

## EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Exeter Airport Consultative Committee held at Meeting Room, Airport House, Exeter Airport on 10 July 2019

### **Attendance list at end of document**

The meeting started at 3.15 pm and ended at 4.30 pm

#### 11 Declarations of interest

Councillor Phil Twiss – Minute 14  
Interest: Disclosable Pecuniary Interest  
Reason: Owns a travel business

#### 12 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2019, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

#### 13 Matters Arising

##### a) Resolution to co-opt Richard Bartlett onto the Committee until May 2020

Members noted that Woodbury Parish Council had recently appointed a parish councillors to represent them on the ACC. This meant that the Chairman, Richard Bartlett, no longer represented the Parish Council and therefore needed to be co-opted onto the Committee in order to continue to be Chairman according to the Constitution. It was noted that Clyst St Mary and Aylesbeare representatives had not receive a copy of the agenda due to a problem with the availability of the group email address held by the Secretary. This list would be checked and updated as soon as possible and in the meantime it was requested that Councils confirm the name and email addresses of their current representatives

**RESOLVED** that Richard Bartlett be co-opted onto the Airport Consultative Committee until May 2020.

##### b) Review of Membership in line with the ACC Constitution

Members noted that the membership of the Committee had not been reviewed since the Constitution was updated. It stated that “any local authority (other than such authority having the management of the airport) in whose area the airport or any part thereof is situated or whose area is in the neighbourhood of the airport.” It was considered that this could be interpreted as technically excluding Woodbury Parish Council from qualifying to sit on the Committee under the definition of “neighbourhood of the airport”. However, the importance of including other local authority representatives, such as Exeter City Council, Ottery St Mary Town Council and West Hill Parish Council was acknowledged as they were directly under the flight path.

**RESOLVED** that the Woodbury Parish Council representative be invited to attend the next meeting of the Committee to discuss their membership and the Committee members would make a decision at this meeting.

c) Report on Airspace Change meetings

Members noted that there continued to be a good level of support for the Airport proposal for Airspace change, but there was still vociferous objections from the glider community. The Civil Aviation Authority had confirmed that air safety would be paramount in any decision.

Members discussed the possibility of the ACC considering departure routes from the Airport

d) Visit from Independent Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN)

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL will be hosting a visit from the Head Commissioner of the ICCAN later this month to which the Chairman of the committee has also been invited. Richard Bartlett, Chairman, confirmed that he would attend this meeting and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

e) Planning applications

Richard Bartlett, Chairman, reported that he had received a planning application for 34 houses at the west end of Cranbrook, but considered that the Committee did not need to be consulted as there were no safeguarding issues.

14 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 both April and May 2019 were 13% higher than last year. June passenger numbers were also expected to see an increase on previous year numbers. Passenger numbers for 2019/20 were well on the way to achieving over 1 million passengers.

Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL, reported that the airport's terminal improvements were ongoing, with a new Gate 5, new domestic arrival overflow and enhanced international arrivals facilities. There was also an enhanced bus service, which had seen a 35% increase in patronage year on year and it was hoped that this could be linked to Cranbrook Railway Station. There was currently a live planning application for a diversion for the Long Lane road widening scheme, which had an agreed budget of £3M.

In response to a question Matt Roach, Managing Director, EDAL reported that the airport was looking at enhancements to Terminal Facilities including the concession offering as the airport continues to grow. It was noted that the date of the next ACC would be changed to Tuesday 24 September.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

15 Report from Flybe representative.

Hannah Foster, Peoples Director, Flybe, reported that Flybe had now received EU clearance for the takeover by the Connect Airways consortium. A new CEO, Mark Anderson who had formerly been at Virgin Atlantic had been appointed. The new CFO was Graeme Buchanan, who had formerly been Managing Director of Stobart Air. The rebranding of the new Connect Airways business would happen in due course and this was all good news from a Flybe point of view. The aim was to make a profitable sustainable business.

Members noted that there was a very tough market for foreign air travel this summer, but Flybe's domestic flights were well loaded and proving popular. In response to a question, Hannah Foster, Peoples Director, Flybe reported that there had been a few problems regarding flights from Belfast due to crewing issues. She informed the Committee that this would be her last meeting as she was moving to NHS Devon and members thanked her for attendance at the ACC and wished her well in her new role.

16 Complaints Handling.

There had been three complaints, one on 20 May from Budleigh Salterton, regarding a light aircraft practising stalls. This aircraft was not under instructions from Exeter Airport. The second was on 10 June regarding a TUI aircraft taking off at 6am, which had woken up a family on 3 occasions. Lastly, on 25 June in Marsh Green, complaints regarding noisy aircraft. This was military training flights.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

17 Dates of meetings in 2019

Tuesday 24 September and Wednesday 4 December 2019.

Attendance List

**Present:**

Richard Bartlett (Chairman)  
Rosie Bates, Exeter City Council  
Colin Buchan, Cranbrook Town Council  
Chris Daly, Aylesbeare Parish Council  
Hannah Foster, Flybe  
Margaret Hall, West Hill Parish Council  
Rob Martin, Clerk, Clyst Honiton Parish Council  
Dave Montgomery, CHCA  
Ian Payne, Devon Air Ambulance  
Matt Roach, EDAL  
Chris Scanes, Bishops Clyst Parish Council  
P Twiss Devon County Council  
Janet Wallace, EDDC Environmental Health  
Jerry Wollen, Rockbeare Parish Council  
Andy Wood, EEDGP

**Apologies:**

Andy Carmichael, EDDC Planning  
Angela Fletcher, Farringdon Parish Council

Chairman .....

Date: .....