

## **EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the meeting of Exeter Airport Consultative Committee held at Exeter Airport on 20 July 2022**

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#### **1 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Dean Stewart, Ottery St Mary Town Council, Personal, member of the Aviation Consultancy Group.

#### **2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 were confirmed as a true record.

#### **3 Matters arising - Chair's comments**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Matters arising:

The Chair would like the ACC to be more public facing and raise communication between meetings with the public, this would help to increase involvement in matters that arise from an early stage.

The Chair would like to set up a website for the ACC. The committee were in agreement and SW agreed the airport would help to support the development and to contact Claire Moorcraft, E: Marketing Executive for RCA.

Discussion was raised around JetZero 2040 and NetZero 2050. JetZero is the governments ambition for absolute zero for ground operations whereas NetZero allows for emissions to be offset. Exeter Airport are not including aircraft in NetZero; to be included as an Agenda Item in the next meeting.

#### **4 Verbal report from Stephen Wiltshire, Managing Director, Exeter Airport**

The Committee received an update from the Managing Director, Exeter and Devon Airport Limited. Passenger numbers were 39,423 (12,172 domestic) for May and 46,904 (14,673 domestic) for June. 8 domestic Routes and 245 FTE.

A Manchester route is unlikely to start this financial year. Bookings have been positive and around 90% over the summer period. Although TUI have had some slot delays there haven't been any issues with flights from Exeter.

Exeter Airport will make a loss this year, passenger numbers were forecast at 500,000. A change in behaviours, increased meetings online and less business travel has seen a drop in domestic passengers.

Recruitment is ongoing with several vacancies advertised. Exeter Airport carries out everything in-house and can deploy staff from areas of the business to help and assist where extra help may be required.

Exeter Airport had a Stage 2 Gateway for the Airspace Change Project in August but have swapped with Glasgow. ACOG have asked us to delay in order for the wider project not to be impacted. There will be a pause after Stage 2 for funding applications.

Exeter are working towards Level 2 Carbon Accreditation which involves mapping and recording of fuel and energy usage with a plan to reduce these. For further details on the Scheme follow the link - <https://www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org/index.php>

## 5 **Written report from Will Campbell, General Manager, Exeter Aerospace**

The General Manager reported that Exeter Aerospace customer base is growing within in the leasing world and currently support:-

- NAC with transitions of the Q400 too Flybe
- Azzora with transitions of Embraer 175 lease returns from Alitalia and prep for new customer.
- Falko transitions of the E195 to SAS with the 2<sup>nd</sup> successful delivery last week.
- Chorus with 6 transitions if ATR's to Emerald Airlines now complete.

Local operators being supported include

- Loganair
- Blue Islands
- Flybe
- SAS Link
- Emerald Airlines
- Eastern Airways
- Aurigny.

Belfast City Line station is now in full swing supporting 5 aircraft for Emerald from the 25<sup>th</sup> of July and now moving into 3<sup>rd</sup> party customers which include Swiftair and Marathon airlines.

Dublin Line station has now been handed over to Emerald Airlines engineering team allowing focus on Belfast and Exeter.

Exeter Aerospace are supporting paint facilities around the UK and Ireland sending engineers to IAC in Shannon, Satsy in Norwich and Airbourne colours in East Midlands.

Workload for the summer is slowing slightly but in line with budget, there continues to be supply chain issues and this will continue to effect turnaround times for inputs moving into the winter period.

Work with Exeter College on the apprentice scheme is ongoing, a large number of work experience students were taken in over the summer period, including ex-students from Exeter College, EA now looking to bring in on a permanent basis as junior mechanics.

Permanent head count is stable with 64 along with contract staff supporting as and when required.

6 **Verbal report from Anne McLaird, Director, Aviation Southwest**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

7 **Report from Steve Rush, Director of Flying Operations, DAAT**

The callout rate for DAAT has increased from last year but this is due to people being more active since COVID.

There are 2 aircraft flying from Exeter Airport and Eaglescott with 2 shifts covering the hours of operation.

DAAT tend to pick up the more serious incidents /accidents whereas the heat related calls get picked up by the road ambulance. They cover the whole of Devon and sometimes drift into Cornwall depending on the major trauma hospital they need to attend.

8 **Noise report for the airport**

There are less engine runs in the night at Exeter due to the level of activity, documented procedures state engine runs are to cease at 10pm unless by exception or the aircraft is going into operational service the following morning.

9 **Any other business**

The chair confirmed the ACC meetings will be reduced from 5 meetings a year to 4. All were in agreement to hold the next meeting in November.

The Chair confirmed a consultation is still in process for the flight paths in and out of Exeter and that no changes have been made.

In response to a question raised on flight cancellations – Exeter Airport offer support to passengers along with the airline. Contingencies are also in place should they be required for water and blankets.

The residents of Clyst Honiton experienced issues with passengers flying from the airport parking in the village. If this becomes a problem they may look into parking permits although the residents of Clyst St Mary have tried this previously and found it became a challenge.

10 **Date of next meeting**

It was noted that the next Exeter Airport Consultative Committee meeting would be held in November – date to be confirmed.

**Attendance List**

Dean Stewart – Ottery St Mary Town Council (Chair)  
Chris Daly – Aylesbeare Parish Council (Vice Chair)  
Gary Collier – Clyst Honiton Parish Council  
Harvey Platter – Bishops Clyst Parish Council  
Henry Gent Henry Gent – Broadclyst Parish Council  
Duncan Wood – Exeter City Council  
Steve Rush – Director of Flying Operations DAAT  
Stephen Wiltshire – Exeter and Devon Airport Limited

**Apologies:**

Will Campbell – Exeter Aerospace  
Anne McLaird Aviation Southwest  
Victoria Hatfield – Service Lead, Net Zero and Business, Exeter City Council  
Les Bayliss Les Bayliss – Cranbrook Town Council  
Simon McGrigg – Police Air Support Unit  
Jeremy Wollen – Rockbeare Parish Council  
Andy Wood – Service Lead – Growth, Development and Prosperity, EDDC

Chairman .....

Date: .....