

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, 11 MAY 2016

PRESENT:	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	John Smith	East Devon District Council
	Councillor David Mason	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Dave Montgomery	Clyst Honiton Community Association
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Councillor Jo Geri	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Sam Thomas	EDDC Planning
	Ian Payne	DAAT
	Henry Gent	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Councillor Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Councillor Karen Jennings	Cranbrook Town Council
APOLOGIES	Councillor Phil Tucker	Cranbrook Town Council
	Rufus Heald	Airport User
	Paul Willoughby	Flybe
	Stephen Wiltshire	EDAL
	Councillor Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Councillor Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Councillor Nick Partridge	Cranbrook Town Council

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.30 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.

*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 **Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee. Members noted that Rufus Heald had resigned from the Consultative Committee. Rufus had first flown from the Airport in September 1967 when he was appointed as Commanding Officer of the RAF units there and was shortly afterwards invited to join the Airport Consultative committee. He retired from the RAF in 1980 and subsequently undertook work around general aviation matters and light aircraft at the Airport.

The members of the Consultative Committee wished to thank Rufus for his service to the Airport and aviation in general. It was noted that with Rufus's retirement, light

aircraft users were underrepresented, a representative was needed on the Consultative Committee.

***5 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 February 2016, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***6 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Phil Twiss – Minute 9

Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Reason: Owns a travel business

Councillor Henry Gent – Minute 8

Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Reason: Land Owner

***7 Matters Arising**

Planning applications effecting the Airport

Richard Bartlett, Chairman confirmed that he was sent copies of all planning applications relating to the airport for comment, but most were not relevant to the Consultative Committee. The Airport had objected to the Lidl application for distribution warehouses as they considered that the size and design of the buildings may affect the Airport's landing system.

Coach from Plymouth to Bristol Airport

Members noted that the Stagecoach West service from Plymouth to Bristol, which also stopped at Bristol Airport was up and running, with 19 rotations a day. It was noted that loadings on the service appeared to be below those expected. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that he had requested that the service also called at Exeter Airport. Stagecoach were unable to accommodate this into their timetable but had agreed that the service would link with the 56 bus service which served the Airport.

Visit to Bristol Airport

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, reported that arrangements for the visit to Bristol Airport were proceeding, but that at the moment Bristol were only allowing 4 people to attend. Attendees would be Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and EDDC representative. He hoped to be able to invite more Consultative Committee members to attend, as a number were keen to attend the visit.

***8 Noise report for the Airport**

Members received the Noise Impact Assessment report Parts 1 and 2 for Exeter Airport. John Smith, Environmental Health Officer explained the noise maps contained within the report and their implications for the Airport and extending Cranbrook south of the old A30. It was likely that the report would influence the 'Issue and Options' report. He was explained that mitigation works for aircraft noise were not always possible and the implications of ground engine testing. Link to report below:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/noise/transportation-noise/exeter-airport/>

- RESOLVED**
1. that the report be noted;
 2. that a report be made to the next meeting of the Consultative Committee on progress at Cranbrook.

***9 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 2016 were 2% lower than last year, but in line with budget. March was 1% down on the previous year, but 3% up on budget. Passenger traffic in April was 3% up on previous year. Further positive news on increasing passenger numbers was expected over the summer with a number of new services added.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, further reported on the positive coverage given to the launch of the Exeter/Norwich service for summer 2016, the Flybe/Virgin code share, which would open up further destinations from Exeter via Manchester. It was hoped that a Flybe representative would be available at the next meeting to discuss code share operations.

Further news included the sale of winter flights to destinations including Alicante, Malaga and increased flights to Chambéry/Geneva, increased capacity in the Thomson summer 2017 brochure, terminal concourse works and car park resurfacing and fire station improvements. In response to a question, Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, reported that the Executive Jet Terminal was a thriving part of the operation and had seen year on year growth.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

***10 Report from Flybe representative**

In the absence of Paul Willoughby there was no update report from Flybe. It was requested that if Paul Willoughby was not available to attend in the future then a Flybe Senior Commercial Manager be invited to attend.

***11 Complaints Handling**

There were no complaints to consider.

***12 Any Other Business**

Air Ambulance

Ian Payne reported that from 1 October this year Devon Air Ambulance would be starting night flying. The Community Helipad Officer was engaging with local communities and parish councils for sites for the Air Ambulance to land at night.

***13 Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 13 July 2016, commencing at 3.15 pm.