

AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

MINUTES Meeting 29 March 2017

ATTENDEES

Hilary Wooding	(Independent Chairperson)
Robert Binney	(Kapiti Coast Airport, CE)
Jason Russell	(Kapiti Coast Airport Manager)
Jack Rikihana	(Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Representative)
Jonny Best	(Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board Representative)
Don Day	(Community Representative)
David Blair	(Community Representative, Kapiti Retirement Trust)
Peter Merwood	(Kapiti Districts Aero Club Representative)
Kevin Currie	(Group Manager Regulatory Services)
Paul Busing	(Council Advisor – District Plan Policy)
Judy Rennie	(Committee Secretary)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APOLOGIES

Dave Gollop, Aircraft Operator

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

MOVED (D Blair/J Best)

That the minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2016 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chairperson's report for the year ended 31 December 2016 was discussed. It was noted for clarification that an annual report was submitted for 2014 so the two year report submitted to the Regulatory Management Committee on 8 September 2016 for the period ending December 2015 should have been for the 2015 year only.

In response to a question from a member, the CE explained the Christchurch link is still being pursued through dialogue with Air New Zealand as it will be a commercial decision by Air New Zealand.

Mr Rikihana raised concerns about Bluegum Road. He asked about road widening near the Salvation Army site as he identified the narrowness of the road as a hazard. The CE responded the planned link road to the Airport will help mitigate this problem in the future.

MOVED (H Wooding/J Rikihana)

That the Chair's report for the year ending 31 December 2016 be received.

CARRIED

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: 1 APRIL 2016 to 28 FEBRUARY 2017

The Airport Manager Jason Russell spoke to his report. Key points included:

A total of five calls were registered with the KCA Noise Complaints Call Centre since the last Noise Management Report for the period ending 31 March 2016. Four were complaints in relation to aircraft noise within the jurisdiction of the Airport and one was a complaint in relation to the smell of aircraft fumes so as not noise related is not included in this report.

An email complaint was also received and included in this report. This was in regards to light fixed-wing aircraft carrying out simulated engine failures after take-off.

All complaints are responded to by KCA. Details of all noise complaints are included on page 8 of the report. Most complaints are received in regards to aircraft noise in the afternoon or evening, and some during the curfew. Responses to complaints detail the findings of KCA's investigation into the reported activity including reasons for aircraft activity after curfew, which are in this period due to e.g. medical emergencies (air ambulance services).

There are many aircraft that transit along the hills which are outside the Airport's operating environment.

The overall level of noise complaints continues to trend down. No threatening or abusive complaints were received for this reporting period.

The Airport Manager communicates with other small airports about noise issues and commented that Kapiti Coast Airport can have more of an issue being so close to town.

It was noted that a small number of noise complaints had been received in the last couple of weeks post the current reporting period. This will cause a spike in the next report. These complaints occurred over a two day period and were in relation to aircraft operated in the evenings by Massey University for student pilot flight training. Investigation of these complaints did not identify any non-compliance with KCA operating procedures by the aircraft operators. Notwithstanding this, KCA has discussed with Massey University the reports received and possible mitigations by them to minimise future potential impacts. This will be explained in the next reporting period.

It was noted that complaints in relation to aircraft not based at KCA could jeopardise local operators particularly night flying training which increases in winter. It was suggested that ways be looked at to advise the local community why

it may hear more noise (e.g. Airport and Council websites). Information would include details regarding flight time curfews and avenues for contact. When people are informed of the Airport's limitations they have a better understanding. The Airport is continuously looking to minimise noise impacts on the community.

An email complaint from a new resident complaining about the flight path over her recently purchased house will go in the next manager's report.

The next three-yearly field noise monitoring is scheduled for February 2018.

MOVED (J Russell/D Blair)

That the Airport Manager's report to 28 February 2017 be received.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was suggested for the third week of October 2017 and a calendar appointment will be sent to members.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilary Wooding". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**Hilary Wooding (JP)
Independent Chairperson**