

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MINUTES Meeting 12 October 2017

ATTENDEES

Hilary Wooding	(Independent Chairperson)
Robert Binney	(Kapiti Coast Airport, CE)
Jason Russell	(Kapiti Coast Airport, Airport Manager)
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)
Peter Merwood	(Kapiti Districts Aero Club Representative)
Andrew Aldridge	(Air Nelson (Air NZ))
Julie Lloyd	(Council Advisor – Noise)
Robyn Signal	(Minute Taker)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APOLOGIES

Paul Busing, Council Advisor – District Plan Policy, Kapiti Coast District Council
Kevin Currie, Group Manager Regulatory Services, Kapiti Coast District Council
Dave Gollop, Aircraft Operator (Air Nelson (Air NZ))

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the previous meeting dated 29 March 2017 were reviewed.

MOVED (D Day/ D Blair)

That the minutes of the meeting of 29 March 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: 1 MARCH 2017 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Airport Manager, Mr Russell, spoke to his report which covered the seven month period 1 March 2017 to 30 September 2017. Key points included:

A total of 13 complaints were received in the seven month period.

Eight were registered with the Kapiti Coast Noise Complaints Call Centre, four noise complaint forms were received by email, and one voicemail was received on the Airport Manager's mobile phone.

Ten of the complaints were over a two-night period, 15th and 16th March 2017. They related to Massey University School of Aviation, based at Palmerston North Airport. Three aircraft had flown down to carry out night circuit training, which is necessary for the flight training curriculum. The aircraft remained in circuit for just over an hour, before returning to Palmerston North. They had not breached Airport or Council rules in respect of noise. The Airport Manager has worked proactively with Massey University School of Aviation to lessen the effects of its activities at Kapiti Coast Airport.

One of the four emails received about noise was in relation to a light fixed-wing aircraft, which was carrying out training for simulated engine failures after take-offs. This standard practice is part of the necessary flight training syllabus, is required training for students' flight tests, and does not happen too often.

The one complaint received by the Airport Manager's mobile phone voicemail was in regard to the light fixed-wing aircraft carrying out night circuit training in March. This complaint was not received through the formal complaint process. A letter was sent in response to the complainant.

Night flying frequency is now declining due to daylight saving.

A detailed noise complaint referred to on page 10 of the report was made when the Aero Club hosted a NZ Police Blue Light Charity event for close to 30 children who were given 10-15 minute flights. This event also coincided with a Massey flight that did a few circuits.

All complaints were in relation to aircraft noise within the jurisdiction of the Airport.

All complaints were investigated and responded to in writing by the Airport Manager.

The downward trend of noise complaints continues.

MOVED D Blair

That the Airport Manager's report for the period 1 March 2017 - 30 September 2017 be received.

CARRIED J Best

AIRPORT UPDATE:

The Airport Manager, Mr Russell, informed the meeting that the Airport has updated the information on its website on noise, ordinance and activities, and similarly has provided more relevant information to the Kapiti Coast Noise Complaints Call Centre, and the Kapiti Coast District Council website also. This is in response to community feedback received that further relevant information be made available through these forums.

The Airport Chief Executive, Mr Binney, gave a general update on the Airport.

- The Airport has had new aircraft at the Airport and for the first time has almost run out of hangar space. The Aero Club continues to grow in strength and heart.

- Air2there has commenced occasionally operating a Jetstream aircraft from the Airport. This is mainly for charter work. It is hoped that the service may evolve next year to carry out scheduled passenger services.
- The new aerodrome flight information services tower building is now open and is working well. Airways NZ provides the flight information services from that facility.
- Three people have been trespassed from the Airport in the last three months due to security concerns. The Airport has zero tolerance for non-compliance with any activity adversely impacting airport security.
- The Airport has carried out through the period significant works to ensure the Airport continues to provide its services safely and efficiently for airport operators and other customers.
- Mr Best raised a question with regard to bird hazards with the wetlands being on the southern end of the airport. Mr Binney indicated that they are aware of the habitat and advised that the Airport has in place an active wildlife hazard management plan, and all bird strikes and near misses are reported to the CAA. The CAA compiles statistics recording wildlife hazard reports received from across all NZ Airports. Kapiti Coast Airport's number of incidents/aircraft movements is statistically at the low end of the scale.
- Mr Rikihana gave feedback from Iwi that the feature garden being developed on the Kapiti Road side of the airport will be a public space with Maori carvings, sculptural elements, native plantings and a lawn adjacent the wetland. Once the four carvings are installed the garden will be open to the public. It is hoped this will be during November/December 2017. An Opening Ceremony to celebrate is planned. Mr Binney thanked Mr Rikihana and commented that there will also be interpretive signage to help with an understanding of the heritage of the area. This site links well with the nearby Heritage Precinct including the old control tower and Museum of Aviation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Aircraft Noise Community Liaison Group acknowledged Kevin Currie for his contribution to the Community Liaison Group and wished him well on his retirement.

There was no other general business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was suggested for 3rd May 2017 at 2pm and a calendar appointment will be sent to members.

The meeting closed at 2:54pm

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Hilary Wooding 25/7/2018

**Hilary Wooding (JP)
Independent Chairperson**