

**Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee held at Queenstown Airport
on Monday 15 February 2016**

- Present:** Jane Taylor (Chair), Scott Freeman (Community Representative), Dave Matthews (General Aviation), Clayton Lightfoot (Airways), Steve Mclsaac (Community Representative), Bob Fletcher (Air New Zealand) via telephone conference, Kelly Campbell (QAC Noise Administrator)
- In Attendance:** Matthew Day (QAC Commercial Manager), Caleb Tien (QLDC)
- Apologies:** Mike Clay (QAC GM Operations), Greg Miller (Community Representative)

The meeting commenced at 6pm.

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting. The apologies were accepted. One resident, Lesley Duggan on behalf of her husband Trevor, had indicated she would like to address the committee but did not show up to the meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 5 October 2015 were accepted by the Committee.

There were no Matters Arising from the 5 October meeting. It was noted that no complaints had been received in respect to the Runway works, however SF indicated he thought the works had been quite loud, especially with the beeping. CL explained they should be finished within 2 -3 weeks as they were already 600m in and work was going well with no delays. BF advised the programme of works was due to end at the end of March but this did not take into account the 10 work days included. CL advised the lighting work was being done concurrently.

3. Review of Work Plan

There were no changes made to the Work Plan for the year February 2015 - 2016.

4. Standing Agenda Items:

Aircraft Activities

The Committee noted the number of total aircraft movements at the Airport for the three month period to the end of December 2015.

Unplanned Engine Testing incidents

It was noted there were no unplanned engine tests to the end of December 2015.

Complaints register summary

Noted. KC summarised the register and noted the 2 complaints because of the PAPI calibrating. CL advised more testing would be required and he would liaise with KC as to when this would be.

SF advised that helicopters had been flying low over his house again. DM stated how disappointing this was and will email his pilots reminding them of their obligations. It was queried how it was going with Mike Clay and putting some sort of requirement around the height of helicopters into the AIP. Jane will meet with Mike Clay to discuss the flight path of helicopters and possible inclusion in the AIP and will also discuss the possibility of a QAC led meeting with the helicopter companies.

5. Operational Reporting:

The Operational Report was taken as read.

- The trial house at 64 Grant Road has been deferred to June when tenants move out.
- Four owners have accepted the offers of noise mitigation to their properties and these will now go out to tender.
- Helitours have signed a new lease that includes strong provisions around noise management that includes contractual requirements.
- The runway widening and overlay is progressing well and is on track for completion mid-March.
- The decision on QAC's designation has confirmed GA should be located to the south on RPL land, but is still subject to CAA approval being confirmed.
- QAC submitted further on the District Plan Review regarding its position on intensification on ASAN outside the OCB, with BF advising BARNZ also supports this restriction.

6. General Business:

- BF advised that there will be some tweaks to the Air NZ evening flight schedule.
- BF brought the committee up to speed on the Air NZ decision to fit their fleet of ATR's with RNP – likely to come into Queenstown in 2018.
- A discussion on the timing of when the committee meetings were held was had and it was agreed to continue holding the meetings from 6pm.

7. Upcoming Committee Meetings for 2016:

The upcoming meetings are:

Monday 13 June 2016

Monday 19 September 2016

Monday 14 November 2016

The meeting concluded at 7pm.

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Jane Taylor

Chair

Date:

Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee held at Queenstown Airport on Monday 13 June 2016

Present: Jane Taylor (Chair), Scott Freeman (Community Representative), Dave Matthews (General Aviation), Colin Keel (QAC CEO), Steve McIsaac (Community Representative), Bob Fletcher (Air New Zealand), Mike Clay (QAC GM Operations), Greg Miller (Community Representative), Kelly Campbell (QAC Noise Administrator)

In Attendance: Caleb Tien (QLDC), Ant Beale and James Bremner (RCP), David Jerram (Resident)

Apologies: Clayton Lightfoot (Airways), Matthew Day (QAC Commercial Manager)

The meeting commenced at 6.05pm.

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting.

An apology from Clayton Lightfoot (Airways) was accepted.

