

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, 22 FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT:	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Councillor Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	John Smith	EDDC Environmental Health
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Sam Thomas	EDDC Planning
	Ian Payne	DAAT
	Jeremy Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Councillor Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Councillor Noel Finegan	Aylesbere Parish Council
	Councillor Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Councillor Ray Bloxham	Cranbrook Town Council
	Councillor Pete Edwards	Exeter City Council
	Councillor Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Dave Montgomery	CHCA
APOLOGIES	Councillor Josefina Gori	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Henry Gent	Broadclyst Parish Council

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.25 pm.

***43 Chairman's remarks**

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

***44 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 7 December 2016, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***45 Declarations of interest**

Councillor Phil Twiss declared a personal interest in Minute *47 as a travel consultant. Councillor Lynne Askew, declared a personal interests in minute *46 as her husband was a land owner.

***46 Matters Arising**

Planning application 16/2997/MOU

This planning application was for an Inverter Station for the trans channel electrical cable. Members noted that the Chairman Richard Bartlett had been consulted on this application and had advised that the Consultative Committee had no objection to the application. However, he had indicated his concern that the written representation by the Airport Management was not posted on the EDDC website. He felt that their technical appraisal should override all other considerations when the safety of operations was an issue.

Lynne Askew, Clyst Honiton Parish Council indicated that the work in connection with this application would potentially cause disruption on Long Lane. As well as the roads leading to and around the Airport, as it would mean significantly more traffic including some large and potentially 'awkward' loads during the construction phase.

Sam Thomas, Planning Officer, reported that the views of the County Highway Officer were awaited on this application.

RESOLVED that the contractor for this work be invited to a future meeting of the Consultative Committee.

Planning application for Enterprise Car Hire at Fair Oak Farmhouse

Members of the Consultative Committee noted that Clyst Honiton Parish Council had indicated their concern regarding a planning application by Enterprise Car Hire at Fair Oak Farmhouse. Sam Thomas, Planning Officer, confirmed that she would ask one of her colleagues in the Planning West team to look at this application and ask for further clarification. The Consultative Committee should also be asked for their view on the application as it affected the Airport. Lynne Askew would also speak to Richard Bartlett regarding this application.

RESOLVED that Consultative Committee request to be consulted on this planning application be noted.

*47 **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 November 2016 were up 13% on 2015 and 5% up on budget, passenger numbers for December 2016 were also 13% up on 2015 but 1% down on budget, and January 2017 passenger numbers were 8% up on 2016 and in line with budget. It was also anticipated that February would also see double digit passenger growth on 2016. It was noted that the mix of passengers had changed compared with previous years with more domestic and fewer international. These figures represented an excellent increase in performance which the Managing Director felt the Airport could support.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, advised that the rebranding exercise for the Airport had recently taken place. The adjacent Hampton by Hilton Hotel was understood to be the most successful in the chain and was in the process of having a 40 bed extension, bringing the number of beds to 160. There had been a number of recent disruptions at the Airport due to weather. Although some flights had been disrupted due to fog there had been a number of diversions from other airports, such as Bristol Cardiff and the Channel Islands in January and February. There had been 10 flights diverted to Exeter on Monday alone.

The Airport had issued a press release stating that the Airport was now in its fourth year of growth - passenger numbers had grown to almost 850,000 per annum. Matt Roach Managing Director EDAL, confirmed that there was the possibility of an additional Thomas Cook flight from the Airport during the summer. There had also been an increase in military flights since the turn of the year and the number of flights using the corporate lounge had also increased year on year.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*48 **Noise report for the Airport**

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

*49 **Report from Flybe representative**

In the absence of the Flybe representative, the Committee noted that there was one return flight a day on the London City route and loading was in the region of 70%. The challenge was to increase the number of return flights to 2 or 3 per day.

Discussions were on-going regarding improving the bus routes around the Airport, including that from Cranbrook. The debate about public transport in the area continued. Ray Bloxham, Cranbrook Town Council reported that some airport users were parking at Cranbrook and taking taxis to the Airport in order to save on parking charges.

*50 **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 Aylesbeare who had complained about low flying over the village. Air traffic control had been contacted and the complainant replied to.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*51 **Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the meetings of the Consultative Committee be held in 2017 on Wednesdays as follows: 24 May, 19 July, 20 September and 6 December, all commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date