

## Aircraft Noise Community Liaison Group Meeting on 27 September 2022

1. **Present:** Chris Simpson, Jonny Best, Simon Lockie, David Blair, Laura Willoughby, Peter Merwood, Grant Twaddle, James Jefferson, Amanda Cottrell  
James Jefferson standing in as Interim Chair for this meeting.
2. **Apologies:** Don Day, Jack Rikihana, Joseph Sule
3. **Minutes:** Error on Page 3 re next Marshall Day reporting due date – should be February 2022. Adopted.
4. **Resignation of Chair:** Murray Bell has resigned. May seek expressions of interest for the incoming Chair then will need to take a paper to Council about this. Ideally, would be someone with Resource Management background, or legal background.

**Action:** Laura will check the criteria from the last appointment and circulate this to members.

5. **Airport Manager's Report:** Last 12 months' noise comparison is fairly typical. Number of complaints has reduced significantly. Average is 1.7 per month. Noise events resulting in a complaint less than 10 per month. More than half of the complaints are talking about multiple instances. About half of the complaints refer to night flying. Most daytime complaints refer to circuit training. All of night complaints were about aircraft transferring past, not stopping in Kapiti. Best time to do noise monitoring is in Q1 of the year (January, February, and March 2023) to get best comparison so will need to wait until next summer. Noise levels are low due to reduction in the number of aircraft movements. No complaints were found to be breaches of the noise curfew.  
Marshall Day could potentially do a report based on the current air traffic data.

**Action:** Laura will come back to the group by email with the legal position on whether the abbreviated noise monitoring report is appropriate, and the process for the Noise Management Plan to be reviewed.

The Noise Management Plan is due for review. It would need to go to Council to be reviewed.

The Chair asked if the Airport Manager could put their reports up on their website for the community to be informed. This will be considered.

6. **Chair's Report:** Nil
7. **Airport Update:** Nil
8. **Correspondence:** Jonny Best received correspondence from Charlie Dickson. She has made multiple complaints previously. He will reply to Charlie on the Group's behalf.

Her requests were as follows:

1. *The increase in residential dwellings in Paraparaumu and Raumati Beach and the need for pilots to have a greater level of understanding and consideration of the community, including recognition that recreational flying is done by a tiny percentage of pilots yet impacts upon thousands of residents.*
2. *Frequency of take-offs due to a large majority of flights simply undertaking circuits. I would like the amount and frequency of take-offs to be reviewed under the Noise Management Plan. There appears to be no restriction whatsoever on this. Noise from planes is a lot more manageable if there is not a sudden 'clump' of planes all doing circuits concurrently. I would like to see a cap on the number of planes doing circuit training at any one time. Otherwise, the result is that multiple planes are taking off sometimes within 30 seconds of each other and this can sometimes last for what feels like a very long time.*
3. *The increased need for a majority of people to be working from home. This means that we cannot get away from the airport noise during the week so are now subject to potential airport noise 7 days a week. The changing work circumstances need to be taken into account in reviewing the Noise Management Plan. The work that I am currently doing is of significant importance to our nation and I'm sure there are plenty of other people around here working from home who are also finding it hard to concentrate during the day with the small plane noise. Note that my house is built to the noise standards that Jonny mentioned and much of the time I have headphones on for Teams calls, but the plane noise is still problematic.*
4. *A proposal that the night-time curfew of 10.30pm be reviewed with a view to making this earlier. Pilots are sometimes commencing their night training circuits well after it has become dark, which seems entirely unnecessary and, again, demonstrates a lack of consideration for the community.*

These requests will feed into any review of the Noise Management Plan and require community consultation.

Kapiti Airport has reinstated their night flying charges at the start of July 2022 so this may deter some of the night flying.

9. **General Business:** The Airport Manager requested a thank you letter be sent to the outgoing chair from the Group.

Potentially need to add a representative from the new Raumati Community Board to the Group.

10. **Next meeting:** Proposed to meet in 6 months' time – will aim for March/April 2023.

Meeting closed at 4.45pm.