shortly.

5 SIGNAGE - CORRESPONDENCE FROM MPS

A Tolhurst reported that he had written on behalf of the ACC to the three Doncaster MPs (Rt Hon Caroline Flint MP, Rt Hon Dame Rosie Winterton MP and the Rt Hon Edward Miliband MP) to set out the Committee's concerns regarding Highways England signage to DSA.

Members noted the replies received from Rt Hon Caroline Flint MP and Rt Hon Dame Rosie Winterton MP.

A Tolhurst queried whether Members had any further comments on DSA signage.

County Councillor Pearson had observed overgrown signage when travelling from Thorne on the A631 to the airport, and that the long banners at the airport were now mouldy and green, which did not present a good impression to visitors. He queried the change to the DSA logo.

R Cooke stated that DSA would take prominence on the new logo and that reference would also be made to Robin Hood.

A Bosmans stated that there was no DSA signage on the M1 until reaching the M18 at Doncaster. He considered that the signage overall was poor locally and that some major hub route signage was either poor or non-existent.

Members noted that the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee had made representation to MPs that DSA would deal with signage.

A Tolhurst requested Members to inform K Naylor of any signage problems.

ACTION:- All

6 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

A Tolhurst congratulated those Members that had been re-elected onto the Committee and he welcomed the incoming new Members.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the following changes of membership on the Airport Consultative Committee:-
 - West Lindsey District Council had appointed Councillor Jessie Milne (in place of Councillor Charles Strange).
 - Doncaster MBC had re-appointed Councillor Bill Mordue (to fill both Cabinet Member and SASIG Member positions).
Appointed Councillor Steve Cox (in place of Councillor Jane Cox).
Appointed Councillor Mick Cooper (in place of Councillor Rachael Blake).
Appointed Councillor Martin Greenhalgh (in place of Councillor Alan Smith).
 - North Yorkshire County Council had re-appointed County Councillor Chris Pearson.

- ii) Noted the following changes of membership on the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee:
- Doncaster MBC had re-appointed Councillors Tony Corden and Linda Curran. Appointed Councillor Steve Cox (in place of Councillor Jane Cox). Appointed Councillor Mick Cooper (in place of Councillor Rachael Blake). Appointed Councillor Martin Greenhalgh (in place of Councillor Alan Smith).
- Tickhill Town Council had appointed Town Councillor Nigel Cannings (in place of Town Councillor Gordon Whitehead).

7 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

R Cooke provided the Committee with an update on Airport Activities. In summary it was reported that:-

- The rolling 12 months passenger figure to the end of May 2017 now stood at over 1.3 million passengers. The 12 month rolling growth rate was 33%.
- New routes for 2017:-
 - Thomson to Dubrovnik and the reinstatement of Bourgas. Thomson would also add a weekly ski departure to Chambéry alongside the weekly Turin. Two Dreamliner cruise charters would also take place in the next 12 months, one to Jamaica and one to Barbados. A two week holiday on the islands was also available to book on those dates.
 - Flybe had commenced a new route to Palma de Mallorca for summer 2017.
 - Wizz's new route to Sofia, which began in December 2016, was performing well.
- Freight continued to perform well for the financial year to end of March 2017 being the busiest ever. A new weekly service from Nairobi for the import of perishable goods for major UK supermarket chains had begun. Items on board included beans and fresh flowers, ready packaged in Africa to go on the supermarket shelves. The cargo team had recently completed a series of charters for Sound Moves, a company that specialised in freight for music tours. On 3 and 4 July 2017 three Atlas Air B747-400 freighters flew in from Chicago with the band U2's stage and sound equipment (along with over 40 of Bono's 'spare' guitars).
- NPAS was expecting their first specially adapted fixed wing aircraft in the coming months and would be fully active from 2018. Until then, crews would be trained from DSA from their fixed wing HQ built at Hangar 0.
- ICE, the new foreign exchange provider, was now operating within the terminal building providing currency at high street rates with a click and collect facility.
- The extension to the Meet and Greet Car Park was now open and included a car wash facility.
- A rail study was being commissioned with funding from DSA, regional support and input from Network Rail, to consider the loop off of the east coast mainline to DSA.
- Consultation material was being finalised for the airspace change application, to be submitted on 14 August 2017, and would run for 13 weeks.

Parish Councillor McCarron queried whether improvements had been made to the pans outside of the cargo shed.

R Cooke referred to a project underway with LEP funding, to make improvements to one of the taxi ways and pans outside of the cargo shed. The project was currently going through the tendering stage. It was envisaged that engineers would be on site in early September 2017, and that the project would be completed by December 2017.

A dedicated facility was proposed to be built for the Vulcan, which would be moved outside to enable the works to commence.

Parish Councillor McCarron referred to a previous public enquiry which had indicated that a railway station at DSA would be operational by 2030.

R Cooke stated that it was envisaged that a railway station would be operational at DSA within a timescale of 10 years, at a cost of £160,000,000.

