

## EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2015

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman) Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council Farrington Parish Council
	Matt Roach Stephen Wiltshire Councillor Don Axford Chris Lane John Smith Sam Thomas Councillor Noel Finegan Lynne Askew Rufus Heald Councillor David Mason Naomi Harnett	EDAL EDAL Bishops Clyst Parish Council East Devon District Council East Devon District Council East Devon District Council Aylesbeare Parish Council Clyst Honiton Parish Council Airport User Rockbeare Parish Council Exeter and East Devon Growth Point Clyst Honiton Community Association Cranbrook Town Council
	Dave Montgomery  Councillor Phil Tucker	
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillor Ian Holmes Paul Willoughby Ian Payne Rob Murray Councillor Henry Gent Councillor Phil Twiss Josefina Gori	Ottery St Mary Town Council Flybe DAAT EDDC Broadclyst Parish Council East Devon District Council Ottery St Mary Town Council

The meeting started at 2.30 pm and ended at 3.45 pm.

**\*11 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 May 2015, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**\*12 Visit to East of Exeter Projects**

Members wished to thank Andy Wood, East of Exeter Projects for arranging the interesting and informative visit to the East of Exeter Projects by the Consultative Committee earlier in the day. This was the last in the series of visits that had improved members' knowledge of the variety of activities that were undertaken in and around Exeter Airport in line with DfT guidelines.

**\*13 Discussion on the Committee's Visits over the last twelve months**

Members discussed the success of the Committee's series of visits over the last twelve months.

During discussions, the following points were noted:

- The visits had helped members understand the operation of the airport and surrounding area;
- It had presented a unique opportunity to see airport facilities and how they worked, and better equipped committee members to be the impartial intermediary between the airport and the community;
- Some concerns expressed about the effect of the expansion of Cranbrook on the airport, members did not wish to see the airport surrounded by housing;
- Keen to see that the airport had a working relationship with current and future neighbours;
- The Consultative Committee should be a consultee on planning applications which affected the airport, in a similar way to other regional airports consultative committees.

John Smith, Environmental Health Officer, informed members that he was working with the airport on the noise effect of the airport and future developments. This included taking noise measurements and calculating movements. An assessment for noise profiles from the airport would be produced from this data.

**RESOLVED** that Sam Thomas, Planning Officer, raise the issue of the Consultative Committee being a consultee for planning applications which affect the airport with the Service Lead - Planning Strategy and Development Management .

**\*14 Request to have a representative of Cranbrook Town Council on the Consultative Committee**

Members considered the request to have a representative of Cranbrook Town Council on the Consultative Committee.

**RESOLVED** that a representative of Cranbrook Town Council be appointed to sit on the Consultative Committee.

**\*15 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 April 2015 were 5% higher than April 2014. May was 3% up on the previous year and June was 5% up on prior year. Annual passenger numbers for the airport were now over 800,000, for the first time since 2009. One of the reasons for the growth in domestic scheduled passenger traffic was the continued improvement in load factors, with Flybe working to improve load factors on all its routes with a more competitive price structure.

It was noted that numbers for the Flybe London City flight were improving and that the time of the evening return flight would be changing from 8.30pm to 5.30pm. Flybe sun routes would now be running until November, which should mean increased passenger numbers for the airport. Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, further reported on the impact on the airport of various planning applications in the area and also on the Davies Commission, which had put Heathrow at the forefront of airport expansion plans for the south east.

A Committee member raised the issue of the excessive cost of taxi fares from the airport. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, agreed to raise this issue with the taxi companies operating at the airport. The need was also recognised for a more integrated transport network around the airport and how this could be improved. The

same Committee member also raised the issue of Flybe flights from Orkney not always operating and the problems this raised making other connections. Matt Roach reported that Flybe were addressing problems of the resilience of their fleet of aircraft.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

\*16 **Report from Flybe representative**

The report on Flybe's activities had been covered under the Managing Directors report above.

\*17 **Complaints Handling**

Stephen Wiltshire, Operations Director, EDAL reported that there had been three complaints and one enquiry since the last meeting. The three complaints were from Clyst St Mary, Marsh Green and the Old Park Avenue area of Exeter concerning an RAF Globemaster aircraft which was loud and flying low. The complaints had been acknowledged and sent to the RAF's Low Flying Complaints Unit. The enquiry was also concerning an Executive aircraft flying over Exeter at 4.00am.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

\*18 **Date of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 7 October 2015, commencing at 3.15 pm.

\*19 **Thanks to Chairman, Richard Bartlett**

Members of the Consultative Committee wished to thank the Chairman of the Consultative Committee, Richard Bartlett for arranging the interesting and informative series of visits during the past year.

Chairman ..... Date .....