

NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT
INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

GENERAL MEETING

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

21 July 2006

Present:

Independent Chairman

Mr B Whyman MBE, Ch, JP

Users:

Consumers Association
Derbyshire Chamber and Business Link
EMDA
Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce
Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce
UPS
Unison

Mrs C McDowall MBE, JP
Mr D Hood
Mr S Harley
Mr P Collin
Mr A Morris-Richardson
Mr L Macefield
Mr E Bratt

Local Authorities:

Broxtowe Borough Council
Charnwood Borough Council
Derbyshire County Council
Derby City Council
East Staffordshire Borough Council
Leicestershire County Council
Nottingham City Council
Rushcliffe Borough Council
South Derbyshire District Council

Councillor M Rich
Councillor R Kershaw
Councillor C Moesby
Councillor C Wynn
Councillor F Bather
Councillor Mrs L Pendleton
Mr C Carter
Councillor M Males
Councillor R Lane

Local Groups:

Association of Airport Related Parish Councils
CPRE Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe
CPRE Derbyshire
DEMAND
Derbyshire Association for the Blind Limited
Derbyshire Association of Local Councils
Leicestershire & Rutland Assc. of Parish Councils
Melbourne Civic Society
PAIN - People Against Intrusive Noise
SAVE - Save Aston Village Environment
WINGS

Mr J Alexander
Mr F Thomas
Ms C Barker
Mr S Charlish
Mrs P Taylor
Councillor D Adams
Councillor J Pike
Mr E Gildea
Mrs P Beddoe
Mr J Gidlow
Mr D Coulson

Nottingham East Midlands Airport:

Managing Director
Deputy MD & Finance Director
General Manager - Environmental
Director of Planning and Development
Head of Government and Industry Affairs
Transport and Employment Strategy Manager

Ms P Coates
Mr B Thompson
Mr N Robinson
Mr J Froggatt
Mr B Conway
Ms C Hempson

Community Relations Manager
In attendance
Minute Secretary

Ms M Benson
Ms Lynsey Sumnal
Ms A Lamin

06/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr R Hebblethwaite, Mr S Weston, Mr P Hewett, Mr B Pallet, Mr A Vickery, Mr P Gill, Dr D Gillingwater, Councillor R Parkinson, Councillor J Mugglestone, Councillor DH Wintle, Mr G Stocks, Mr M White, Councillor J Barton, Mr J Doherty. Mr D Hood attended for Ms G Sanderson, Councillor C Moesby attended for Councillor G Carlile, Mr C Carter attended for Councillor A Clarke, Mr F Thomas attended for Mrs B Walker, Mr E Gildea attended for Mr P Grimley.

Members were invited at the meeting to provide their email contact addresses if they wished to do so, to enable NEMA to forward ICC meeting papers and/or marketing information as appropriate.

06/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no additional declarations of interest.

06/24 ACCURACY OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28 APRIL 2006

The minutes were approved subject to the following amendments:

Attendees:

Derbyshire Association of Parish Councils should be amended to Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Page 1:

The word Draft should be deleted from the minutes and replaced with "unapproved" for approval.

Page 2 - 06/17: Additional paragraph to be included:

The Airport Company also agreed to consider making minutes and ICC papers available electronically to all members who would like to receive them in that format.

ACTION: NEMA

06/25 ACTION POINTS

Minute 06/18 - NEMA will bring a report on options available for the reduction of noise arising from ground engine testing activities to the next Environmental meeting.

ACTION: NEMA

Minute 06/19 - NEMA will request Vernon Cole Associates to attend the next environmental meeting of the ICC following the completion of his work on the noise monitoring exercise.

ACTION: NEMA

It was confirmed that the 2005 Noise Contours were available on the NEMA website, however, NEMA would circulate hard copy to members.

ACTION: *NEMA*

06/26 CHAIR'S REPORT

- (i) A member expressed disappointment that a query raised in February had not been resolved until July. It was explained that the query on whether there had been an increase in respiratory illness in people living in proximity to NEMA compared to those living near other airports had taken time to research and a comprehensive reply had now been given. NEMA apologised for the delay whilst it was noted that only the reminders had been received by NEMA, not the original request.
- (ii) A member expressed concern that the letter sent to the Minister by the Chair on 21 June did not accurately reflect the views of the ICC in failing to make clear that the ICC wholeheartedly rejected the Ten Point Plan by not including Minute E05/34 verbatim. The Chair confirmed his commitment and independence and read the relevant letter sent to the Minister to the meeting. The members agreed that the letter did express the concerns of the ICC and the rejection of the Ten Point Plan, however, the comments of the individual member were noted.

A response to the letter had been received from the Minister's department on 6 July stating that the issues raised required consideration and a substantive reply would be sent in due course.

- (iii) In respect of Air Space Consultation undertaken by the CAA, each organisation had the opportunity to reply individually. In respect of consultation on the Revised Air Space change process, replies had been originally requested by the 14 July. The consultation document launched by the CAA on 13 April 2006 was not received by the Chair but the issue had been brought to the attention of members with the papers for the meeting on 1 June. The Chair reported that communication difficulties with the CAA were now resolved and it had been agreed by the CAA in any event that the deadline for comments would be extended to the 28 July.
- (iv) Councillor Males attended the annual meeting of Airport Consultative Committees on 22 June 2006 on the Chair's behalf. Subjects discussed at that meeting included Pollution; Operations; Airport Master Plans; Surface Access projects; Civil Aviation Bill; Airport Security; Access to Air Travel for people with reduced mobility; Attitudes to aircraft noise from sources in England; Designated airport updates. Detailed minutes of the meeting had

not been received but would be circulated to members for review at the first opportunity.

ACTION: *Councillor Males and NEMA*

The Chair thanked Councillor Males for attending the meeting on his behalf.

