

AIRPORT TRANSPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 24th September 2010 at 1300hrs

Present

Mr Albert Harrison
Mr Damien Tierney
Mr Issam Horshi
Odhran Dunne
Andy Mc Clenaghan
Sean Coulter

Representing

City of Derry Airport
City of Derry Airport
N.I Hotels Federation
Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau
N.I Consumer Council
DRD

The Chairperson, Mr Odhran Dunne opened the meeting, welcomed all present and invited any apologies.

Item 1

Apologies

James Buchanan

Representing

ABTA

Membership Organisations	Represented by
Chairman	James Buchanan
Airport Manager CODA	Albert Harrison
Londonderry Chamber of Commerce	TBA
Coleraine Borough Council	P Thompson
Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau	Catherine O'Connor
Northern Ireland Consumer Council	Claire Toner
Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce	TB A
Strabane Chamber of Commerce	TBA
North West Tourism	J Crawford

Eglinton Village Community	TBA
Ryanair	Sean Coyle
NI Hotel Federation	Issam Horshi
City Centre Initiative	Jim Roddy

Minutes of Meeting held on the 28th May 2009

Item 2 - The Minutes were AGREED as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman. They were proposed by S Coulter (DRD) and seconded by A Mc Clenaghan (NI Consumer Council).

<p>Item 3 Matters Arising and Actions from Minutes of Meeting of 28th May 2009</p> <p>No matters arising or actions required.</p> <p>Item 4 Correspondence</p> <p>No correspondence received.</p> <p>Item 5 Items scheduled for meeting Thursday 24th Sep 09</p> <p>No items.</p> <p>Item 6 Chairman's Business</p> <p>D Tierney gave an update on the minutes of 28th May 2009. He advised the Apron Works are currently running 2-3 weeks behind schedule due to problems with the machinery. When complete the Apron Area will have four nose-in pushback stands. The Runway Works are on schedule with a proposed completion date of 12th Nov 09.</p> <p><i>O Dunne enquired about the flights and passenger loads during the summer months and the possibility of a new route?</i></p> <p>D Tierney advised due to the economic downturn there were fewer flights but in general the load factors were very good. The Alicante route proved very successful and will operate again next year with the possibility of another flight from a mainstream European destination.</p> <p>Going forward to the winter schedule, Damien advised the flight</p>	
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frequency will be less, however the destinations remain unchanged. Expectations regarding the passenger figures are similar to those of last year.

The main aim now is to focus on the development of Spring/Summer 2010. The management are currently in talks with another carrier regarding the possibility of introducing an additional UK destination towards end of Mar 2010.

O Dunne enquired about the possibility of Spanish visitors coming inbound on either the Alicante or Majorca flights?

D Tierney reported these flights are primarily 50/50 splits, resulting in the same outbound passengers returning one or two weeks later.

I Horshi enquired about the possibility of Ryanair introducing a new European flight from either Paris/Italy in order to attract new clients.

A Harrison advised they will be in talks with Ryanair over the next few months and will endeavour to convince them of the development potential regarding this request.

O Dunne enquired about the possibility of a flight to the west of Ireland?

D Tierney stated that Aer Arann don't think there is much potential for flights to this area.

D Tierney followed on with an update on the proposed car-parking system:

- The new car parking equipment is on order and delivery is expected at the beginning of October. This includes new entrance and exit barriers and pay stations, which will accept Euros.
- There will be a major revamp and reconfiguration of the existing car park. The front of the terminal will be closed off and all cars will be diverted into the car park.
- A pre-booking system will be set up in the New Year.
- PRM arrangements have been taken into consideration; this includes disabled bays, ramps and assistance that will be available via a push button system if required.
- The drop-off zone will be within the main car park.
- An automated registration system will be in operation for the official taxi company enabling them to have access to the front of the terminal.

I Horshi enquired about accessibility to the car park in the event of a flight delay and/or airport closing times and access for public transport users?

D Tierney advised the airport would remain open in the event of a delayed flight. He also stated there will be signs within the car park publishing the opening & closing times and this information will also be available on the website.

Buses will still be able to access the existing bus stop at the front of the terminal.

A Mc Clenaghan enquired if there was an increase in requests for PRM service?

D Tierney advised there currently are a limited level of PRM requests but no dramatic increase. He will forward the relevant figures to Andy.

O Dunne enquired about the airport website?

D Tierney advised the airport is currently procuring a new website design which is being tendered by City Marketing. It is hoped to be up and running in the New Year and the credit card booking facility will be on it.

O Dunne enquired about the proposed terminal extension?

A Harrison advised the following:

- Building works to the west of the building will commence in April 2010.
- Improvements to the baggage reclaim area have been put on hold pending the flight schedule for 2010 and the mix of international and domestic flights.
- Although the introduction of new security equipment has reduced hand baggage searches, additional space is required to accommodate the queues at security.

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all members for attending and the meeting closed at 1400pm.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings:

**Thursday 28th January 2010- 1300hrs
Venue: Airport Business Lounge**

**Thursday 29th April 2010 – 1300hrs
Venue: Airport Business Lounge**

Signed: Chair	Date.
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