

Consultative Committee

DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

18 OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT: Alan Tolhurst OBE (Chair)
A Bosmans (FODSA), Councillor M Cooper (Doncaster MBC), S Cox (Doncaster MBC), Councillor M Greenhalgh (Doncaster MBC), Councillor J Milne (West Lindsey District Council), B Mordue (Doncaster MBC), K Naylor (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), R O'Toole (Doncaster Sheffield Airport), Councillor D Pidwell (Bassetlaw District Council), A Rutherford (Doncaster Chamber of Commerce), I Saunders (Sheffield City Council), A Shirt (Committee Secretary) and Y D Woodcock (Ex-Officio)

Noise Monitoring & Environmental Sub-Committee representatives:-
Parish Councillor N McCarron (Blaxton Parish Council) and
Parish Councillor J Worthington (Cantley with Branton Parish Council)

Apologies were received from: R Cooke, M Cotterill,
Town Councillor A Cropley, Councillor D Lelliott and Councillor M Quigley MBE

1 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A Tolhurst welcomed Members to the October meeting of the Airport Consultative Committee (ACC). An extended welcome went to Amy Rutherford; the new ACC representative for Doncaster Chamber of Commerce.

Introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted as above.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Tolhurst reported that the Committee was meeting today against an uncertain backdrop; it was anticipated that there would be a decision made today at the EU summit with regards to a final Brexit deal. The effect this would have on the aviation industry continued to be very uncertain.

It had recently been reported that Flybe had issued a profits warning due to falling consumer demand across Europe.

News had also emerged that Gatwick Airport's draft Masterplan detailed proposals how the Airport could potentially bring into routine use an existing emergency runway for departing flights, to be used alongside its main runway. The proposals would see an incremental increase in flights of up to 20-30% creating additional capacity in London.

Referring to the local aviation scene, A Tolhurst commented that it was excellent news that DSA had been named the best airport in the UK for under 10 million passengers in 2018 by Which? Magazine for the second time.

On behalf of the Committee, A Tolhurst congratulated the Airport on this fantastic achievement.

Members were informed that, to coincide with the 100th Anniversary since World War I, the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust intended to erect a memorial at each known disused airfield site in Britain.

Arrangements had been made for a memorial plaque to be erected in the memorial site situated at the front of the DSA Terminal Building in recognition of the former Brancroft World War I Airfield, which had been situated to the South of the Airport.

A memorial plaque unveiling ceremony would take place at 11:00 am on Friday 9th November 2018; all Members were invited to attend.

A Tolhurst informed Members that, DSA's Chief Executive, Steve Gill had left his role on 30 September 2019, after seven years at Airport to take up a position as Managing Director at Bournemouth Airport.

Members wished to record their sincere thanks to Steve for his dedication and leadership over the last seven years and wished him well for the future.

In the interim period whilst a new Chief Executive is appointed, the Peel Board had made a decision to strengthen DSA's management structure with the promotion of Kate Stow to Marketing and Corporate Affairs Director, and Ian Smith to Commercial and Passenger Experience Director. The full Executive Management team now comprises:

- Chris Harcombe – Aviation Development Director
- Ian Smith - Commercial and Passenger Experience Director
- Kate Stow – Marketing and Corporate Affairs Director
- Mike Cotterill – Finance Director
- Rob Cooke – Operations Director

Members congratulated K Stow and I Smith on their promotions.

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2018

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the ACC meeting held on 12 July 2018 be noted as a correct record, subject to the minutes being amended to state that the Airport currently employed 140 members of staff.

4 MATTERS ARISING

i) Passengers with Reduced Mobility (PRM) Accessibility Open Day

K Naylor reported that a PRM Open Day had been held on 17 October 2018.

The Airport and its onsite PRM provider (Westgrove Group) had met with local disability groups on the day to increase their awareness of the PRM facilities provided at the Airport. Attendees had also been provided with a demonstration of the new aircraft Ambulift, which was used to transport passengers with reduced mobility on their embarkation and disembarkation of the aircraft.

ii) Educational School Visits to DSA

K Naylor reported that no further requests had been received from schools wishing to visit the Airport. It was noted that smaller group visits were preferable to large groups.

A Bosmans commented that FODSA may be able to offer their assistance at future visits.

K Naylor added that, subject to resources, the Airport were looking to re-invigorate their attendance at local careers fairs.

Representatives from DSA would be in attendance at the Rotherham Jobs and Careers Event to be held on 12 November 2018 at Magna, Rotherham.

Additionally, representatives from DSA, TUI, Securitas and other partners' located onsite at the Airport would be in attendance at the Doncaster Skills Fest taking place on 17 February 2019, at Doncaster Dome.

Councillor Milne asked if the Airport could share any publicity with Members. K Naylor acknowledged this request.

iii) Airspace Modernisation Update

A Tolhurst reported that, following consideration and comments received from Members of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee, he had responded on behalf of the ACC to the CAA's consultation on its CAP1690: Draft Airspace Modernisation Strategy, which set out a draft plan for the use of UK airspace up to 2040, including its modernisation.

A Tolhurst acknowledged that it was often difficult for Members to provide their comments on technical terms contained with consultation documents; however, any meaningful comments received from Members' from a local view point would be included within the ACC's response.