06/27 AIRPORT REPORT

A. Statistics

Detailed statistics were tabled and reviewed. An increase in international passengers was noted due to the introduction of ten new destinations by Ryanair.

B. Business Development

It was confirmed that additional Long Haul business to key destinations was being pursued by NEMA who were working closely with the relevant airlines. NEMA confirmed their preference for competition on domestic routes and would investigate greater involvement with BA following the introduction of a route to Tenerife.

ACTION: *NEMA*

C. Community Relations

Members congratulated NEMA on the production of student information packs which were available for use by all members as required. NEMA board membership of Derbyshire Business in the Community was confirmed.

D. Environment

NEMA were thanked for their prompt response to recent Kegworth property wake vortex damage. However, the delays and difficulties for local authority property tenants were outlined by NEMA in that they do not have permission to work on local authority properties. Contact has been made with the local authorities concerned expressing NEMA's willingness to work with them as appropriate.

Noise Contours - NEMA would circulate a summary guide to the calculation of noise contours using a new European noise metric of Lden, when the regulations governing their use, which are expected to implement the European Noise Directive, are published.

ACTION: *NEMA*

06/28 ICC STRUCTURE

John Froggatt outlined in detail the report circulated. There was considerable discussion on the issues and opportunities presented by the recommended new structure. In summary, in principle, members endorsed and agreed the introduction of sub-groups and the new meetings structure.

Key comments included:

- 1 More use to be made of email and the website i.e. for agendas, papers, minutes.

- 2 Government guidelines emphasised inclusion of aerodrome users as well as local groups and Local Authorities.
- 3 A general preference for three sub-group meetings reporting to two ICC meetings per annum rather than as set out in the report.
- 4 The new structure is an excellent opportunity to broaden the scope of the ICC to enable discussion of wider issues.
- 5 Proposal for review of new structure after twelve months' trial.
- 6 Membership of each group should be balanced to enable balanced debate and interaction.
- 7 Reporting should include the range of views expressed and not just the majority.
- 8 Sub-groups will enable focus and dedicated discussion of issues.
- 9 New structure and meetings format to be effective from 1 January 2007.

ACTIONS AGREED:

- 1 Members were asked to consult their individual organisations and bring recommendations and proposals to the next meeting on 1 September which would become a special meeting to concentrate on the ICC structure.
ACTION: *All*
 - 2 John Froggatt would circulate an electronic version of the ICC Structure document to members for dissemination to colleagues as appropriate prior to the September meeting.
ACTION: *NEMA*
 - 3 NEMA would circulate a modified Constitution to ICC members before 1 September.
ACTION: *NEMA*
 - 4 NEMA will write specifically to all groups outlining the proposals and encouraging attendance and participation in the discussions at the 1 September meeting.
ACTION: *NEMA*
- 1 1 September meeting will focus on:
 - o Agreement to the proposals
 - o Setting up framework and sub groups
 - o Election of sub-group members through adjournment(s) of main meeting as required.
 - 2 Meetings summary for the remainder of 2006:
 - o 1 September - Special ICC Structure meeting
 - o 13 October - Environment meeting
 - o 24 November - General meeting

The Chair thanked John Froggatt and NEMA for the excellent presentation and proposals put forward which were agreed by all present as a positive way forward for the ICC.

06/29 SURFACE TRANSPORT AND SKYLINK GENERAL UPDATE

Colleen Hempson, Transport and Employment Strategy Manager of NEMA outlined a detailed presentation on Nottingham Skylink highlighting its growth over the past 2 years, recent improvements including the 24 hour operation, development of through-ticketing and reduced ticket price for regular travellers, as well as the way in which Skylink acted as a catalyst to winning funding to further improve public transport to NEMA.

Member comments included:

- (i) Concern over the cessation of the previous Nottingham service which ran through Kegworth and the fact that the Skylink did not serve Kegworth, although the bus was often diverted through Kegworth. It was pointed out that stops need to be part of a regular schedule and market research had indicated that demand in Kegworth was not enough to justify the direct service being diverted, although there was already a service (Rainbow 5). It was agreed that the NEMA Bus Partnership should review the potential for re-routing, taking into account both imminent and long term highways work to be undertaken in the vicinity, through joint working with Kegworth Parish Council, Nottingham City Council, Leicestershire County Council and the Highways Agency. It was agreed that Rushcliffe BC would be included in discussions.
- (ii) A query was raised on behalf of blind people accessing information. SpeakEasy is available on the NEMA website and it was confirmed that NEMA would meet and liaise with disability groups as appropriate.
- (iii) It was agreed that Rushcliffe BC would be included in discussions in connection with the Parkway Station which is now expected to open at the end of 2008.
- (iv) NEMA and partners will review increasing the frequency of the Airline Shuttle to Derby and Loughborough service should it become evident that buses are full – although this is not currently a problem. It was suggested that in order to overcome the perception on the part of potential passengers that the bus would be full, the potential for pre-booking seats should be explored.
- (v) Some villages are experiencing parking difficulties due to passengers parking cars in the villages and then boarding the

buses. Bus drivers are monitoring issues where possible but more feedback is needed from villages. However, it was noted that the control of car parks is the responsibility of Parish Councils and Local Authorities. NEMA is willing to assist and work in partnership to find solutions where possible.

ACTIONS: NEMA AND NCC

The Chair on behalf of all present thanked Colleen Hempson for a comprehensive presentation and discussion.

06/30 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members raised the issue of taxis now parking in surrounding villages awaiting airport calls following the changes to parking charges. NEMA confirmed that the first ten minutes access was free. This however was a new issue and NEMA would review the situation and report to a future meeting.

ACTION: NEMA

06/31 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 1 September 2006, 10.00am at DHL, Cargo West

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

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