One resident, David Jerram, attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

Mr Jerram wished to air his concerns regarding the mechanical ventilation system offered to him by QAC as part of the Mid Noise Sector. He is currently redesigning his house to have large windows facing west, and felt the PC35 Insulation/Ventilation table used by QAC to inform the offer meant that the system proposed was insufficient to cool his McBride Street property in the heat of summer. He would like QAC to include a cooling unit capable of bringing the temperature down to a "liveable" level. James Bremner of RCP advised that QAC is legally obligated to follow what is in the table. A general discussion took place, including in relation to the interpretation of the rules and the Table 2 (Ventilation Requirements) in PC 35 of the District Plan. The Chair thanked Mr Jerram for coming along to the meeting.

Mr Jerram left the meeting at 6.23pm.

After discussion by the Committee, it was agreed that an interpretation of the PC35 Table 2 needed to be established but that ultimately it was QAC's decision on the approach to be adopted in relation to the standard achieved. Colin Keel agreed but also noted that the design of windows in houses and other mitigations also needed to be reasonable – residents cannot solely rely on QAC to keep their homes cool in summer. Bob Fletcher also agreed a pragmatic approach was needed. He noted that Auckland Airport was currently reviewing whether or not to continue to offer mechanical ventilation to residents.

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The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 15 February 2016 were accepted by the Committee.

There were no Matters Arising from the 15 February 2016 meeting.

3. Review of Work Plan

There were no changes made to the Work Plan for the year February 2016 - 2017.

- Scott Freeman noted communication from RCP was slow in getting back to him on queries regarding the mitigation of his home.
- Mike Clay advised he had investigated the vibration complaint and that there was no obvious audible vibration coming from the blast fence. This will continued to be monitored if further complaints are received.

4. Standing Agenda Items:

- Aircraft Activities
The Committee noted the number of total aircraft movements at the Airport for the three month period to the end of March 2016.
- Unplanned Engine Testing incidents
It was noted there were no unplanned engine tests to the end of March 2016.
- Complaints register summary
Kelly Campbell summarised the register and noted the 4 complaints were regarding a low flying helicopter (2 complaints from the same person about the same helicopter), and 2 complaints with respect to a perceived increase in jet noise because of evening flights.

A discussion on low flying helicopters occurred. It was queried if private helicopters using the airfield was an issue. It was agreed it was the current operators rather than any private helicopters that were the problem. Dave Matthews advised the approach should be to make the helicopters fly higher over the neighbours. The best option is to try and influence operators to do this voluntarily rather than try to enforce through the AIP. Although this approach by Dave with the "Fly Friendly" option has not worked for some operators, it was agreed that QAC would meet with all of the operators to discuss this. Bob Fletcher advised that in his opinion it would be easier to enforce these rules under the Resource Management Act rather than the CAA rules. Mike Clay will organise the meeting with operators and report back to the Committee.

5. Operational Reporting:

The Operational Report was taken as read.

- The 2015 AANC's were noted. The tri yearly compliance monitoring programme will be undertaken in 2017.

6. General Business:

- Great feedback had been received regarding evening flights. The Committee expressed its thanks to Jen Andrews for the work done in getting information to the public in a very proactive and informative manner. It was noted that the recent Public Meeting regarding evening flights, which involved representatives of the airlines, was a success.
- A brief update on Lot 6 was given.
- It was agreed meetings would be moved to start at 6.15pm.

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In Attendance: Caleb Tien (QLDC), Doug Bailey (Resident), Alexa Forbes (QLDC Councillor)

Apologies: Bob Fletcher (Air New Zealand), Kelly Campbell (QAC Noise Administrator)

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm.

1. Welcome:

The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting. Brief introductions were made.

Apologies from Bob Fletcher (Air New Zealand) and Kelly Campbell (QAC Noise Administrator) were accepted.

One resident, Doug Bailey, attended the meeting and addressed the Committee. He was accompanied by Councillor Forbes. It was noted that Mr Bailey had previously tabled a written statement on behalf of himself and V A Hinson.

Mr Bailey outlined his concerns regarding the level of light commercial aircraft that can be heard from his house at Hammock Ridge, Closeburn. While he considers that a certain number of flights would be acceptable, the marked increase is an increasing intrusion. He stated that at the height of summer they experienced noise from 20 flights in 25 minutes and had to abandon their work. The highly intrusive nature of light aircraft is compounded by the alpine geography and the fact that aircraft travel in groups. Mr Bailey compared the level of noise to a car with no muffler driven past a house, which would clearly cause complaints and action. He has approached the Airport and Council about this matter.