It was noted that, following the CAA's consideration of DSA's Airspace Change Proposal (ACP), the CAA had advised DSA that due to current resource difficulties within the CAA, approval would be delayed and challenges co-ordinating implementation with wider NATS changes to upper airspace meant that the earliest the proposals would be implemented would be May 2019.

Additionally, the British Gliding Association (BGA) had submitted a proposal to the CAA to sponsor an Airspace Change affecting airspace across a swathe of the North East including that around Doncaster, Durham and Leeds-Bradford Airports.

A Tolhurst reported that arrangements had been made for Members of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee to receive a presentation on Controlled Airspace at their meeting scheduled for Thursday 6 December 2018. All Members of the ACC were invited to attend the meeting.

5 OVERVIEW OF THE INTERIM CONSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT ON THE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN 2018 - 2037

R O'Toole provided the Committee with an overview of the Interim Consultation Summary Report on the Doncaster Sheffield Airport draft Masterplan 2018-2037.

Members were reminded that the draft Masterplan (available online at <http://flydsa.co.uk/masterplan/>) had been published for consultation over a ten week period between March and May 2018.

A series of presentations setting out details contained within the Masterplan and information about the consultation had been delivered to stakeholders, local schools and eleven public drop-in consultation events, which had been held during the ten week consultation.

In total 1,632 responses were received to the consultation. This included feedback from individual members of the public, private and public sector organisations. Over 90% of the feedback received was positive, with respondents expressing strong support for the vision and objectives set out in the Masterplan.

The comments received identified a number of overarching themes, including airport infrastructure, transport (including the vision for a DSA railway station), connectivity and potential environmental impacts of the proposals. It was noted that all comments raised in response to the consultation were being considered in preparation of the final Airport Masterplan.

Members discussed the overarching themes, noting that a number of assessments would need to be carried out by the Airport, prior to any decisions being taken.

Councillor Cox made a request for the Airport to engage with local businesses, parish councils and residents with regards to keeping them updated on its plans.

R O'Toole acknowledged Councillor Cox's request. He added that engagement with local stakeholders was included within the Airport's Communications plans.

The final Masterplan would be published by the end of 2018, together with a final version of the Consultation Summary Report.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

6 AIRPORT ACTIVITIES UPDATE REPORT

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

- During the period April to August 2018, passenger numbers had totalled 606,000. In comparison to the same period last year, there had been 650,000 passengers (a 7% decline).

Wizz Air's decision to reduce capacity across its whole network had impacted on passenger numbers at DSA.

- DSA were currently projecting 1.24 million passengers to transit the Airport during the current financial year.
- Wizz Air had recently launched a new route to Budapest. Three flights per week would be operating from DSA starting on 29th October 2018.
- TUI had announced new routes at the Airport from 2019, to include long-haul flights to Sanford, Florida, along with four new unique routes to Pula, Hurghada, Kos and Bodrum.
- The Aviation Development Team continued to pursue an existing enquiry with a low cost carrier. A decision was expected imminently which would see one aircraft being based at the Airport during summer 2019.
- From 1st April 2018, cargo operations had been in-sourced to become under DSA's control.
- The Airport's Cargo Team had processed 5,986 tonnes of freight from 1st April to 31st August 2018. This compared to 2,546 in the same period last year.
- The Airport's Cargo Team were currently on-track to process 12,000 tonnes of freight during the 2018/19 financial year. This compared to 11,540 tonnes for the 2017/18 financial year.
- DSA had recently appointed a new Cargo Manager, Ray Wood, who would commence in post at the beginning of December 2018.
- Following receipt of funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership, improvement works to the Cargo shed were now complete.
- Construction work to create a new Hangar for the Children's Air Ambulance was expected to be built in the next 6 months.
- The first two National Police Air Service (NPAS) aircrafts had arrived onsite during the summer. NPAS were currently in the 'testing' phase prior to commencing live operations.

Parish Councillor McCarron commented that she had recently observed a number of helicopters flying over Blaxton. It was queried if the helicopters were taking-off from the Airport. **ACTION: K Naylor to confirm.**

- The Fly DSA website had recently been updated with new vibrant branding launched to reflect that DSA promises to deliver 'Easy, Friendly and Relaxed' travel to its passengers. Additionally, two large posters displaying the new branding were now on display at the Terminal Building.

Y Woodcock commented that, from her own recent experience of travelling from the Airport, the passenger experience had been very good.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

7 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE NOISE MONITORING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED – That the draft minutes of the Noise Monitoring and Environmental Sub-Committee held on 13 September 2018 be noted.

8 SCHEDULE OF 2019 MEETING DATES

RESOLVED – That future meetings of the Airport Consultative Committee be held on:-

Thursday 24 January 2019 (AGM and Ordinary)

Thursday 11 April 2019

Thursday 11 July 2019

Thursday 24 October 2019

All meetings will commence at 10:00 am, in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport, unless stated otherwise.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i) Freedom of Doncaster Borough – Yvonne Woodcock

The Committee congratulated Yvonne Woodcock on recently receiving the Freedom of Doncaster Borough in recognition of her tireless charity and voluntary work and years of public service.

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED – That the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary meeting of the ACC will be held on Thursday 24 January 2019, at 10:00 am, in the Ambition Meeting Room, Heyford House, Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

CHAIR