

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes

Meeting 25 March 2013 @ 10.30am

Attendees:

Murray Jensen	(Independent Chairperson)
Jason Russell	(Kapiti Coast Airport Manager)
Steve Bootten	(Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Ltd)
Jack Rikihana	(Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Representative)
Jonny Best	(Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board Representative)
Don Day	(Community Representative)
David Blair	(Community Representative, Kapiti Retirement Trust)
Graeme Barrell	(Airport Operator)
Paul Holloway	(Airport Operator)
Jim Ebenhoh	(Council Advisor – District Plan Policy)
Julie Lloyd	(Council Advisor – Noise)
Tracey Ferry	(Committee Secretary)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2013.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from a representative from Helipro for lateness.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

MOVED (Day/Barrell)

That the minutes of the meeting of 22 August 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

The Airport Manager spoke to the two reports he had tabled.

Report to 31 December 2012

The Airport Manager advised there were two corrections to this report:

- At page 5, the last item on the table "number of known breaches of noise rules last 5 months" should be zero (not 1)
- At page 7, last paragraph, 1 complainant had made 7 complaints in July/August (not 8)

Key points from this report included:

- The overall level of noise complaints is trending down, which can be attributed to a positive view of Air Nelson services, and very few helicopter operations
- Movements in the year have slowly decreased
- From January – December 2012 the total number of noise complaints was 28
- All complaints are for fixed wing aircraft
- Most complaints are made during the afternoon or evening

The Airport Manager spoke to the “Details of Complaints” table and there was some discussion. He confirmed that call centre operators were instructed to ask for full details of all complaints, and to specifically confirm whether or not the complaint was noise related.

MOVED (Rikihana/Barrell)

That the Airport Manager’s report to 31 December 2012 be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

Report to 28 February 2013

Key points from this report included:

- Ten complaints were received in this period, seven due to noise. The Airport Manager acknowledged it was a busy time of year.
- From March 2012 – March 2013 there were 28 noise complaints
- The trend for noise complaints is increasing slightly, due to six complaints from one person and a busy summer season
- Correction to second paragraph on page 8 – the complainant made 7 complaints (not 8)
- All complaints are for fixed wing aircraft
- Most complaints are received in the evening

There was some discussion regarding the definition of a “first time complainants”. The Airport Manager and Mr Bootten to discuss further.

There was also discussion re visitors from other areas being aware of noise management requirements. The Chair confirmed operators would know there would be noise management procedures, and this information was also in the AIP.

MOVED (Best/Day)

That the Airport Manager’s report to 28 February 2013 be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

COMPLAINT TO CAA

The Chair referred to a recent complaint made to the CAA. He said the CAA had advised that nothing in the complaint appeared to be in contravention of civil aviation rules, and confirmed that aircraft noise was a local issue.

The Chair commented it was helpful to know the CAA’s stance on this matter.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair spoke to his report and confirmed it was a summary of activity for the year. Copies went to Council and Airport management.

A number of amendments to the report were requested:

- at page 1, the link to the Noise Management Plan should be updated
- at page 1, "Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Limited" should be amended to "Kapiti Coast Airport"
- at page 2, the columns "August – December" be removed from the table
- at page 4, reference to the "KDAC website" be corrected to "KCDC" (this also applied to page 14 of the Airport Manager's report)

MOVED (Day/Blair)

That with the above amendments, the Chairman's report to 31 December 2012 be approved for publication.

CARRIED

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Community representatives each gave a verbal report.

FEEDBACK FROM AIRPORT OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES

Airport operator representatives each gave a verbal report.

FEEDBACK FROM TE ATI AWA KI WHAKARONGOTAI REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Rikihana gave a verbal report.

FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL STAFF

- o Ms Lloyd referred to a complaint she had received in February which had been managed and did not progress to the Airport's call centre
- o Mr Ebenhoh reported that a complaint to the Ombudsman re the Council's management of a noise problem had been investigated by the Ombudsman who had found in favour of the Council
- o Mr Ebenhoh also reported there had been 580 submissions to the Draft District Plan, none of which in his recollection were related to airport noise. He also confirmed the airport was not affected by coastal hazard lines.

APPOINTMENT OF CLG MEMBERS

The Chair confirmed that Mr Barrell and Paul Holloway had been appointed to the Community Liaison Group, representing fixed wing and helicopters respectively.

AIRPORT ACTIVITY

The Chair invited Mr Bootten to advise of any upcoming activity, and observed that the community was now very supportive of the airport. Mr Bootten felt this was due to helicopter operations having ceased, and confirmed the airport company continues to be proactive in managing noise issues.

Mr Bootten advised the airport is now owned by Kapiti Coast Airport Holdings Ltd, that Sir Noel Robinson is involved with that company and continues to contribute his vision to the community. He said they are looking to build a number of hangars, in response to demand, and would also be relocating the Kapiti Aero Club to the end of Taxiway Bravo. Development work continues on the business park.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Airport Manager circulated a brochure the airport is distributing to pilots, providing a Code of Conduct and rules the airport is promulgating re noise control.

He said Air NZ flights are steady, and the airport is currently gathering information regarding the demand for a Christchurch service.

Mr Rikihana referred to a rally on Wednesday 26 March, which involves 38 aircraft flying in and staying overnight. The Airport Manager confirmed this was being hosted by the Aero Club, it was part of an excursion right around New Zealand.

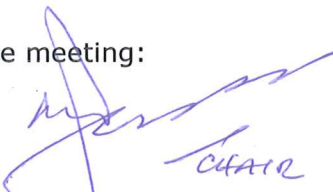
Mr Barrell acknowledged Sir Noel having received the Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary International for his contribution to the community.

NEXT MEETING

The Chair suggested the next meeting be towards the end of 2013, and reminded everyone this would be the end of the three year term.

The meeting closed at 11.46pm.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:


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