

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes

Meeting 27 May 2014 @ 10.30am

Attendees:

Gordon Strachan	(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)
Bryan Sharpe	(Airport Operator)
Rita O'Brien	(Council Advisor – District Plan Policy)
Julie Lloyd	(Council Advisor – Environmental Health)
Tracey Ferry	(Committee Secretary (Retiring))
Cathy Duncan	(Committee Secretary (New))

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

MINUTES

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

MOVED (Blair/Day)

That the minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2013 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman acknowledged the report tabled by the previous Chair as at 31 December 2013. The Committee thanked Mr Jensen for his time as Chair.

MOVED (Blair/Day)

That the Chairman's report to 31 December 2013 be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

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

Report 1 October to 31 December 2013

Key points from this report included:

- A total of two calls had been registered with the complaints centre during this period, with only one of those being a noise report
- The noise report involved a breach of the airport curfew, with a pilot carrying out a touch and go after 10.30pm. Mr Russell has spoken to the aircraft operator who has apologised and given assurance this will not happen again
- There is a slight decrease in movements data
- The total number of noise complaints for the calendar year is 10, with only one of those being a breach of the noise rule
- Nuisance complaints have dropped away

MOVED (Blair/Barrell)

That the Airport Manager's report to 31 December 2013 be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

Report 1 January to 31 March 2014

Key points from this report included:

- A comparison of numbers during the two periods shows that movements continue to decrease. The main causes for this are changes in government funding subsidies for pilot training, and Helipro taking their operations to Palmerston North
- Mr Barrell advised Kapiti Aero Club numbers are growing steadily, with a number of members transferring from Wellington
- The Airport Manager commented the new aero club facilities are outstanding
- In the last 12 months there have been only two complaints, one being a tow plane (not a breach) and the other the curfew breach referred to earlier
- Noise complaints compared to aircraft movement numbers has dropped to zero

MOVED (Barrell/Day)

That the Airport Manager's report to 31 March 2014 be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

FEEDBACK FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Community representatives had nothing to report.

FEEDBACK FROM AIRPORT OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVES

Airport operator representatives had nothing to report.

FEEDBACK FROM TE ATI AWA KI WHAKARONGOTAI REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Rikihana had nothing to report.

FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL STAFF

Council officers had nothing to report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Chair commented that the way noise complaints are managed is important, and complimented the airport for their handling of the issue. It was also suggested that with the introduction of regular Air New Zealand flights the airport is increasingly seen as a community asset, and people are therefore more tolerant of a degree of noise.

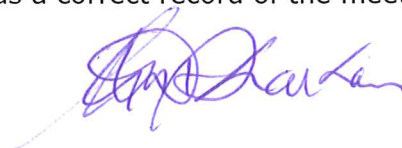
Mr Rikihana said he had heard of two elderly women who recently went on a scenic helicopter flight, and thoroughly enjoyed it. He said this was a good way for elderly folk to participate in the airport's activities. Mr Bootten reiterated that helicopters are not banned from the airport, only helicopter training is. The airport is keen to encourage all types of activity, including the aero club, tourism flights etc.

NEXT MEETING

To be advised, probably towards the end of the year.

The meeting closed at 11.03am.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:

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