

EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT
INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting
held at DHL Offices, East Midlands Airport

2 March 2007

Present:

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Users:

Consumers Association
DHL Aviation Ltd
Institute of Export
Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce
UPS

Mrs C McDowall MBE, JP
Mr P Hewett
Mr D Fernie
Mr A Morris-Richardson
Mr L Macefield

Local Authorities:

Broxtowe Borough Council
Derbyshire County Council
Erewash Borough Council
Leicestershire County Council
Nottinghamshire County Council
South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor M Rich
Councillor G Carlile
Councillor R Parkinson
Councillor Mrs L Pendleton
Councillor S Carroll
Councillor R Lane

Local Groups:

CPRE Derbyshire
CPRE Leicestershire
CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe
DEMAND
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Parish Councils
Melbourne Civic Society
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise
SAVE - Save Aston Village Environment
WINGS

Ms C Barker
Mr G Stocks
Mrs B Walker
Mr S Charlish
Councillor D Adams
Councillor J Pike
Mr P Grimley
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr J Gidlow
Mr D Coulson

Nottingham East Midlands Airport:

Managing Director
Divisional Manager – Environment and Safeguarding
Director of Planning and Development
Head of Government and Industry Affairs
Community Relations Manager
Minute Secretary

Ms P Coates
Mr N Robinson
Mr J Froggatt
Mr B Conway
Mrs M Broadhurst
Ms A Lamin

07/01

APOLOGIES

Best wishes were recorded to Cllr M Males who was absent through illness. Cllr S Carroll, Nottinghamshire County Council was welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from: Mr R Hebblethwaite, Dr D Gillingwater, Mr E Bratt, Cllr C Wynn, Cllr F Bather, Mr J Alexander and Mr S Leech.

The following did not attend: Mr S Weston, Ms G Sanderson, Mr B Pallet, Mr S Harley, Mr P Gill, Mr P Collin, Cllr R Kershaw, Cllr J Mugglestone, Cllr A Clarke, Cllr DH Wintle, Mrs P Taylor, Mr S Leech, Cllr J Barton and Mr J Fairall.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr L Pendleton declared an interest in relation to Insulation Grants. There were no other declarations of interest.

07/02

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2006 were agreed as a true record subject to the word "additional" in paragraph 06/40 being deleted.

MATTERS ARISING

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A member challenged the methods used by the airport on deciding options on reducing noise arising from ground engine testing and complained that EMA should have invited tenders. EMA confirmed that they had met a potential supplier and talked to airports with experience of ground running pens in arriving at the costing. The report was not accepted by the member.

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Revised minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2006 are published on the website and copies were available at the meeting for members.

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It was confirmed that Webtrak is under continual review and will be discussed by the MENT sub committee.

ACTION: MENT

07/03

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a) **Correspondence received**

A request had been received from a local group to attend as an observer at the sub committees. It was agreed by the majority of members present to keep the current meeting arrangements as previously agreed for the 12 month trial period with no observers attending the meetings.

A local group expressed concern that the meeting minutes were not an accurate and independent reflection of the meetings held. Government guidelines specify that the meeting chairman and minute secretary should be independent of the airport. It was confirmed that the minute secretary is not an employee of the airport and is independent of the airport. The minutes are reviewed by the chairman and airport managers to ensure technical accuracy before publication. Any proposed amendments can be raised by committee members at the relevant meetings. Any amendments would then be agreed by all members. One member expressed thanks to the airport for providing the secretarial service.

A report from Ryanair was promised for this meeting but had not been circulated. This report will be discussed at the next TEP meeting.

A member queried when the latest Employment Survey would be available as this had been promised for November 2006. It was confirmed that the 2006

report will be available in April and will be circulated for discussion at the TEP Sub Committee meeting to be held on 1 June.

ACTION: EMA/TEP

b) **Substitutions**

The Chairman confirmed that "a body or organisation" is represented on the sub committees and therefore their nominated substitute can attend without prior notice. The Local Groups had adopted a different system which appeared to be to their disadvantage. It was agreed that the local groups would consider whether to adopt the same system to ensure adequate representation where substitutes are necessary.

07/04

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Christine Barker was nominated as Vice Chair for a two year period. The nomination was proposed by Cllr J Pike, seconded by Mr P Grimley and agreed by all present.

07/05

AIRPORT REPORT

a) **Statistics**

EMA are performing ahead of the market. EMA monitor travel brochures to ensure fair representation of the airport. The charter market is declining nationally but holding up relatively well at EMA. A member suggested the inclusion of comparisons against the Master Plan targets. Mr P Grimley agreed to supply copies of graphs that he had drawn up and EMA agreed to include comparison with Master Plan forecasts in the statistics on an annual basis. The Airport proposed to review the statistics provided generally before the next meeting.

