

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE NEW BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON
WEDNESDAY,
21 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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| PRESENT: | Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman) | Woodbury Parish Council |
| | Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman) | Farringdon Parish Council |
| | Chris Lane | East Devon District Council |
| | Janet Wallace | EDDC Environmental Health |
| | Matt Roach | EDAL |
| | Councillor Ian Holmes | Ottery St Mary Town Council |
| | Sam Thomas | EDDC Planning |
| | Ian Payne | DAAT |
| | David Mason | Rockbeare Parish Council |
| | Sarah Vaughan | Broadclyst Parish Council |
| | Councillor Don Axford | Bishops Clyst Parish Council |
| | Councillor Lynne Askew | Clyst Honiton Parish Council |
| | Councillor Nick Partridge | Cranbrook Town Council |
| | Paul Willoughby | Flybe |
| | Karen Jennings | Cranbrook Town Council |
| | J Edbrooke | Clyst Honiton Parish Council |
| APOLOGIES | Councillor Phil Twiss | EDDC |
| | Henry Gent | Broadclyst Parish Council |
| | Councillor Jo Geri | Ottery St Mary Town Council |
| | Councillor Pete Edwards | Exeter City Council |
| | John Smith | EDDC Environmental Health |
| | Jeremy Wollen | Rockbeare Parish Council |

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.50 pm.

***24 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee.

***25 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 July 2016, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***26 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

***27 Matters Arising**

Cranbrook Development Plan - Consultation

Members of the Consultative Committee noted that over the summer, Richard Bartlett, Chairman, received a request for comments on the Cranbrook Development Plan. Members expressed concerns that they did not want to see development of Cranbrook South abutting the northern boundary of the Airport. They felt that this would be detrimental to the future well being of the residents of those properties under World Health Organisation guidance regarding the level of noise that could damage

health. Instead they wished to see this land left as agricultural and used as a buffer between Cranbrook and the Airport.

During discussions the following points were raised:

- Improvement needed with the transport links between Cranbrook, the station and airport;
- Concern over a number of night time ground engine test runs during the summer which had disturbed the sleep of a member of the Committee living in Cranbrook;

- RESOLVED**
1. that Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, be requested to talk to Flybe regarding the number of night time ground engine runs during the summer and point out the affect on the residents of Cranbrook;
 2. that the Consultative Committee would not wish to see the southern edge of Cranbrook developed to the northern edge of the Airport and that there should be a buffer of agricultural land between the two.

Reasons

1. Support for the Airport and its continued growth and concerns that this would be constrained by future development of Cranbrook.
2. Protection of future occupants of homes next to the Airport.
3. that members of the Consultative Committee forward their views to the secretary for collation. These would then be sent to EDDC by the Chairman as the views of the Consultative Committee.

Visit to Bristol Airport

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, reported that he was still waiting to hear from Bristol airport about arrangements for a visit.

*28 **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 June 2016 were in line with 2015 but 1% up on budget; passenger numbers for July 2016 were 4% up on 2015, and 1% up on budget. Passenger traffic in August was 5% up on 2015 and 1% up on budget. It was noted that the mix of passengers had changed compared with previous years with more domestic and fewer international. These figures represented a steady performance with gradual growth which the Managing Director felt the Airport could support.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, advised that he expected to see further improvements in passenger numbers into the winter with the Alicante and Malaga flights now year round instead of seasonal. There would also be additional ski flights to Geneva. There had also been additional military training and troop movements associated with the Airport. The website had been redeveloped and members were encouraged to visit it and comment on improvements.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*29 **Report from Flybe representative**

Paul Willoughby, Flybe reported the following:

- Flybe had continued to reduce costs per seat and increase the number of passengers. They had reported their first profit since 2010;
- Brexit continued to affect consumer and business confidence;
- There were 75% load factors on Exeter flights for the whole of the summer against 80% for 2015.
- It was hoped that the timings for flights for the sun routes could be improved for 2017;
- 300,000 passengers had flown from Exeter with Flybe - an increase of 10% on 2015;
- Load factor for flights in August was 87%;

Councillor Lynne Askew, Clyst Honiton Parish Council, raised the issue of passenger parking on verges and parking spaces for businesses around the Airport, thereby blocking roads and preventing access for lorries and workers. Members agreed that this was an important issue that needed further investigation. Councillor Sarah Vaughan, Broadclyst Parish Council, asked that the Airport look at improving bicycle storage facilities for those arriving at the Airport by bicycle.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*30 **Complaints Handling**

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that there had been 3 complaints received since the last meeting. These concerned an early morning flight disturbing a resident at Clyst St Mary. This was a late running Parma flight. There had also been 2 complaints from a resident of Exminster regarding an aircraft taking off at 6.00am. This was the normal Thomson aircraft departure as had been confirmed by Air Traffic control.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

*31 **Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 7 December 2016, commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date