

# EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2015

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman) Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council Farrington Parish Council
	Matt Roach Stephen Wiltshire Paul Willoughby Councillor Don Axford Chris Lane John Smith Councillor Lynne Askew Rufus Heald Councillor David Mason Mike Burden	EDAL EDAL Flybe Bishops Clyst Parish Council East Devon District Council East Devon District Council Clyst Honiton Parish Council Airport User Rockbeare Parish Council Clyst Honiton Community Association
	Councillor Nick Partridge Councillor Phil Twiss Councillor Ian Holmes Sam Thomas Andy Wood	Cranbrook Town Council EDDC Ottery St Mary Town Council EDDC Planning EEDGP
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Councillor Jo Geri Councillor Phil Tucker Ian Payne	Ottery St Mary Town Council Cranbrook Town Council DAAT

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.30 pm.

**\*28 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman thanked the management team at EDAL and all the members of the Committee for their excellent support for the Consultative Committee throughout the past year.

**\*29 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 October 2015, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**\*30 Matters Arising**

Clyst Honiton Neighbourhood Plan

Lynne Askew, Chairman of Clyst Honiton Parish Council, reported that her Parish Council was allocating housing and a community facility via its Neighbourhood Plan and invited the Airport and Consultative Committee to officially respond to the Plan.

Consultative Committee section of the Airport Website

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, reported that the Consultative Committee section of the Airport website needed updating and David Mason volunteered to undertake this work.

Liaison with other Regional Airports

Members noted that the proposed visit to Bristol Airport was still planned for the spring/summer 2016. Further details would be provided in the New Year

**\*30 Consultative Committee Acting as Consultee on Planning**

**Applications affecting the Airport**

In response to a request from the Consultative Committee, Sam Thomas, Planning Officer reported that the EDDC Development Manager had agreed for the Consultative Committee to be a consultee for planning applications which affected the Airport. However, it was stressed that the Committee would only be given the standard 21 days for a response, as per the current Parish Council consultation process. Richard Bartlett, Chairman, confirmed that he would be the point of contact for major planning applications affecting the Airport, as the Committee only met bi-monthly.

Members acknowledged that future developments on the south side of Cranbrook should take into account both the views of the Airport and also the Consultative Committee. Members wished to express the view that the EDDC planners were very helpful when giving advice on planning applications, particularly to parish councils. It was acknowledged that EDDC had an above average win rate for appeals and Andy Wood, East of Exeter Projects Director, confirmed that all planning applications for Cranbrook were regularly updated on the EDDC website.

**RESOLVED** that Richard Bartlett, Chairman, be nominated as the formal point of contact for planning applications referred to Exeter International Airport Consultative Committee.

**\*31 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 September 2015 were 2% higher than last year, but 2% down on budget. October was 23% up on the previous year and 7% above budget, Annual rolling passenger numbers for the Airport were in the region of 825,000. Members noted that this large monthly increase was in part due to sun flights continuing into October; the passenger figures however for November and December were not expected to be as healthy.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, further reported on the positive Flybe profit results for the first part of the year and the Flybe summer schedule 2016. The Airport had also been engaging closely with local stakeholders, such as the LEP, MP, EDDC, Stagecoach and Highways England. The Airport had also been heavily featured in the latest AOA film and the Managing Director agreed to forward a link to this film via the secretary.

A Committee member raised the issue of the number of flights using the Airport outside of the published operating hours and the Operations Director reported these were Royal Mail flights and some chartered flights during the summer.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**\*32 Noise report for the Airport**

John Smith, Environmental Health Officer reported on Part 1 of the Updated Noise Impact Assessment prepared for Exeter Airport in connection with the proposed southern expansion of Cranbrook. Part 1 of the report set out the framework for the

main report. The main report was Part 2 and was at present in draft form only and would be more widely available in the New Year. It was hoped that this report would set the acceptable limit of development for the southern extension of Cranbrook.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**\*33 Report from Flybe representative**

Paul Willoughby, Flybe, gave an update on Flybe activities. The half year results were now available and showed a profit for the business of £26.8M. Load factors were running at 73% and the number of seats offered had increased by 13%. The business was benefiting from a reduction in its cost base, but, due to hedging in previous years, the benefits of the reduction in fuel prices would not be effective until later in 2016.

Flybe had achieved funding from the Regional Air Connectivity Fund for the Exeter to Norwich route which it was hoped it could implement in 2016. The London City route had recently been reduced to one return flight, but this was showing encouraging passenger numbers.

**\*34 Complaints Handling**

Stephen Wiltshire, Operations Director, EDAL reported that there had been three complaints received since the last meeting. The first was from Perkins Village concerning the Queens flight and had been referred to the RAF. The second was from Feniton and was thought concerned C17 aircraft training. The last was from St Leonards and concerned low flying by a commercial aircraft. All complaints had been replied to and dealt with appropriately

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**\*35 Date of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 17 February 2016, commencing at 3.15 pm.

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