

EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT AIRPORT HOUSE BOARD ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT:	Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
	Chris Lane	EDDC
	John Smith	EDDC
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Andy Wood	EEDGP
	Lynne Askew	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Maureen Gori-De-Murden	Exeter City Council
	Denise Dyer	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Sue Howl	EDDC
	Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Les Bayliss	Cranbrook Town Council
	Don Axford	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Chris Scanes	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Sam Thomas	EDDC
	Ron Forrest	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Alice Gent	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Gary Holley	Flybe
APOLOGIES	Jerry Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Ray Bloxham	Cranbrook Town Council
	Pete Edwards	Exeter City Council
	Hayden Lister	Flybe
	Josefina Gori	Ottery St Mary Town Council

The meeting started at 3.05 pm and ended at 4.05 pm.

***22 Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee and wished to thank Matt Roach, Steve Wiltshire and the Airport Team for spending time organising the Airport tour which members had enjoyed before the Consultative Committee.

***23 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 July 2017, were confirmed and signed as a true record, subject to the addition of Angela Fletcher to the list of apologies.

***24 Matters Arising**

a) StraitGate Quarry

It was noted that this site had been designated as a quarry for some time and a local couple had expressed some concerns about possible bird strikes for aircraft from the Airport. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that the Airport Safeguarding Officer had considered this matter and once certain conditions were satisfied then the quarry could be operated in accordance with the planning application without objection from the airport.

Ian Holmes, Ottery St Mary Town Council, requested that the Airport respond directly to the couple about actions taken, and he would confirm that it had been raised formally as an issue at the Committee.

RESOLVED that the Airport be requested to continue to monitor the situation at Gate Quarry as the situation develops.

b) Airspace Change proposal

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, updated members on the objections received from the North Devon Glider Club to proposals from the Airport to improve control of the airspace around the Airport and explained that gliders gave particular problems as they were not totally visible on radar due to their construction of composite materials. The North Devon Glider Club had continued to object to the Airports proposals to improve control of their airspace. The Chairman reported that they had refused to consider proposals to add transponders to their gliders to make them visible on radar. The British Gliding Association had been involved and were supporting the North Devon Glider Club in their objections.

It was noted that Richard Bartlett had obtained a special deal with a transponder supplier to have a transponder fitted at cost price to one of the North Devon gliders but the club had not agreed to this proposal.

*25 **Noise report for the Airport**

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

*26 **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 July 2017 were 97,000 were 1% higher than last year, but 2% down on budget. August passenger numbers were 100,000 and marginally higher than 2016 but 1% down against budget. Passenger numbers continued to rise and this was likely to be the fifth consecutive year of growth of passenger numbers for the Airport. The rolling 12 month passenger total was now 880,000.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, reported that the winter programme would start in October. There had been a trade mission to Norwich which was about connecting regional centres via regional airports. This had been a great success and they were looking to organise future trips to Belfast and Manchester. The Red Arrows had spent much of August based at the Airport for their series of west country displays and had attracted much local interest.

The runway resurfacing project would start at the beginning of November and was a significant project to resurface the runway. It was anticipated that it would be completed by February. This would involve weekend night time closures of the Airport and so would have minimal effect on the operation of the Airport during this time.

RESOLVED that the report be noted;

*27 **Report from Flybe representative**

In the absence of Paul Willoughby there was no update report from Flybe.

RESOLVED that Richard Bartlett and Matt Roach be requested to speak to

Flybe to request a senior manager to attend a future next meeting of the Consultative Committee to speak about the company's future plans.

***28 Complaints Handling**

There had been four complaints that had been received. One from Farway regarding a low flying military plane. The second concerned a 3.00am Royal Mail flight waking a resident. This change of time had been due to a technical issue. The third complaint concerned a military aircraft flying low over a property in Clyst Honiton. This was the Royal Squadron carrying out training at the standard height of 1,000 ft above the aerodrome level. The fourth complaint was from a construction worker near the Airport who complained about an aircraft taking off at 11.30pm as this affected the noise monitoring he was doing during the night. All complaints had been acknowledged.

***29 Any other business**

Ron Forrest, Rockbeare Parish Council, reported that he had been informed about a forthcoming planning application for a large number of houses in Rockbeare Parish on a site very close to the Airport behind the Air Ambulance HQ. Developments in this location had the potential to limit future Airport expansion. Andy Wood, East of Exeter Project Director, reported that the Cranbrook DPD would be published soon and available for comments.

Denise Dyer, Aylesbeare Parish Council, reported on complaints she had received from her local residents regarding low flying and circling general aviation from the Airport. Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, agreed to speak to Air Traffic regarding these flights to prevent their distribution to local residents.

RESOLVED that Andy Wood, arrange for a presentation on the Cranbrook DPD and key projects for the Enterprise Zone at the next meeting of the Consultative Committee.

***30 Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2017.

Chairman Date