

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY 2014

PRESENT:	Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Councillor David Miller (Vice Chairman)	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Stephen Wiltshire	EDAL
	Gary Holley	Flybe
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Councillor Noel Finegan	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Rufus Heald	Airport User
	Jo Talbot	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Angela Fletcher	Farringdon Parish Council
	Richard Bristowe	Aviation South West
	Michael Burden	Clyst Honiton Community Association
APOLOGIES	Councillor Derek Button	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Councillor Phil Twiss	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Oonagh Reffell	Flybe
	Angie Hurren	Broadclyst Parish Council

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.15 pm.

*1 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Richard Bartlett be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

*2 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED that Angela Fletcher be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Members noted with regret that Dave Millar would be leaving the consultative Committee and thanked him for his service to the Committee since December 2009 and in the last year as Vice Chairman. He was wished good luck in his continuing retirement in Gloucestershire.

*3 **Appointment of Secretary**

RESOLVED that East Devon District Council be invited to continue to provide the secretary to service the Consultative Group meetings for the year.

*4 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 February 2014, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*5 **Matters Arising**

Draft Constitution for Exeter Airport Consultative Committee

Members received and discussed the Draft Constitution for Exeter Airport Consultative Committee prepared by Richard Bartlett, Chairman. Members wished to thank Richard Bartlett for this work on behalf of the Group. It was noted that having a Consultative Committee was an important part of running Exeter Airport.

Richard Bartlett confirmed that having details of the Consultative Committee on the Airport's website was part of the Constitution process and it was important to keep local communities better informed about what the Committee did. He had agreed prepare a revised set of wording for the Consultative Committee's section on the Airports website.

Members noted that the Police and Air Ambulance would be giving a presentation to members at the next meeting in July and would be asked if they wanted to join the Consultative Committee as members. It was noted that the Board of Flybe had offered to give the Committee a tour of their facilities at Exeter (including lunch) for the September meeting of the Consultative Committee. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL had also agreed to offer the Committee a tour of all the Airport's operation at a future date to be agreed.

RESOLVED that the Draft Constitution for Exeter Airport Consultative Committee be accepted.

*6 **Report of the Managing Director**

Consideration was given to the report of Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL.

The Consultative Committee noted that passenger numbers for February 2014 were 10% up on February 2013 and 11% higher than forecast. March was 3% up on the previous year and 4% higher than forecast. The Airport was in the process of finalising the figures for April but it was anticipated that they would show an increase on passenger numbers of 9% on April 2013. One of the reasons behind the growth in domestic scheduled passenger traffic was the improvement in load factors, with Flybe working to improve load factors on all its routes.

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL reported that the Airport had received a very positive CAA Audit. He then confirmed efforts to reposition the Airport, as a key asset for the South West were continuing and he had meet a number of outside organisations, including the Plymouth Manufacturing Group, Devon & Cornwall Business Council and the Exeter & Heart of Devon Growth Board. The Airport' was seeking to enhance its public transport links which had the potential to be improved by the building of the new railway station for Cranbrook, which could be branded as the railway station for Exeter Airport, and also improvements to bus routes.

Devon County Council was planning to widen the access road from the A30 from the roundabout to the turning into Long Lane. This work was expected to start in the summer and Airport Management was looking to work with contractors to minimise delays and inconvenience.

*6 **Report of the Managing Director (Cont)**

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL reported that Flybe's rebranding to purple had been rolled out. They also had a share issue which has produced £150M to move the company towards growth mode. The Airport management was continuing to develop its relationship with the new senior management team at Flybe.

The announcement by Flybe of the flights to London City Airport had been a very positive one for the Airport and Flybe and brought considerable positive publicity. The importance of quick passenger turn around in order to make the service successful was emphasised. In response to a question from a member, Matt Roach confirmed that the Airport was investigating the potential for air cargo at the Airport. Matt Roach also noted that the Police and Air Ambulance facility would be operational from next week.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*7 **Report from Flybe representative**

Members again welcomed the positive news that Flybe would shortly be operating daily services to London City Airport and wished them every success with this service.

*8 **Complaints Handling**

Stephen Wiltshire, Operations Director, EDAL reported that there had been no complaints received since the last meeting. There had been two questions received from property owners about the Airports operation. It was expected that the speed hump would be removed from outside Mr and Mrs Johnson's property shortly which would overcome many of their complaints about noise from Royal Mail vehicles

*9 **Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 23 July 2014, commencing at 3.15 pm. To include a presentation from the Police and Air Ambulance.

Chairman Date