

EXETER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXETER AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD AT MEETING ROOM, EXETER AIRPORT ON WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2018

PRESENT:	Richard Bartlett (Chairman) Hannah Foster Chris Lane Councillor Jerry Wollen Matt Roach Councillor Ian Holmes Alexis Marsh Councillor Chris Daly Victoria Hatfield Councillor Colin Trudgeon Ian Payne	Woodbury Parish Council Flybe East Devon District Council Rockbeare Parish Council EDAL Ottery St Mary Town Council Clyst Honiton Parish Clerk Aylesbeare Parish Council Exeter City Council Bishops Clyst Parish Council DAAT
APOLOGIES	Councillor Christopher Hall Councillor Chris Scanes Councillor Phil Skinner Councillor Bill Pearson Councillor Josefina Gori Andy Carmichael Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman) Councillor Phil Twiss Maureen Gori de Murden Andy Wood Councillor Henry Gent	West Hill Parish Council Bishops Clyst Parish Council EDDC Aylesbeare Parish Council Ottery St Mary Town Council EDDC Planning Farringdon Parish Council DCC Exeter City Council EEDGP Broadclyst Parish Council

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

- *37 Chairman's remarks
The Chairman welcomed all members to the meeting of the Consultative Committee.
- *38 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on the 19 September 2018, were confirmed and signed as a true record, subject to noting that The Chairman, Richard Bartlett represented Woodbury Parish Council..
- *39 Matters Arising
The Chairman reported that he had received details of a planning application for Broadclyst parish, but felt that it had not felt affected the Airport directly.
- *40 Noise report for the Airport
There was no Environmental Health Officer present at the meeting to give a report.
- *41 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 September 2018 were 3% higher than last year, and 2% up on budget. October was 1% down on 2017 and 5% down on budget. This was due to some bad weather on one or two days which had effected flights. November was expected to show an increase in passenger

numbers on 2017. There had been good growth in passenger numbers over 2018 and were expected to show an increase of 3-4% on the previous year. There were increases in flight frequency to Paris, Amsterdam and Manchester which were loading well.

Members noted that there had been enhancements to the bus service which served the Airport and this had been well received. This service would be increased further once works, due to start on Long Lane, had been completed. There were also due to be improvement to the terminal building starting this winter, which would include improving the arrivals experience for passengers and adding capacity to the departure gate area. Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL reported that Tui were enhancing their programme of flights to Egypt for 2019.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*42 Report from Flybe representative

Hannah Foster, People Director, Flybe reported, that Flybe's half year results were positive. 60% of routes were running with an 80% load factor and passenger number were at 9.5 million per year. It was the third largest UK based Airline. The firm were also attempting to drive down costs, but higher fuel costs and the low pound were causing problems to the financial position. The price of crude oil had recently reduced but Flybe had hedged their position for fuel. Their real problem however, was the very low share price.

Flybe were in the midst of a review of strategic options for the company but it was very much business as usual in the meantime.

Hannah Foster reported on Flybe's training programme for both pilots and engineers was an important priority for the business. They were particularly keen to, train females for both positions. There were problems in maintaining an experienced level of pilots as they were being actively recruited by bigger airlines,, but she reported that Flybe has some important USP's that meant that pilot's stayed with the firm despite better financial offers.

Hannah Foster was thanked for her interesting and informative report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

*43 Complaints Handling

There had been six complaints received, investigated and replied to since the last meeting. One related to a Royal Mail flight, 2 related to military flights, another related to General Aviation and the last two related to Engine Testing. There had been an engine test on 19 November at 3am due to essential Flybe operations. All complaints had been responded to. A member of the Consultative Committee raised the issue of whether there was a 55dB noise limit around the airport and Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL confirmed that this had been written into the Airport Masterplan and agreed to circulate a link to members.

*44 Any other business

Mayflower 400

Hannah Foster, Flybe, asked if the Airport had any plans to celebrate Mayflower 400, which was expected to attract over 2 Million visitors to the region. Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that he had nothing specific planned at present but would be visiting Plymouth next week to discuss the opportunity further.

Enterprise Zone

Both the Airport and Flybe were engaging with the public sector over the Enterprise Zone

Controlled airspace

It was noted that the Airport's application for controlled airspace was progressing slowly and there was no specific further progress to report at present, although the issue had been raised on recent high profile visit to the Airport.

FAB Project

It was noted that the FAB Project could not start until works to improve Long Lane were completed.

*45 Date of the next meeting

RESOLVED that the ordinary meetings of the Consultative Committee be held on Wednesday, 13 February, 8 May, 10 July, 18 September and 4 December 2019, commencing at 3.15 pm.

Chairman Date