

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, 13 JULY 2016

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
	April Waterman	EDDC Cranbrook Team
	Dave Montgomery	Clyst Honiton Community Association
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Sam Thomas	EDDC Planning
	Ian Payne	DAAT
	Jeremy Wellen	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Sarah Vaughan	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Noel Finegan	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Councillor Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Councillor Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
APOLOGIES	Councillor Phil Tucker	Cranbrook Town Council
	Paul Willoughby	Flybe
	Councillor Nick Partridge	Cranbrook Town Council
	Councillor Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Henry Gent	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Councillor Jo Geri	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Stephen Wiltshire	EDAL

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

***14 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee. Members noted that David Mason had resigned as Rockbeare Parish Council's representative after two years of service on the Consultative Committee. They welcomed Jeremy Wellen as Rockbeare Parish Council's representative on the Consultative Committee.

***15 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 May 2016, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***16 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

***17 Matters Arising**

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 in the process of changing their Consultative Committee and had proposed that the visit be delayed until September.

*18 **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 2016 were 3% up on 2015 but 4% down on budget; passenger numbers for May 2016 were 1% up on 2015, but 1% down on budget. Passenger traffic in June was also 1% up on 2015. It was noted that the mix of passengers had changed compared with previous years with more domestic and less international.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, further reported that Alicante and Malaga flights were now year round instead of seasonal and there would also be additional ski flights to Geneva. The EU Referendum result was not expected to affect the business too much, although may cause a slight reduction in international passenger numbers. The Airport had also recently been involved with stakeholder engagement and visits from Visit Guernsey and Visit Jersey.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*19 **Noise report for the Airport**

Members received a report from Janet Wallace, Principal Environmental Health Officer, who reported that her job was to ensure that any housing development at Cranbrook did not hinder the future development and growth of the Airport. She was also concerned about the future impact of noise from the Airport on residents of Cranbrook. The noise report for the Airport had been used to support the production of the 'Issues & Options' report.

It was noted that previously the old A30 had been the line of development for Cranbrook but it was now proposed by developers to build houses south of the road and closer to the Airport. In response to a question, Janet Wallace reported that the acceptable noise levels for new dwellings were not set down in national guidelines but were considered on a site by site, case by case basis.

April Waterman, EDDC Cranbrook Team reported that EDDC had recently adopted the Local Plan which had set out the requirement for 17,000 new homes in the district, many of them in the western end. It was therefore important to explore the possibility of building houses on the south side of Cranbrook. Members noted that Strategy 12 talked about an area of search for land incorporating land south of Cranbrook on which, potentially, to accommodate housing, employment and other land uses. Whilst Strategy 17 sets out important safeguards in relation to development near the Airport..

The Committee members requested that they be consulted via the Chairman of the Consultative Committee on the current outline planning application for the southern expansion of Cranbrook (15/0046/MOUT).

Members noted that:

1. There was a Development Plan Document paper being prepared for Cranbrook that invited public comments.
2. There were planning applications for the south of Cranbrook that were in voluntary abeyance. Part of the reason why these applications were in abeyance was the requirement to look at the noise impact of the Airport on proposed housing developments. Any development to the south would be subject to an

Environmental Impact Assessment and could only be granted if all environmental matters were dealt with, which would include noise from the Airport. This included noise contours from aircraft taking off and landing at the Airport.

Members commented on the high level of noise created by the private light aircraft using the Airport, particularly at weekend. It was noted that these were an important part of the business of the Airport. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL confirmed that the airport would continue to monitor operators to ensure that they followed correct noise abatement procedures. Ian Payne, DAAT, also reported on noise levels from Police and Devon Air Ambulance helicopters using the Airport.

Janet Wallace also reported on 3 complaints she had received from Cranbrook residents about early morning ground test engine running.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

*20 **Report from Flybe representative**

In Paul Willoughby's absence he had given the following written update:

"Flybe returns to profit with strongest balance sheet in its history (now well positioned to navigate current industry challenges after five consecutive years of financial loss)

- For the year ended 31st March 2016, first profit since market flotation in 2010
- The airline has reported adjusted profit before tax of £5.5m compared to a loss before tax of £25.4m in 2014/15; and a reported profit after tax of £6.8m compared to loss after tax of £35.7m in 2014/15

- Achieved by growing passenger volumes by 6% across an expanded route network and returned to revenue growth (+8.7% vs. prior year), despite a very difficult trading environment.
- Reduced cost per seat costs by 4.2% including fuel
- Resolved last key legacy issue by redeploying the remaining E195 aircraft on regional routes in arrangements with regional airports (including Exeter and Norwich) resulting in £750m of liabilities eliminated now that all legacy issues resolved (agreements halved outstanding liability to the end of the lease term on these aircraft to £40m)
- Achieved turnaround despite adverse industry-wide impact on bookings following events in Paris in November and in Brussels in March; despite the absorption of c£20m of cost relating to the legacy issue of its E195 jets, and the pressure on yields from industry-wide capacity growth acceleration and lower fuel costs.
- Flybe received confirmation in the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) Punctuality Statistics' report for 2015 that it has outperformed its industry rivals for the second consecutive year. The recently published report places Flybe in top spot for airlines which operate over 30,000 flights a year, with 84% of its flights recorded as being on time, ahead of Ryanair (82.1%), British Airways (72.7%) and Easyjet (71.7%)
- Despite a worldwide shortage of pilots, Flybe received over 1,500 applications during the first two weeks of its recent recruitment drive for 120 direct entry Commanders and First Officers, as well as around 150 newly-qualified pilots in 2016 to support its future growth plans, particularly as it expands further into Europe.
- And for all those with a sweet tooth.....from 1st July Flybe now has the iconic 'Original Glazed' Krispy Kreme® doughnut onboard an airline for the first time anywhere in the world, part of a relaunched onboard menu. Café Flybe offers more

onboard food and beverage items than any other European airline, and Krispy Kreme is the latest exclusive addition.”

***21 Complaints Handling**

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that there had been 5 complaints and one question received since the last meeting. These concerned low flying and noise concerning military aircraft and the early morning mail plane. All complaints had been replied to.

Councillor Noel Finegan, Aylesbeare Parish Council, asked a question about the ease of use of the Airport website for local residents to make noise complaints and Matt Roach, EDAL Managing Director reported that the website was in the process of being updated and improved but that he would look into this concern and report back to the next meeting.

- RESOLVED**
1. that the report be noted;
 2. that Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, investigate ways of ensuring that the new Airport website makes it easier for local residents to make complaints.

***22 Any Other Business**

Airport Masterplan

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL reported that it was planned that the Masterplan would be reviewed in due course.

***23 Date of the next meeting**

- RESOLVED** that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 21 September 2016, commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date