A Tolhurst invited all Members to an extraordinary meeting of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee on 10 August 2017 at 10.00 am, to provide Members with advanced sighting of the consultation material prior to the consultation launch.

Councillor Pidwell congratulated DSA on the scheduled freight. He queried whether Members could provide assistance in relation to the proposed railway station.

R Cooke commented that he would share the results of the study with Members in due course. He requested Members to convey supportive comments for the railway station at the time of the press releases.

ACTION:- All

The railway station would help to place DSA in a national context and provide assistance to other UK airports which were becoming constrained. Members noted the challenges in relation to Runway 3, which would provide DSA with an opportunity to assist Manchester Airport which had become very congested.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

8 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 JUNE 2017

The draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 22 June 2017 were presented for Members' information.

A Tolhurst drew Members' attention to the community investment fund applications submitted. Members noted that when DSA had first opened, PEEL had committed to provide funding to support community projects. In 2005, it had been agreed to support those projects in localities closest to DSA in favour of other projects, following which funding had ceased. In 2015/16 PEEL had agreed to re-launch the community investment fund with £5,000 funding to support projects within the Sheffield City Region.

The Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee sought guidance from ACC in relation to the community investment fund. A Tolhurst suggested that the ACC's advice to the airport operator should be that the original statement be used to support those projects within the Sheffield City Region; the footprint of the airport was more than just its immediate environment.

Parish Councillor McCarron suggested that the parish councils should have been informed that the funding was now available.

K Naylor stated that the funding had been advertised in the Doncaster Free Press newspaper.

A Tolhurst commented that the ACC's Members had a two way function to bring and convey information to/from local communities.

A Tolhurst suggested that the ACC endorsed that guidance be taken from DSA to look at projects rather than specific locations, with funding provided from PEEL.

RESOLVED – That Members:-

- i) Noted the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 22 June 2017.
- ii) Endorsed that guidance be taken from DSA to look at projects rather than specific locations, with funding provided from PEEL.

Parish Councillor McCarron voted against the decision.

9 **KEY POINTS AND OUTCOMES FROM THE UKACCS ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 7-8 JUNE 2017**

A Tolhurst stated that the DfT had assigned certain airports as designated airports i.e. London, Manchester and Luton airports, which under Section 35 of the Aviation Policy were required to have a consultative committee. Members noted that when PEEL had commenced running DSA for commercial activities, it had been determined prudent that the airport would be ran in the same way, hence the commencement of the ACC, which was a member of the UKACCs Secretariat.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the key points and outcomes from the UKACCs Secretariat Annual Meeting held on 7-8 June 2017.

10 **UKACC'S DRAFT RESPONSE ON THE PROPOSED AIRSPACE CHANGE PROCESS**

A Tolhurst referred Members to UKACCs Secretariat's draft response on the proposed airspace change process, with a view to changing the way airspace design was consulted upon to make the process more transparent and further involve communities. He added that following consultation on the proposal and draft letter, he had endorsed them on behalf of ACC.

RESOLVED – That Members noted the UKACCs Secretariat's draft response.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A Tolhurst referred to the recent email correspondence sent to Members in relation to the UKACCs Secretariat's CAA Aviation Noise Impacts Survey. He encouraged Members to complete the online survey. **ACTION:- All**

Members were informed that on 31 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. A Heritage Garden was in front of the Airport's Terminal Building with a stainless steel sculpture titled 'Aviator', with the Heritage Garden bounded by the fencing and gates that had previously formed the front entrance to the RAF station. The fence had plaques reinstated that showed 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.

County Councillor Pearson queried the position in relation to air passenger duty (APD).

R Cooke stated that the UK Airport Industry continued to lobby the Government in relation to APD. Scotland had lobbied to reduce APD over a phased period of time; a final decision would be made in October 2017.

Town Councillor Cropley queried DSA's views on 'Brexit' in relation to aviation.

R Cooke stated that whilst the timetable for 'Brexit' negotiations was fairly short, the timetable for the airline industry following the outcome was also fairly short. He remained optimistic that common sense would prevail for aviation.

Councillor Pidwell queried whether DSA had linkage with the various events and celebrations for the Mayflower 400.

A Tolhurst highlighted that DSA had been involved in the events 2 or 3 years ago. DSA had previously offered to work with travel agents in North America to publicise the airport and its work with the Pilgrim Fathers.

Councillor Pidwell stated that he would re-establish contact with the lead person at Bassetlaw District Council in relation to the matter. **ACTION:- Councillor Pidwell**

Councillor Milne referred to the momentum building up between West Lindsey District Council and Bassetlaw District Council on the matter.

Councillor Greenhalgh stated that Doncaster MBC had granted approval for a new library museum facility on the premises of the former grammar school, which could be of interest to PEEL.

A Tolhurst thanked R Cooke and K Naylor for the updates provided.

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 19 October 2017 at 10.00 am in the Blenheim Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, Doncaster.

CHAIR