

EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE NEW MEETING ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 2017

PRESENT:	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	John Smith	East Devon District Council
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Councillor Josefina Gori	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Councillor Ray Bloxham	Cranbrook Town Council
	Andy Wood	EEDGP
	Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Maureen Gori-De-Murden	Exeter City Council
	Helen Baugh	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Sue Howl	EDDC
	Ian Payne	DAAT
	Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council

APOLOGIES	Henry Gent	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Denise Dyer	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Councillor Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Jerry Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.05 pm.

***13 Chairman's remarks**

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

***14 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24 May 2017, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

***15 Matters Arising**

a) West Hill Parish Council representation

RESOLVED that the request from the newly established West Hill Parish Council for a representative to sit on the Consultative Committee be accepted.

b) Airspace Change proposal

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, reported on the consultation on proposals by the Airport to improve their control of Airspace. He did not consider that the Consultative Committee had much input on the first phase of the consultation on Airport Change proposals; the idea of which was to make the airspace around the Airport safer. The first phase of consultation was more technical, but the Consultative Committee would be more involved in the next phase which would involve putting routes into the sky.

Richard Bartlett also reported on particular problems which had been experienced with the gliders who operated from North Farm and were not visible on the radar due to their construction of composite materials.

c) Land North of Old Tithebarn Barn Lane, Clyst Honiton- planning application – 17/1019/MOUT

Members noted this planning application had been granted and the Committee could have no effect on the decision.

***16 Noise report for the Airport**

John Smith, Environmental Health Officer, reported that there was no further noises issues to update the Committee on.

However, Andy Wood explained the current situation with regard to the planning application from the consortium for the southerly expansion of Cranbrook. It illustrated that a buffer zone was to be kept between the Airport and the new housing at Cranbrook. This was welcomed by Consultative Committee members.

***17 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 May 2017 were 7% higher than last year, and in line with budget. June was 1% up on the previous year and in line with budget. Passenger numbers continued to rise and this was likely to be the fifth consecutive year of growth of passenger numbers for the Airport.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, further reported on a meeting he had attended with the local Bank of England representative on the economic effects of Brexit and particularly the effect on the aircraft industry. The Airport had also recently celebrated its 80th anniversary.

Members commented on the number of job applications reportedly received for the new Lidl Distribution centre, which the firm had indicated was much reduced on similar centres in other areas. This indicated the lack of available labour in the area and in particular a difficulty in people being able to get to jobs due to poor public transport. Andy Wood agreed to email Richard Bartlett regarding the issue of surface access. Members also reported there was also a problem with cars being parked in surrounding villages by those people using the Airport to avoid paying car park charges.

- RESOLVED**
1. that the report be noted;
 2. that an item be placed on the next meeting of the Consultative Committee on surface access to the Airport and surrounding businesses.

***18 Report from Flybe representative**

In the absence of Paul Willoughby there was no update report from Flybe. It was requested that Paul Willoughby be asked if the new Flybe Chief Executive, Christine Ourieres-Widener would be available to attend a future meeting of the Consultative Committee.

*19 **Complaints Handling**

There had been two complaints that had been received. One from West Hill regarding a very noisy low flying plane at 6.00am and another from Exeter regarding a noisy aircraft. Both complaints had been acknowledged.

*20 **Any other business**

Lyne Askew, Clyst Honiton Parish /Council, reported that a meeting to discuss further Cranbrook expansion would be held tomorrow in the old Conference Room.

*21 **Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 20 September 2017. This would involve a full tour of the Airport for members and a buffet lunch.

Chairman Date