

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

ORDINARY MEETING

25 JANUARY 2018

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), R Cooke (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Town Councillor A Cropley (Bawtry Town Council), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor D Lelliott (Rotherham MBC), Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), Councillor B Mordue (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor C Perraton-Williams (Lincolnshire County Council), Councillor M Quigley MBE (Nottinghamshire County Council), Councillor I Saunders (Sheffield City Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary), Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio) and Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: P Cole, Councillor M Cooper, M Cotterill, Councillor R Franklin, County Councillor C Pearson, Councillor D Pidwell and M Di Salvatore

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 19 October 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) DSA's New Master Plan

Members were informed that the new Master Plan would be published on the DSA website around March / April 2018 for public consultation.

5 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

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

- From 1st April to 31st December 2017, 1.3 million passengers had travelled from DSA.
- In the period 1st December to 31st December 2017, there had been a 2.4% growth in passenger numbers compared to the same period in 2016.
- Passenger numbers were beginning to steady; during December 2017, passenger numbers were down by 3%, mainly due to reductions in capacity by Wizz Air, post-Brexit. Although, there had been 8.9% growth in passenger numbers reported by Wizz Air.
- Flybe operations continued to perform very well, with a 4.3% increase in passenger numbers year-on-year.
- Flybe would be making changes to the aircrafts operated from DSA with the introduction of Embraer 125 aircrafts.
- TUI had added three new routes to its summer 2018 schedule to Kefalonia, Naples and Antalya.
- The Aviation Development Team at DSA continued to work with carriers regarding future opportunities at DSA.
- From 1st April 2017 to 31st December 2017, there had been a 7.5% decline in cargo transported from DSA. It was explained that the decline was due to DHL operations being handled by DSA in November/December 2016, whilst the runway at East Midlands Airport was being re-surfaced.
- Overall cargo operations were up by 3.2% year-on-year.
- DSA had secured two scheduled cargo contracts, with a third contract looking very likely in the next few days.
- Throughout January 2018 there had been a large number of Antonov AN 12 movements from DSA shipping car parts to Gothenburg.
- DSA's revised Master Plan was currently being finalised and would be published early into the 2018/19 financial year.
- Improvement works funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership Cargo Project, were almost complete on the Northern remote stands and taxiways of the runway. High-mass LED lighting had now been installed on the runway.
- The 2nd phase of the Local Enterprise Partnership Cargo Project was to re-configure and develop Hangar 1 to provide an improved through freight handling service.

- Development works had now commenced to extend the Airport's Premium Lounge to create extra capacity. The Premium Lounge would re-open to passengers in March 2018.
- Planning permission had recently been granted by Doncaster MBC to the Vulcan to the Sky Trust for the development of a new Heritage Hangar and Visitor Centre housing the Vulcan.
- A project was scheduled to commence shortly to widen the engine test bay area and to create an access road to enable access for larger aircrafts and trucks etc.
- Following the recent announcement that Carillion (main site contractor for the second and final phase of the Great Yorkshire Way) had entered into liquidation, discussions and negotiations had taken place with all partners, and it had been confirmed that Tarmac would become the sole and main contractor for the scheme which would complete the direct link to DSA from the motorway network at Junction 3 of the M18.
- Public consultation on proposed changes to the airspace around DSA had officially closed on 22 December 2017. The following key points were noted:-
 - 50% of responders were in support of the proposals;
 - 25% of responders had no comments or no objections to the proposals; and
 - 25% of responders objected to the proposals.

DSA were currently in the process of analysing all responses submitted and compiling a report on the consultation. DSA would then compile a formal Airspace Change Proposal (ACP) for submission to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), together with the proposed procedure designs in late February 2018.

The CAA would then assess the ACP in accordance with the Civil Aviation Publication 725 and the procedure designs in accordance with the provisions set out in Civil Aviation Publications 778 and 785. A regulatory decision on the ACP was expected in June 2018.

If the CAA approved the ACP and the associated procedure designs, DSA would then anticipate the procedures would be promulgated in the UK Aeronautical Information Publication for implementation around November / December 2018.

Members were thanked for submitted their responses and for publicising the consultation to their respective organisations.

Following a question from Councillor Quigley MBE, R Cooke outlined the process undertaken by DSA's Aviation Development Team to attract airlines to DSA.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

K Naylor reported that, following concerns raised by Members of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee, the criteria for the Community Investment Fund had been revised and consulted upon with Members of the Sub-Committee to take account of their concerns.

The Committee was informed that three applications held in abeyance last year, had now been assessed against the new funding criteria and a decision had been made to support all three applications from the Community Investment Fund.

It was also reported that the budget for the 2017/18 Community Investment Fund was now fully committed. A total of five projects had been supported by DSA in 2017/18.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2017

The draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2017 were presented for Members' information.

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 7 December 2017 be noted.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Drones

The Committee noted that the Government had announced plans to publish drone / UAV legislation in Spring 2018, to deliver some of the key measures set out in its July 2017 consultation response.

On a related matter, Parish Councillor McCarron reported that she had recently tried to report the sighting of a drone in Blaxton to the Airport, without success.

R Cooke agreed to investigate with Air Traffic Control. **ACTION: R Cooke**

ii) Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM) Accessibility Open Day – Monday 5 February 2018

K Naylor reported that DSA would be hosting a PRM Accessibility Open Day on Monday 5 February 2018 for groups and individuals who are interested in finding out more about accessibility at the airport. **ACTION: K Naylor / A Shirt to forward further details regarding the Open Day onto Members.**

Post meeting note – the PRM Accessibility Open Day scheduled for Monday 5 February 2018, has been rescheduled to Monday 26 March 2018.

iii) ACC Member Visits to Observe Airport Operations

A Tolhurst reported that the Airport would be arranging for Members to receive a tour of the airfield, terminal building and cargo hangar during the forthcoming year.

9 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on Thursday 12 April 2018 at 10:00 am in the Blenheim Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR