

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes Meeting 15 March 2012 @ 10am

Attendees:

Murray Jensen	(Independent Chairperson)
Jason Russell	(Paraparaumu Airport Manager)
Steve Bootten	(Kapiti Coast Airport Ltd)
Don Day	(Community Representative)
David Blair	(Community Representative, Kapiti Retirement Trust)
Graeme Barrell	(Airport Operator)
Siobhan Mandich	(Airport Operator)
Jonny Best	(Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board Representative)
Jack Rikihana	(Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Representative)
Jim Ebenhoh	(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 introduced two new attendees – Jason Russell, the new Kapiti Coast Airport Manager, and Siobhan Mandich from Helipro.

APOLOGIES

Graeme Barrell advised he would need to leave the meeting at 10.45am in order to catch a flight to Auckland. There were no other apologies.

MINUTES

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

MOVED (Rikihana/Best)

That the minutes of the meeting of 31 August 2011 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

REPORT FROM AIRPORT MANAGER

The Airport Manager spoke to his report which had been previously circulated. Key points included:

- Movement numbers have decreased significantly since December 2010, mainly because Helipro's helicopter operations have moved to Palmerston North
- Movements per year are currently sitting at approximately 27,000, and will probably stay at that level for the foreseeable future
- 28 complaints were received in total for the period August – December 2011, of which only 8 were noise-related

- For the period January – December 2011 there were 57 noise complaints in total
- 23 noise complaints were related to helicopters, which should reduce with helicopter training no longer allowed at this airport
- Complaints against Air NZ have been very low since the service commenced in late October. Eight complaints in total – one for noise and 7 non-noise related.

Mr Barrell commented that he lived on the immediate boundary of the airport and stated that the reduction in noise is phenomenal. He passed his thanks to the Airport and to this Committee.

Mr Barrell left the meeting at 10.43am.

The Airport Manager continued:

- During the period August – December, most noise complaints were received during the early afternoon, which is typically when local operators are doing most of their training
- For the year January – December, most complaints were received after 6pm, which is generally when people arrive home and notice the noise
- There were no aggressive complaints for the August – December period.

The Airport Manager then advised the noise monitoring which was required under the Noise Management Plan had been completed in February. This involved a microphone on the airfield, which monitored noise and movements for a six week period. The results had not yet been received but when they were available would be posted on the Airport's and the Council's websites.

MOVED (Jensen/Day)

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

CARRIED

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

Te Ati Awa Ki Whakarongotai representative gave a verbal report.

AIRPORT ACTIVITY

Kapiti Coast Airport representative gave a verbal report on the difficulties that the recent Heliworx resource consent could present to airport noise management.

CLG ANNUAL REPORT

A draft Annual Report was tabled by the Chair. This is a formal document which was completed at the end of every year and posted on Airport and Council websites.

MOVED (Day/Blair)

That with amendments as noted, the Kapiti Coast Airport Noise Community Liaison Group Annual Report to 30 November 2011 be adopted.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Mr Ebenhoh advised that the District Plan review was under way and the Council was looking to notify the new District Plan in October 2012. He said they were not looking to change any airport matters, and were working with the airport company around some rules not related to noise.

NEXT MEETING

There was some discussion about the frequency with which the Committee should meet, it was agreed the next meeting should consider a 30 June report. Given that the Chair is away in July, a meeting will be scheduled in early August.

The meeting closed at 11.22am.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:



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