

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes Meeting 20 August 2012 @ 10am

Attendees:

Murray Jensen	(Independent Chairperson)
Jason Russell	(Kapiti Coast Airport Manager)
Steve Bootten	(Paraparaumu Airport Holdings Ltd)
Don Day	(Community Representative)
David Blair	(Community Representative, Kapiti Retirement Trust)
Graeme Barrell	(Airport Operator)
Siobhan Mandich	(Airport Operator)
Jim Ebenhoh	(Council Advisor – District Plan Policy)
James Kilbride	(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 present. He stated that since the last meeting there had been some uncertainty about who was representing the Aero Club on the committee on an ongoing basis, and said this needed to be resolved by the Airport Company and Kapiti Coast District Council.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Jonny Best and Jack Rikihana.

MINUTES

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

MOVED (Day/Blair)

That the minutes of the meeting of 15 March 2012 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

The Airport Manager apologised that an incorrect version of his report had previously been circulated, and tabled a correct version of the report. Meeting attendees were given a few minutes to review the revised report.

The Airport Manager then spoke to his report. Key points included:

- A total of 35 complaints had been registered for the period January to July 2012, of which 21 were noise-related
- The overall level of noise complaints is trending down, which can be attributed in part to a reduction in airport activity, including fewer helicopter operations

- Air Nelson has now been operating for nine months and has received only two noise complaints
- Movements in the year to date were down 19%, primarily due to helicopter training being moved to Palmerston North in mid 2011, and lower fixed wing training activity due to reduced government funding for student pilots
- Unless the complaint specifically states so, it is not possible to identify complaints about glider tug planes vs other aircraft
- In the last 12 months there have been 29 noise complaints in total, of which 28 were for fixed wing and one for helicopter
- Since January 2009 the trend for complaints is decreasing. There are occasional spikes in the number of complaints, generally caused by a small number of repetitive complainants
- All complaints were investigated and only one found to be in breach of airport rules; the pilot and operator in question admitted to being in error and provided assurance it would not happen again

The Airport Manager advised that independent noise monitoring was carried out by Marshall Day for a six week period in January and February 2012. Results of the report show the airport continues to comply with noise regulations as per the Noise Management Plan, and copies of the report are available via the airport website. This report would also be added to the Council website.

MOVED (Jensen/Day)

That the Airport Manager's report be noted and he be thanked for his report.

CARRIED

AIRPORT NOISE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

The Chair explained this review was required statutorily, and said the CLG was not directly concerned unless they wished to provide feedback. He confirmed he had reviewed the document and had no comments.

Mr Ebenhoh and Mr Kilbride then spoke to the draft updated NMP as circulated.

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 was not present to provide a report.

AIRPORT ACTIVITY

The Airport Manager stated that Air New Zealand flights were not as full as they could be, and a number of flights will be combining in this and next month to absorb the lower numbers. Clubs and fixed wing training also have low numbers at present, although the winter weather prevents people from travelling and participating in recreational flying. It is hoped the numbers will pick up. Mr Bootten advised that work was about to begin on the next stage of big box retail outlets on Kapiti Road.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

THANKS

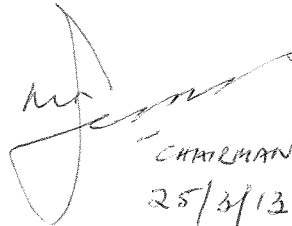
The Chairman expressed appreciation to the Airport Users representatives whose two year terms had now expired. He asked the Company to take appropriate action to appoint replacement members to the CLG.

NEXT MEETING

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and said the next meeting would probably be in March 2013. He advised he needed to prepare an annual report to the end of December, and asked that the Airport Manager's report reflect that time frame.

The meeting closed at 12.06pm.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:



CHAIRMAN
25/3/13