



Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee held via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Present: Jane Taylor (Chair)
Glen Sowry (QAC CE)
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property & Planning)
Melissa Brook (QAC Strategic Planning Manager)
Lee Summer, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)
Steve Mclsaac (Community Representative)
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)
Jon Brooks (Airways)
Alana Standish (QLDC)

Apologies: Meggan Bain (QLDC)
James Stokes (General Aviation)
Greg Miller (Community Representative)

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 6.18pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

2. Residents to Address QALC

There were no residents wishing to address the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 13 June 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

3a. Actions and progress status from this and previous meetings

Date Raised	Action	Response	Status
2019/20	After new representation on the Committee is finalised, noise training sessions will be organised, which would also be open to all members. Rachel to action.	Ongoing	Open

2019/20	QAC to progress the real estate agent training initiative (info pack and evening). Rachel to action	Ongoing	Open
May 2021	and discussions with Lake Hayes Community Association is ongoing.	Ongoing	Open
August 2021	QAC to annex list of affected property owners who have chosen not to take up mitigation measures to future QALC agendas, only including new refusals within the Work Plan.	Ongoing	Open
August 2021	Airways to provide data for all air traffic movements within the Controlled Area.	Ongoing	Open
June 2022	Develop a plan showing the change over time of the compliance noise contours since the inception of the Committee would be interesting.	Ongoing	Open
August 2022	Rachel to contact complainant regarding helicopter noise following Peter providing the contact details.	New	Open
August 2022	Investigate what can be provided on the website in relation to flight paths and wind directions and also what could be provided as explanatory text as to why aircraft noise appears louder in different circumstances. Jon and Rachel to action.	New	Open
August 2022	QLDC has been undertaking the recruitment process for the two vacant community representative positions. The Frankton Community Representative has been appointed. Melissa to request that the Chair of the Lake Hayes Community Association to ask that they seek candidates from the wider community.	New	Open

4. Standing Agenda Items

4.1 Aircraft Activities

Rachel took the meeting through the graphs noting that we are now in FY23 and suggested we start using the information provided in 2019 to make the graphs easier to see.

Rachel shared the website data that is available, including aircraft movements and passenger numbers. The Chair suggested that we use the

graphs from the website for the agenda going forward. There was no disagreement to this suggestion.

4.2 Unplanned engine testing

There was one unplanned engine testing incident to report for the period.

4.3 Complaints register summary

One complaint was received since the last meeting and Melissa gave a brief overview of it. The Committee was advised that the direction of take-off was predominantly due to wind direction.

The Chair suggested that if it is easy to do, it would be worth looking at providing graphs on our website that show flight tracks, including wind direction etc. She referred to the Heathrow website (noise section) as an interesting example. Jon advised that this data wasn't readily available but the directional take-off flight tracks could be provided. Jon undertook to investigate what data could be made available. Jon and Rachel both advised that the flight tracks at ZQN are very predictable due to the surrounding topography and winter / summer wind directions.

Alana asked if we could provide some simple explanatory text that explains why some days the aircraft sound louder than others. The Chair agreed that this would be beneficial.

Peter Jackson raised that a member of the public had raised with him that he had made a couple of complaints re helicopter noise but hadn't received a response. Rachel undertook to investigate this and advised that she would contact the complainant directly.

5. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

5.1 Noise contours update

Rachel took the Committee through the compliance report and how it demonstrated how our compliance was measured.

5.2 QALC Community Representatives

Melissa advised that the Lake Hayes Community Association chairperson had not had any luck with finding someone on the Association to take on the Community Representative role. Melissa will contact the Chairperson again and ask that she 'cast the net wider'.

5.3 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

Lee took the Committee through the Dashboard and made the following general comments:

- PSS had their board meeting today so hoping to get further feedback on what option they would like to progress with.
- We are now getting more interest from Inner properties.
- Have visited Inner properties and are currently costing for construction on these properties.
- Hoping that next meeting we will be discussing construction rather than solely planning.
- Will be a focus on reaching further into the projections for future years to get more interest.

6. General Business

6.1 General update

Glen advised of recent events regarding the strict application of the 10pm curfew. This has resulted in some undesirable outcomes where aircraft have been unable to take-off, which has resulted in hundreds of passengers being significantly inconvenienced and disrupted. Committee members gave initial views on the matter to assist QAC with their consideration.

The Chair formally thanked Alana for her previous service on the Committee.

7. Date for the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 29 November 2022, commencing at 6.15pm.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.