

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Exeter Airport Consultative Committee held at Meeting Room, Airport House, Exeter Airport, on 8 May 2019

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The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.50 pm

1 Election of Chairman

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

2 Election 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 Declarations of interest

Councillor Phil Twiss – Minute *7
Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest
Reason: Owns a travel business

5 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13 February 2019, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

6 Matters arising

a) Exeter Airport Business Park Car Parking Restrictions

Members noted that the matter had been considered by the East Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee at its meeting on 12 March. In discussion with Members and Officers, the HATOC had acknowledged that restricting parking on the Business Park would cause displacement elsewhere and that options should be explored to encourage parking at the Airport. Cllr Phil Twiss reported that Lee Cranmer from DCC was undertaking a strategic review and a further report on this issue would be made in due course.

b) Planning Applications

The Chairman, Richard Bartlett, reported that a planning application had been received for the expansion of Cranbrook West for 930 houses. He felt that this did not affect the Airport. There had also been applications for reserved matters for 8 Tithebarn Lane and also for 10m poles with lights for Devon Air Ambulance at various sites. The Chairman, would keep a watching brief on the Devon Air Ambulance planning applications.

c) Airport Airspace Change Proposal

Committee members had received an EDAL Design Principles Questionnaire that was circulated on 29 April 2019. In addition to the questionnaire, EDAL had invited members of the ACC to a Focus Group about the EDAL Design Principles to the Airspace Change on Thursday 13 June 2019 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the Airport. Members noted that this was a further opportunity to contribute and influence the principles that would help guide the Airspace Change Design. The focus group was intended to be a small group to maximise the opportunity for face to face discussion and explanation.

RESOLVED that the Chairman, Richard Bartlett, Cllr Chris Daly, Ian Holmes and Cllr Chris Scanes be invited to represent the ACC at the Focus Group.

7 **Report of the Managing Director EDAL**

Consideration was given to the report of Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL.

The Consultative Committee noted that passenger numbers for February 2019 were 11% higher than last year, and 17% up on budget. March was 18% up on the previous year, and 14% up on budget. 2018/19 had seen 945,000 passengers at the Airport, up 4% on previous year. The sixth consecutive year of growth.

Matt Roach, Managing Director EDAL, anticipated that 2019/20 would see similar levels of growth to the previous year and the Airport was progressing towards achieving over 1 million passengers per year. It was noted that Flybe would finish its jet flying programme from October, but this would be offset by the programme of Ryanair flights being extended into winter for Malta and Malaga, with the addition of flights to Alicante as well. The initial feedback from Ryanair to the flying programme had been good.

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that the Airports terminal improvement works were ongoing, with a new Gate 5, new domestic Arrivals overflow and enhanced international arrivals facilities.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8 **Report from Flybe representative**

Hannah Foster, People Director, Flybe, reported that the Extraordinary General Meeting of shareholders had voted to approve the takeover of Flybe by the Connect Airways consortium at 1p per share. The Consortium consisted of Virgin with 30% ownership, Stobart Group with 30% ownership and Pribius (the leasing business of Stobart) with 40% ownership. This takeover was subject to EU clearance, which was expected late June or early July. She reported that the business was now more stable and there was more optimism from employees.

Hannah Foster reported that the contract to lease the jets would be ending in October, which was expected to free up some finance. The business was getting better at knowing which routes were capable of making the business money. The Winter Schedule had been launched yesterday.

Hannah Foster, People Director, Flybe, reported on the press coverage of the cancellation of a number of flights from Belfast Airport, which had been caused by

a number of issues. Flybe had a complex network with 4-500 flights per day and a small problem could cause cancellations to other flights.

Hannah Foster was thanked for her report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

9 **Complaints handling**

There had been three complaints, one from the West Hill area concerning the 6.50am Tui flight on 30 April, which complainants had claimed had rattled their windows. The second was from Aylesbeare on 28 April and concerned a high level of aircraft noise. This was associated with ground engine testing at Flybe engineering. The third concerned a complaint from a resident of Cranbrook about the noise of aircraft in his garden. All complainants had been responded to.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

10 **Dates of meetings in 2019 - 10 July, 18 September and 4 December - 3.15pm.**

Attendance List

Present: Richard Bartlett (Chairman)	Woodbury Parish Council
Angela Fletcher (Vice Chairman)	Farringdon Parish Council
Chris Scanes	Bishops Clyst Parish Council
Phil Twiss	Devon County Council
Ian Payne	Devon Air Ambulance
Matt Roach	EDAL
David Harvey	Exeter City Council
Susan Wollen	Rockbeare Parish Council
Chris Daly	Aylesbeare Parish Council
Hannah Foster	Flybe
Les Bayliss	Cranbrook Town Council
Ian Holmes	Ottery St Mary resident
Dave Montgomery	Clyst Honiton CH

Apologies:

Rosie Bates, Exeter City Council
Victoria Hatfield, Exeter City Council
Jeremy Wollen, Rockbeare Parish Council
Simon Brodie, Rockbeare Parish Council
Andy Carmichael, EDDC
Janet Wallace, EDDC

Chairman

Date: