

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE FLYBE TRAINING ACADEMY, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

PRESENT:	Councillor Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
	Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
	Chris Lane	East Devon District Council
	Janet Wallace	EDDC Environmental Health
	Councillor Sue Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Matt Roach	EDAL
	Councillor Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Sam Thomas	EDDC Planning
	Councillor Phil Twiss	EDDC
	Councillor Ray Bloxham	Cranbrook Town Council
	Councillor Christopher Scanes	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
	Andy Wood	EEDGP
	Alice Gent	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Michael Burden	Clyst Honiton Parish Council
	Bill Pearson	Aylesbeare Parish Council
	Maureen Gori de Murden	Exeter City Council
	Hannah Foster	Flybe
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	Henry Gent	Broadclyst Parish Council
	Councillor Josefina Gori	Ottery St Mary Town Council
	Dave Montgomery	Clyst Honiton Community Association
	Jerry Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council
	Simon McNamara	Flybe

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.35 pm.

*1 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Richard Bartlett be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

*2 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED that Angela Fletcher be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

*3 **Appointment of Secretary**

RESOLVED that East Devon District Council be invited to continue to provide the secretary to service the Consultative Committee meetings for the year.

*4 **Chairman's remarks**

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

*5 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 February 2018, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*6 **Matters Arising**

The Chairman reported that he had received details of 2 planning applications, neither of which he felt affected the Airport directly and were also reserved matters only applications.

*7 **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Phil Twiss – Minute *9

Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Reason: Owns a travel business

*8 **Noise report for the Airport**

Janet Wallace, Principal Environmental Health Officer, EDDC reported that she had received a few complaints from Aylesbeare regarding noise from ground engine running. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL confirmed he would follow up these complaints once he had received further details. Regarding the problems with light aircraft over Aylesbeare, two operators had been identified and reminded of protocols.

*9 **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 February 2018 were 9% higher than last year, and 13% up on budget. March was 6% down on the previous year, and 3% up on budget. This was due to the two periods of snow disruption during the month, which it was estimated had lost 5,000 passengers to the Airport. 2017/18 had seen 911,000 passengers at the Airport the highest total since 2008 and the fifth consecutive year of growth.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, anticipated that 2018/19 would be fairly similar to the previous year, however, TUI had added 11% capacity increase for the 2019 summer season. Members noted that funding had been provided for a design and study scheme for improvements to Long Lane. The runway resurfacing project was almost completed, with reinstatement works to Car Park 4 to be finished. Also, the RAF100 celebration would be held on the 15/16/17 June and all Consultative Committee members were invited to join the public in attending this event.

In response to a question on future route development, the Managing Director reported that there were new routes proposed for Greece, Turkey and Zante. There were no plans at present to fly to Sharm El Sheikh. With the increase in routes and passenger numbers consideration was being given to future car parking needs.

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that the Airports application to establish controlled airspace had been refused but, it was anticipated that the Airport would be making a further revised application in due course.

Andy Wood, East of Exeter Projects Director, reported on the Enterprise Zone (EZ), which was working on projects to unlock jobs in the area. April's Cabinet meeting had allocated £3.4M of funding for projects in the EZ, which had included the Long Lane scheme and also an improved bus service for the Airport from September.

Ron Forrest, Rockbeare Parish Council reported on problems with parking on the yellow lines in Long Lane. This was a Devon County council issue and it was understood that parking enforcement officers had recently ticketed cars parked illegally.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*10 **Report from Flybe representative**

Hannah Foster, People Director, Flybe, reported that Flybe was the biggest operator of domestic flights in the UK, with 8m passengers per year. They also employed 2,500 people nationally. 1,000 of those in the Exeter area, making them the biggest private sector employer in East Devon. Despite a challenging year financially, the load factor for aircraft was currently 73.5% and passenger number were up 9%. The cost base for the business needed to be reduced and they were working towards a sustainable business model.

Flybe had been lobbying towards reducing the air passenger duty and had recently hosted a visit from Hugo Swire MP and Arlene Foster from the DUP. There had been 150 applications for this year's intake of apprentices and there would also be a Flybe presence at this year's County Show. Councillor Phil Twiss asked whether Flybe was thinking about increasing its charter traffic and Hannah Foster confirmed that consideration was being given to improving this side of the business.

Hannah Foster was thanked for her report.

*11 **Complaints Handling**

There had been two complaints, one from the Exeter area and one from the Torquay area regarding noisy aircraft, but after investigation there had been no jet aircraft in the vicinity. There had also been a complaint from Exeter regarding late running TUI and Flybe services. It was noted that the light pollution complaints from Aylesbeare should be overcome now that the work on the runway had been finished.

*12 **Any other business**

Councillor Bill Pearson, Aylesbeare Parish Council, asked if it was planned to improve the signage to the Hampton by Hilton Hotel. Sam Thomas, EDDC Planning, reported that it will be looked at as part of the works to improve Long Lane. Councillor Michael Burden, Clyst Honiton Parish Council, reported that there was a planning application being made for land in his parish which could affect the Airport. This would come through the system for consultation in due course.

*13 **Date of the next meeting**

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 11 July 2018, commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date