A general discussion took place on the nature of the flights which are causing most nuisance. Mr Bailey confirmed that the large commercial aircraft are not a problem but the light planes can be heard even if they are on the far side of Lake Wakatipu, due to noise travelling up the valley. Discussion also covered technological advances leading to quieter aircraft and Mr Bailey stated that the quieter aircraft are the exception rather than the rule. It was acknowledged that there has been a significant rise in the number of flights over the last two years. Mr Bailey noted that there is an increase in residential development on the north side of the lake and this will lead to more residents being affected. He noted that there are areas of the world where light aircraft have been banned as the residents would not tolerate the noise nuisance and that while he is open to finding a balance, in his view it should not always be the environment that is compromised.

The Chair thanked Mr Bailey for coming along to the meeting. Mr Bailey thanked the committee for their time and indicated that he would be happy to assist the committee further if required.

Mr Bailey left the meeting at 6.43pm.

After discussion by the Committee, it was agreed that there needs to be a full understanding of the issue and that cannot be easily gained from looking at flight data alone. Mike Clay confirmed that Marshall Day can install a monitoring device which would record the number of events and decibel levels. It was agreed that a month of noise monitoring at a busy time of year would give an indication of the nature of the issue and that QAC growth projections would give an indication of the extent of any likely increase in effects. QAC will write to Mr Bailey to explain the proposed action.

Consideration should be given to other areas where such concerns may become an issue.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 13 June 2016 were accepted by the Committee.

There were no Matters Arising from the 13 June 2016 meeting.

3. Review of Work Plan

There were no changes made to the Work Plan for the year February 2016 - 2017.

- Mike Clay advised that the AIP investigation work can be used as a tool to inform submissions which are due on 29 December and become operative in March 2018.
- Mike Clay is still due to meet with the helicopter teams and will report back at the November meeting.

4. Standing Agenda Items:

- Aircraft Activities
The Committee noted the number of total aircraft movements at the Airport for the three month period to the end of July 2016.
- Unplanned Engine Testing incidents
It was noted there were no unplanned engine tests to the end of July 2016.
- Complaints register summary
Ruth Joiner summarised the register and noted 2 of the 5 complaints were from Doug Bailey who had already spoken to the Committee. One of the queries was from a Kelvin Heights resident regarding noise mitigation subsidies. Greg Miller has contacted that resident to inform her of the provisions for noise mitigation and the boundaries, he has also arranged to meet with her this week. It was noted that a watching brief should be kept on the level of complaints from Kelvin Heights. It was proposed that getting a schedule of late and early flights out with some general information may reduce the number of complaints.
- New Item
Jane Taylor requested that a new standing agenda item be introduced on Community Feedback.

5. Operational Reporting:

The Operational Report was taken as read.

- Mechanical Ventilation

Colin Keel updated the committee on the proposed solution to the issue of mechanical ventilation. A Plan Change has been submitted but that will be a lengthy process. In the interim QAC will look at alternative solutions. Any variation from the system documented in the plan will require written agreement between QAC and the owner. Any upgrade to a system provided by QAC (from that proposed) may also need to be paid for by the owner.

In addition, there are planning issues that need to be discussed with QLDC as to whether the use of alternative systems can be covered by a blanket resource consent for multiple properties or the provision of proof to the Council that alternative solutions provide equal benefit in terms of noise mitigation.

- Change in Flight Paths

Clayton Lightfoot advised that Civil Aviation has declared a classification change for Queenstown Airport. This changes how commercial aircraft flight paths are separated from light aircraft and effectively means that light aircraft and helicopters must stick to lower flight paths. The full impact on airport operations will be clear in the busier summer months. Residents in some areas such as Jacks point may notice a small difference but some aircraft already come in at a lower altitude so any difference will be minimal.

6. General Business:

- Terms of appointment

Jane Taylor informed the committee that a paper would be tabled as part of the next meeting agenda to appoint a Community Representative for Shotover Country. The paper would also establish a term of appointment for Community Representatives and for the Chair, with the aim of achieving phased turnover in membership.

- Master Plan

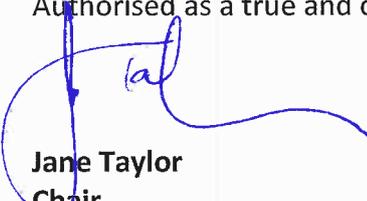
Colin Keel gave the committee an overview of the Master Plan work completed to date including the planned phasing of the project. He confirmed that noise analysis is central to this planning work.

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Jane Taylor
Chair

Date: 13.3.2017,

