



Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee (QALC)

28 August 2023

Present: Jo Conroy (Chair)
Glen Sowry (QAC Chief Executive)
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property Planning)
Wayne Stiven (QAC Head of Assets & AES)
Jake Neaves (QLDC)
Jon Brooks (Airways)
Peter Jackson (Frankton Community Representative)
Steve Mclsaac (Jack's Point Community Representative)
Jono Browne (Lake Hayes / Shotover County / Quail Rise Community Representative)
Danyeale Hamilton, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)
Jo Dobb (minutes)

Apologies: James Stokes (General Aviation Representative)
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)
Greg Miller (Kelvin Heights Community Representative)

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting, including Jake Neaves as the new QLDC representative and Jono Browne the new Community Representative for Lake Hayes Estate, Shotover Country and Quail Rise.

2. Residents Addressing QALC

None.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – 29 May 2023

With the date amended in Section 3 from 29 May 2023 to 27 February 2023, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true and correct record.

Note - Patrick Whelan approved the minutes via email prior to the meeting.

4. Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee Work Plan 2023 & Other Actions

Date Raised	Action	Response	Status
2019/20	QAC to progress the real estate agent training initiative (info pack and evening). Rachel to action	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	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.	Ongoing	Open
Nov 2022	Lake Hayes / Shotover Country / Quail Rise rep – review again at end of 2023. Ensure it is understood by community associations that there is an open invitation.	Completed	Closed

5. Standing Agenda Items

5.1 Aircraft Activities

The Committee reviewed the aircraft activities over the reporting period, noting that annual movements for 2023 are tracking close to movements in 2019.

5.2 Unplanned engine testing incidents

There were no unplanned engine testing incidents to report for the period.

5.3 Complaints register summary

The Committee reviewed the one noise complaint received over the reporting period, noting it was the rescue helicopter outside of airfield operating hours.

6. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

6.1 Noise contours update

The Queenstown Airport 2022 Noise Compliance Report was circulated to the Committee on 6 July 2023 via email and subsequently uploaded to the QAC website.

In the process of completing the report, it was established that some of the assumptions inherent in the model should be reviewed to better reflect the operational use of the runways.

To ensure consistency of the contours within the 2022 compliance report, the contours were re-run resulting in a minor refinement of the CAANC from those presented at the 29 May QALC meeting.

All noise activity is within our noise boundaries and compliance has been achieved.

The current noise modelling software used (Integrated Noise Model) is being reviewed by our external noise consultants, Marshall Day Acoustics. An update and recommendation will be provided at the next meeting.

6.2 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

The Noise Mitigation Treatment Programme has continued to gain traction and generate significant interest within the community. During the reporting period, 21 homes were assessed for Noise Mitigation Treatment.

The assessments involved detailed inspections to determine the suitability and scope of treatment for each property. One homeowner has agreed to proceed with the noise mitigation treatment, and the scheduled commencement date has been set for the upcoming period. Quotes for noise mitigation treatment are currently under review for ten properties, with quotes for another ten properties imminent.

7. General Business

The QAC CEO gave an update on the draft Master Plan, including findings from the community consultation held in partnership with QLDC.

It was noted that Amway will be visiting Queenstown in November 2023, over a 10 week period. This will be a busy period for general aviation and (weather depending) will likely see an increase in movements over the next period.

8. Dates for 2023 QALC Meetings

Remaining committee meeting dates for 2023 are:

- Monday 27 November

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.