

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes

Meeting 8th November 2010 @ 1pm

Attendees:

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| Murray Jensen | (Independent Chairperson) |
| Anthony (AJ) Wackrow | (Paraparaumu Airport Manager) |
| Richard Bull | (Airport Operator) |
| Louella Jensen | (Community Board Representative) |
| David Blair | (Community Representative, Kapiti Retirement Trust) |
| Don Day | (Community Representative) |
| Jack Rikihana | (Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Representative) |
| Jim Ebenhoh | (Council Observer) |
| Julie Lloyd | (Council Advisor - Noise) |
| Geri O'Brien | (Committee Secretary) |

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members and Council staff.

APOLOGIES (Jensen/Day)

That the apologies of Steve Bootten be accepted.

MINUTES (Jensen/Day)

The minutes of the meeting of 15 June 2010 were accepted as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

MATTERS ARISING

- The Chairperson reported he and the Mayor had visited a person with several years of noise complaint history to better understand problems affecting her. The home is in line with the flight path at the southern end of the runway. At the complainant's request Pilot flight patterns and winds were checked with the Airport Manager to assess impact but no basis for concern was found and no resolution was reached. The Airport Manager advised the Group that 71 complaints had been received by this complainant over the last year, 32 since the last report, approximately one dozen over the past two weeks, and 5 or 6 this past weekend.
- The Chairman had discussions with Council's Tony Cronin and it was agreed to publicise the CLG phone number on Council news issues, publications and websites. Attention was drawn to an advertisement in last week's Kapi-Mana News based at Porirua, with a picture of an aeroplane saying "*If noise is worrying you ring these numbers – WCC and Civil AA*" with numbers supplied. A check showed the numbers were for the City Council who knew nothing of the matter. The newspaper was queried and it transpired the advertisement was lodged by a private Whitby resident. The Chairman will liaise with Council's Public Relations department regarding appropriate ways of handling these issues.

On this matter Jack Rikihana advised he had received information that Wellington Airport have lodged an Application for Departure from the normal noise consent accommodating the increase in aircraft operating outside normal hours during the World Cup next year. This information was advertised in the paper in Wellington

- Murray referred to the Noise Management Plan Review and asked Jim Ebenhoh to step the Group through the key changes:

Jim Ebenhoh – On reporting back to the Regulatory Management Committee of Council on 9th September the Committee, on behalf of Council, did accept the revised Plan as the new version of the Noise Management Plan. The key changes are really two fold:

- One refers to the latest District Plan Rules as per Plan Change 73 which earlier this year made it to the Environmental court.
- The second general area (Part 4 and 5) is around clarifying the communication and monitoring section in terms of the Noise Management Plan
- Part 4. - monitoring and reporting. The airport will differentiate between field monitoring, which they are required to do every 12 to 36 hours as per the District Plan, and regular monitoring - the type of noise complaints received as presented by AJ Wackrow at the CLG's meeting
- Part 5. - communications and complaints section. This covers a tidy up of the website and email address of the airport, and clarity around the role of the CLG. Matters will be referred to the CLG for discussion to assist the Airport with final resolution.
- An additional airport operator has been included as representative, and can be one of either a fixed wing or helicopter operator. For the new triennium only the Council advisors will need to be reconfirmed for the Group.
- Community Liaison Group Minutes will now be made public on the Kapiti Coast district council website, no later than 4 weeks following the meeting.
- A paragraph has been included in the Plan that a vacancy may be created on the Community Liaison Board if there are more than 3 absences by a Board member, without apologies.

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

AJ gave a summary of his report dated 8 November 2010 and highlighted the following:-

- AJ advised that repetitive complaints had been excluded and numbers adjusted to give a more realistic picture of complaints versus flight activity.
- Trends have been steadily continuing downwards over the past few years.
- The new tracking system at the airport has allowed a true picture of aircraft flying at the airport producing accurate data of complaints versus per 1000 aircraft.
- Noise complaints broken down by aircraft type were 5:1 with helicopters dominating.
- Noise complaints neither decreased nor increased after the fitting of the tug plane's hush kit.

- The period June 09 – September 10 showed favourable trends for noise complaints of 2:1 for helicopters and unchanged at 1:1000 for fixed wing aircraft.
- Noise complaints by time of day showed night time rating higher with one breach. The investigation found this to be the result of pilot placing safety over curfew times and was not deliberate.
- No changes to the curfew or any information published to pilots in this last quarter.
- No threatening or abusive complaints
- New Noise Management Plan was received by Council and it was agreed it complied with requirements.
- One other issue was raised. A breach occurred in the early hours of the morning between 2.00am and 5.45am on the 4th November. The operator has been asked to investigate and airport management are awaiting a response. No noise complaints were received. Resolution recommendations to be advised at next meeting. Richard Bull agreed to speak with the operator.
- The Chairperson advised the Committee that this was AJ's last meeting as he will be leaving the Airport Company at the end of the year and a new Airport manager will be appointed in his place.
- Julie advised the Committee that 3 noise complaints had been received by Council in the last week and suggested the procedure of laying a complaint be made available to the public on the Airport website.
- Jim also suggested mentioned be made of the time factor involved in following up those complaints as the public expectation is often that one phone call will produce results within a fast turnaround.

Murray thanked AJ for his comprehensive report.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- **Louella Jensen:** advised she had received no complaints through the Paraparaumu-Raumati Community board.
- **Don Day:** advised he had received no complaints through the community.
- **Richard Bull:** advised he had received no complaints through the Airport Users Group.
- **Jack Rikihana:** advised he had received no complaints from Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai.

OTHER MATTERS

Murray asked Committee Members to look over the Draft Annual Report

- Jim Ebenhoh: clarified the term "*CLG Membership shall be three years*". Community representatives are sit for a term of three years. Airport operators representatives, Iwi, PAHL, and the Airport Manager for a term of two years, and the Community representatives appointed by KCDC at the discretion of the Ati Awa ke Whakarongotai representative, a term of three years. The chairperson is also appointed for three years.

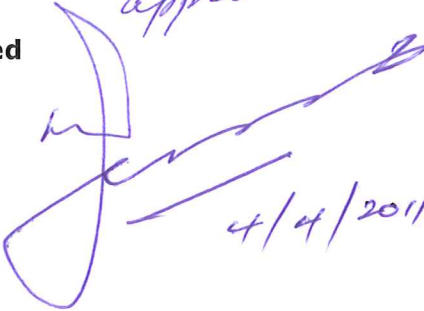
The chairperson asked for a consensus to proceed. **Unanimous.**

- Julie – It was noted that the new Noise Management Plan is not yet on the Airport website. Jim had discussed this with Steve Botten's who advised it would be up once the new CLG was in place. Meantime the new Noise Management Plan was on the KCDC website for anyone who would like to see it. A search on "airport noise" will bring up the webpage.

The Chairperson concluded by saying this will be the final meeting of the current CLG. He thanked all committee members for their involvement and contribution over the past three years and drew the meeting to a close.

The Meeting closed at 2.00pm

Next Meeting – to be advised

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4/4/2011