

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT:	Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Stephen Ayres	EDAL
	Councillor Phil Twiss	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Gary Holley	Flybe
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	Councillor Noel Finegan	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Rufus Heald	Airport User
	Jo Talbot	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	David Mason	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Naomi Harnett	New Community Projects Officer
	Janet Wallace	East Devon District Council
	Dave Montgomery	Clyst Honiton Community Association
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Paul Willoughby	Flybe
	Hannah Whitfield	EDDC
APOLOGIES	Andy Wood	East Devon District Council
	Angie Hurren	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Oonagh Reffell	Flybe
	Stephen Wiltshire	EDAL
	Michael Burden	Clyst Honiton Community Association

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.25 pm.

***33 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10 December 2014, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***34 Matters Arising**

It was noted that the Consortium planning application for the 1,500 houses to be built south of the old A30 had now been received by EDDC. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that he was liaising closely with EDDC on this matter.

***35 Visit to Devon Air Ambulance**

Members wished to thank Devon Air Ambulance for hosting the interesting and informative visit by the Consultative Committee earlier in the afternoon, which had further enhanced members' knowledge of the variety of activities that were undertaken at Exeter Airport in line with DfT guidelines.

***36 Changes to Committee Constitution**

To consider the following change to the Committee Constitution:

6. New Members and discipline

'Membership of the Committee shall be approved by unanimous vote. Membership of the Committee maybe terminated by a majority vote in the event of behaviour or actions of a member or members that may be deemed inappropriate or considered likely to bring the Committee into disrepute'

RESOLVED that the suggested amendment to the Committee Constitution be agreed, subject to the removal of the words "deemed inappropriate or".

***37 Complaints Handling**

Stephen Ayres, Communications Manager, EDAL, reported that there had been 2 enquiries received on noise issues since the last meeting. These had involved an enquiry from an architect designing the new housing development at Cranbrook on noise contours from engine testing, which had been supplied to him. There had also been a complaint from a resident of St Leonard's, Exeter regarding a Globemaster C17 aircraft, which had been referred to the military.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

***38 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 November 2014 were 15% higher than November 2013 and 10% up on budget. October was 12% up on the previous year, but 4% down on budget. The final passenger figures for 2014 were expected to show a 4% increase overall. Passenger numbers for January were also expected to show a good increase. One of the reasons for the growth in domestic scheduled passenger traffic was the improvement in load factors, with Flybe working to improve load factors on all its routes. Other reasons were the London City route plus Newcastle and a fourth Manchester service, which offset the loss of the Glasgow service.

It was also noted that work was progressing around improvements to the B3184; the diversions would be in place for a further week when the road was temporarily made one way. There would then follow a period of night time road closures for the final resurfacing works. Details would be given to the public by South West Highways in due course. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL wished to thank local parishes for putting up with the disruption; works would be finished by the end of March 2015. Councillor David Mason form Rockbeare Parish Council reported on damage to the edge of road verge in his parish due to the diversions. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL agreed that DCC should be asked whether this could be paid for out of the road improvement scheme fund.

Royal Mail operations at the Airport were being scaled down from 2 flights a night to 1 from Monday. The Managing Director agreed to notify members of the exact timing of

the remaining flight (Update – The flight leaves Exeter at 23.35, returning at 0200). The capital investment in the airport continued and the new executive lounge was due to be opened next weekend.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

***39 Report from Flybe representative**

Paul Willoughby, Flybe reported that the 2015 summer schedule was still being finalised, but would be operated by Flybe's fleet of jet aircraft.

The business was still only a year into its three year plan to turn the airline around. Quarter 3 results had not been as good as hoped due to issues surrounding the disposal of unwanted jet aircraft and fuel hedging. The fare structure had been restructured and produced more fares and the business was aiming at 75% load factors, utilisation of aircraft had also increased greatly.

Paul Willoughby reported that the London service was being reduced from 2 to 3 flights daily from Monday, due to lower load factors on the mid day service. It was the intention of Saad Hammad, Managing Director of Flybe to continue to take costs out of the business and in the next year save £24million. He had recently negotiated with an American airline for them to take on some of the orders for jet aircraft in return for more of the dual efficient Q400 aircraft, which it was anticipated would save the business millions of pounds. Flybe's business would be modelled as a 90 minute journey airline, acting as a feeder operation for bigger airlines.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

***40 Clyst Honiton Parish Council**

Lyne Askew, Chairman of Clyst Honiton Parish Council, reported that the Parish Council had been granted use of the old Clyst Honiton school playing field. After consultation with local children it had been decided to have a play area installed with an airport theme. Both Exeter Airport and Flybe had been willing to support the scheme and help it progress. The design for the play area, which was based on an airfield control tower and biplane and had been designed by Flybe staff, were circulated to members.

It was noted that the Parish Council also had plans to put a pavilion on the playing field, which could be part funded by money from Devon County Council.

***41 Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 13 May 2015. This would include the day long visit to the Airport and details would be circulated to member's when known.

Chairman Date