ACTION: MR P GRIMLEY AND EMA

b) **Community Relations**

Details were reviewed as circulated. With regard to the Environment – Art on the Trail - a member queried EMA work on the problem of Ragwort. EMA confirmed that a control programme is in place. The Community Relations team attend Parish Council meetings as appropriate and are available for presentations, discussions and enquiries. The Community Fund meeting held on 21 February allocated funds of £23,670 to community projects. It was agreed that a report on any Community Fund meetings held would be presented to ICC meetings.

c) **Planning applications**

EMA confirmed an updated Environmental Statement for the runway extension application will be available in approximately two months time. This will be available on the website and copies will be circulated to members.

ACTION: EMA

Planning approval has now been received for an extension to the Check-in Hall to allow the construction of a Prayer Room.

d) **Environmental summary report**

The details circulated were reviewed.

Aircraft speed: A member objected to the fact that Ryanair could dispute allegations on the speed of aircraft inbound to the airport, given publicity on issues at other airports. The Airport advised that the newspaper stories do not relate to EMA and while the newspaper stories are unproven, the Irish Aviation Authority is investigating claims made against Ryanair.

The MENT sub committee will be overseeing a project to objectively analyse the speed of inbound aircraft and the relationship between speed and noise. The results will be reported to the ICC.

ACTION: MENT

Noise report: A member said that the position of the noise testing equipment was not appropriate for the monitoring exercise. These concerns were noted by the airport and will be discussed at the MENT sub committee.

ACTION: MENT

Noise Penalty Scheme: A member expressed concern that the maximum noise at 92dB(A) is far in excess of other airports and there is no justification for relating the scheme to the weight of the aircraft and not the certified noise. EMA said the scheme included a range of noise levels from 83 to 92 dB(A) attempts to set an appropriate and workable limit for aircraft and that the penalty limits have been reduced by two decibels. A member stated that this was not discernible to the human ear and queried the levels set for other airports. EMA confirmed that the scheme and issues will be discussed at the MENT sub committee.

ACTION: MENT

A member queried whether Aid flights were exempt and asked for details of the frequency of aid flights and confirmation of safety issues. EMA confirmed there had been one Aid flight recently where no penalties had been charged, and confirmed all aircraft are safe to fly otherwise the CAA would not allow them to do so. Quieter aircraft are encouraged where possible. Aid flights are often chartered by government and are of their nature usually urgent and any available aircraft are used. EMA pointed out that one aircraft type, not normally allowed to operate in the UK on noise grounds did sometimes receive special dispensation by the CAA to operate aid flights as it had the ability to operate where other aircraft could not. With regard to the shoe box charity flight, the aircraft had been offered free of charge by the operators and EMA had not levied any charges for this specific flight.

Sound Insulation Grant Scheme: EMA confirmed that the brochure for the new scheme will be available for when the scheme commences in April. EMA will provide statistics on the scheme take up for both the old and new schemes. Positive feedback had been received on the work done so far with about 120 houses being treated in the current financial year.

ACTION: EMA

Restrictions on Training Aircraft: The restriction of training on Saturdays was welcomed. In regard to the restriction on aircraft not normally operating from the Airport, EMA undertook to provide details of the number of these for comparison.

ACTION: EMA

07/06

MINUTES FROM THE SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A member suggested and it was agreed that the minutes of the three meetings would now be colour coded for easier reference.

ACTION: EMA

- a) MENT meeting 2 February 2007
- b) TEP meeting 9 February 2007

The minutes were noted as circulated. Members were reminded that points for discussion should be raised through the appropriate representative on each sub

committee.

It was agreed that any amendments to these minutes would be set out in the minutes of the meeting which approved them which would be circulated to members and would be available on the website.

ACTION: EMA

A member requested that consideration be given to making presentations of technical interest available to the ICC. EMA undertook to review this and provide a balance of information to all committees.

07/07

TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT – PRESENTATION

John Froggatt outlined plans for the Terminal Development to the members and the challenges facing the Airport in terms of changing regulatory and customer requirements. This included:

- Internal rearrangement
- Transport Interchange
- Plan of Pier
- Long term overview and future terminal expansion

Assessment studies on Traffic Impact, Visual Impact and Environment are being undertaken to support the terminal planning application.

07/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
22 June 2007 at 10.00am at DHL

The meeting closed at 11.45am

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