

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT MEETING ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 11 JULY 2018

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| PRESENT: | 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 Jerry Wollen | Rockbeare Parish Council |
| | Matt Roach | EDAL |
| | Councillor Ian Holmes | Ottery St Mary Town Council |
| | Sam Thomas | EDDC Planning |
| | Councillor Phil Twiss | DCC |
| | Councillor Phil Skinner | EDDC |
| | Councillor Les Bayliss | Cranbrook Town Council |
| | Councillor Colin Trudgeon | Bishops Clyst Parish Council |
| | Naomi Harnett | EEDGP |
| | Alice Gent | Clyst Honiton Parish Council |
| | Lynne Askew | Clyst Honiton NDO Steering Group |
| | Michael Burden | Clyst Honiton Parish Council |
| | Councillor Bill Pearson | Aylesbeare Parish Council |
| | Maureen Gori de Murden | Exeter City Council |
| | Simon McNamara | Flybe |
| | Colin Trudgeon | Bishops Clyst Parish Council |
| | Dave Montgomery | Clyst Honiton Community Association |
| | Councillor Henry Gent | Broadclyst Parish Council |
| | Councillor Josefina Gori | Ottery St Mary Town Council |
| | Javrine Edbrooke | Clyst Honiton/NDO Steering Group |
| | Lynne Askew | Clyst Honiton NP Head |
| APOLOGIES | Ian Payne | DAAT |
| | Councillor Christopher Hall | West Hill Parish Council |
| | Councillor Chris Scanes | Bishops Clyst Parish Council |

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.45 pm.

- *14 Chairman's remarks
The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee.
- *15 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on the 11 May 2018, were confirmed and signed as a true record. The Chairman wished to thank Simon McNamara from Flybe for allowing the ACC to meet in the Flybe Academy.
- *16 Matters Arising
The Chairman reported that he had received details of a planning application, but felt that it had not felt affected the Airport directly and was also a reserved matters only application.

It was noted that the Airport was reapplying for Controlled Airspace although the application process had changed since the previous application. Controlled Airspace would add a further layer of control and communication and Simon McNamara, Flybe confirmed that they fully supported the Airports application. As part of the application, the Airport would work to allay any concerns from those parties who were not supportive of the previous application.

Matt Roach reported that he hoped to arrange a presentation to a future ACC meeting to explain the process and reasons for applying for controlled air space around the Airport.

It was noted that there was funding in place for a feasibility study for Long Lane. The FAB project was still live, but had been delayed by issues over Brexit.

*17 Declarations of interest

Councillor Phil Twiss – Minute *20

Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

Reason: Owns a travel business

- *18 Clyst Honiton proposed Neighbourhood Development Order
Javrine Edbrooke gave a presentation on the Clyst Honiton proposed Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO). Clyst Honiton were the first parish in England to have gone through this procedure. Further information available on the website and ACC members would be circulated the link to this information once available. It was noted that the proposals had not yet been considered by the residents of Clyst Honiton.

Javrine Edbrooke was thanked for her excellent presentation.

RESOLVED that ACC members consider the proposed Clyst Honiton NDO and discuss it again at the next meeting on 19 September once the views of the residents of Clyst Honiton had been obtained.

*19 Noise report for the Airport

Janet Wallace, Principal Environmental Health Officer, EDDC reported that she had received a few complaints from residents around the Airport regarding noise from ground engine running. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL confirmed that there had been no engine testing between 2300 hours and 0630 hours in the first 6 months of the year and no discernible increase in engine testing.

Janet Wallace also reported she had received complaints regarding noise from light aircraft. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, confirmed that there were clear guidelines for the aircraft to follow and asked for further details so that they could be followed up. Janet Wallace would provide Matt Roach with examples of the noise problems these aircraft were causing to local residents.

*20 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 April 2018 were 1% lower than last year, but 2% up on budget. May was 1% up on the previous year, and in line with the budget. June was expected to see an increase of 5% in passenger numbers as the Airport continued to grow towards having over 1 million passengers per year.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL reported that the RAF100 celebration had been held on the 15/16/17 June and had been a very popular event, with both staff and visitors. Bus services around the Airport would receive enhancements from September. Also terminal facilities would be improved, this was particularly important with continued increases in passenger numbers and regulatory requirements. The ILS project was also making progress.

In response to a question on future route development, the Managing Director reported that tour operators had no plans at present to fly to Sharm El Sheikh, but it was hoped that this would be reinstated at some point in the future as it was a popular route. Simon McNamara, Flybe, made the offer to hold the 5 December meeting at the Flybe Academy and also arrange a presentation on Flybe Network Development.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*21 Report from Flybe representative

Simon McNamara, Flybe, reported that Flybe carried over 9.5 M passengers in the past year, but due to various one-off costs had reported a loss of £20.5 M. The business was still in the midst of being turned around and hoped to return to profitability shortly. Revenue per seat was up 10% year on year, but there was still the need to reduce costs and it was expected that the aircraft fleet would reduce from 80 planes to 70 by 2020. However, there were no plans to reduce the number of aircraft based at Exeter, which remained Flybe's main operating centre.

The business had focussed on 'on time performance', which had been improving and sales for the full year were ahead of what had been expected. In response to a request from the Chairman, Simon confirmed that he would be delighted for Flybe to host 2 meetings of the ACC per year, with the first being on Wednesday 5 December at 3.15pm and include a presentation on 'Network Planning'.

Councillor Phil Twiss asked what the plans were for the flight to London City Airport. Simon McNamara confirmed that this was a very expensive airport to operate to and there were no plans to increase the flights to London City. It was hoped that the return flight from London, which left at 5.25pm, could be made a bit later, which would help business people who had meetings in London.

Simon McNamara was thanked for his report.

*22 Complaints Handling

There had been seventeen complaints received, investigated and replied to since the last meeting. This significant increase had been caused by the good weather and people leaving their windows open at night. The main causes of complaint were the late night/early morning Royal Mail flight and the early morning TUI flight.

**24 Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED that the next ordinary meeting of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 19 September 2018, commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date