

## EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE NEW BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2016

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman) Chris Lane John Smith Matt Roach Councillor Ian Holmes Sam Thomas Ian Payne Jeremy Wollen Henry Gent Councillor Lynne Askew Councillor Nick Partridge Paul Willoughby Councillor Noel Finegan Councillor Phil Twiss Dave Burrows Councillor Jo Geri	Woodbury Parish Council  East Devon District Council EDDC Environmental Health EDAL Ottery St Mary Town Council EDDC Planning DAAT Rockbeare Parish Council Broadclyst Parish Council Clyst Honiton Parish Council Cranbrook Town Council Flybe Aylesbere Parish Council EDDC Manager Air Traffic Services Ottery St Mary Town Council
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Sarah Vaughan Councillor Pete Edwards Councillor Don Axford Richard Cohen Karen Jennings Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Broadclyst Parish Council Exeter City Council Bishops Clyst Parish Council EDDC Cranbrook Town Council Farringdon Parish Council

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

**\*32 Chairman's remarks**

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

**\*33 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 September 2016, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

**\*34 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Phil Twiss declared a personal interest in Minute \*36 as a travel consultant and Councillors Lynne Askew, Henry Gent and Jeremy Wollen declared personal interests in minute \*35 as land owners.

**\*35 Matters Arising**

Response to Cranbrook Development Plan – Issues and Options (2016)

Members of the Consultative Committee noted the response to the Cranbrook Development Plan: Issues and Options (2016) prepared by Richard Bartlett, Chairman, on behalf of the Consultative Committee. Members were in support of the response and its conclusions and wished it to be made more widely available to the public as a reference document. The importance of safeguarding the future operation of the Airport was noted.

- RESOLVED**
1. that the case for adopting the more conservative 57dB blue line on the Daytime Air Noise Contours, LAeq 16h, Summer 2030 prediction, as the southern limit of development, is in both the public and airport's operational interests and be supported;
  2. that the Consultative Committee recommend that a clear agricultural buffer zone must be maintained between the northern airport perimeter boundary and the noise limit as previously stated in paragraph 10 of the report.

Missed Approach Procedure Change

Dave Burrows, Air Traffic Services Manager, reported on a proposed change to the Missed Approach Procedure that needed the approval of the Consultative Committee. This change in procedure would involve a holding pattern over the Exeter area rather than Ottery St Mary and would be supported by satellite navigation. It would make the process safer and was supported by European funding. Members noted the Missed Approach Procedure was normally only needed on average 6 times per year.

- RESOLVED** that the change to the Missed Approach procedure be approved.

\*36 **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 2016 were up 4% on 2015 and 3% up on budget, passenger numbers for October 2016 were 5% up on 2015, and 4% 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 the Hangar 3 tail dock had now been removed. There had also been a Chamber of Commerce trip to Norwich and a Devon Chamber of Commerce meeting with London Heathrow which had been successful. Exercise Nighthawk had been held at the Airport which had involved the emergency services visiting the Airport on an emergency exercise and had been successfully run. The Flybe Summer 2017 programme was very similar to that for Summer 2016, but with an increase to 4 flights per day to Manchester.

In response to a question, Ian Payne, DAAT, reported that Devon Air Ambulance were now undertaking night flights and were expecting to have 40 approved sites to land at by the end of the year. It was hoped that this could rise to 300 sites in due course.

- RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

\*37 **Heathrow Expansion - Connectivity**

Councillor Phil Twiss reported that the recent decision to include a third runway for Heathrow had included a requirement for Heathrow to discuss linking to Regional airports. The document had mentioned Newquay not Exeter as the regional airport for the South West. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that he had already entered dialogue with Heathrow about Exeter linking with Heathrow. It was acknowledged that the Heathrow slots available for regional airports were likely to be

very limited. It was important that Devon politicians promoted Exeter as the South West's regional airport.

**\*38 Noise report for the Airport**

John Smith, Environmental Health Officer reported that he had nothing further to report on noise issues for the Airport.

**\*39 Report from Flybe representative**

Paul Willoughby reported that Flybe had added more routes for sale from Exeter as part of its expanding 2017 summer schedule that currently offered a choice of up to 114 flights across 17 routes. The new summer schedule featured increased frequency on flights to Manchester, with a choice of up to four a day, offering more flexible travel options and allowing increase flexibility from Flybe's Manchester hub.

- Flybe's half-year results for the period 1st April 2016 to 30th September 2016, achieved an adjusted profit before tax of £15.9m, compared with £21.1m last year.
- The three year recovery plan was now complete and Flybe was in a position to focus on being a demand-driven business instead of a supply-driven business and give even greater focus on implementation excellence and refining route profitability.
- The aviation market is tough at the moment, with excess seat capacity in the European short-haul market coupled with a weaker pound, and both business and consumer uncertainty impacting all airlines. However, Flybe has a robust balance sheet and cash position. From this strong position, over the next 12 months, they would open their first European base in Dusseldorf and continue to cautiously test routes to maximise the returns from existing capacity.
- Flybe aviation services are growing well, particularly as they support the RAF A400M turboprop.

**\*41 Complaints Handling**

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that there had been 1 complaint received since the last meeting. This was from a resident of Tavistock who had complained about military training flights creating excess noise throughout the day.

Councillor Noel Finegan reported that the new website was an improvement but that there was still a difficulty in processing a complaint. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, acknowledged the problem and confirmed that the Airport was working on making it easier to make a complaint.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**\*42 Date of the next meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the meetings of the Consultative Committee be held in 2017 on Wednesdays as follows: 22 February, 24 May, 19 July and 6 December, all commencing at 3.15 pm.

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