AIRCRAFT NOISE COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Minutes Meeting 1 July 2016, 11.00am

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 (Airport Operator)
Dave Gollop (Airport Operator)

Kevin Currie (Group Manager Regulatory Services) Rita O'Brien (Council Advisor – Compliance Officer)

Tracey Ferry (Acting Committee Secretary)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairperson opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and asked attendees to observe a moment of silence in recognition of the passing away of the former Chair, Gordon Strachan.

Meeting participants introduced themselves.

APOLOGIES

There were none.

MINUTES

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

MOVED (Day/Best)

That the minutes of the meeting of 21 August 2015 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It was noted there was no report available for this meeting, due to the sudden passing away of the former Chairman. The new Chairperson advised she would work with Council staff to write a retrospective report which would be circulated.

It was suggested this report could be used as the basis for a media release, in order to improve the profile of the committee in the local community.

AIRPORT MANAGER'S REPORT: 1 AUGUST 2015 - 31 MARCH 2016

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

- Confirmation the report as circulated is the final version (despite the word 'Draft' being on the first page)
- There have been six calls in total to the noise complaint line, from five complainants. Only two were first-time complainants
- All complaints were for fixed wing aircraft
- The report only covers those complaints for incidents which occurred within the airport's vicinity
- This year's aircraft movements are projected to decrease slightly; they are currently averaging approximately 20,000 per annum
- The Wellington Gliding Club, which had used loud towing craft, ceased operating from 1 April
- Numbers of complaints continue to decline
- None of the flights complained about were in breach of airport or civil aviation rules
- The next acoustic monitoring is scheduled for 2018

The Airport CE Robert Binney commented they are noticing an increased number of Life Flight helicopters, possibly due to local road works. He confirmed there is no restriction on when or where helicopters can land.

Mr Binney also confirmed the key initiatives around managing aircraft noise that had been identified over the last few years were being actively managed in order to reduce complaints.

MOVED (Day/Merwood)

That the Airport Manager's report to 31 March 2016 be received.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no general business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

There was some discussion about how frequently the Committee is required to meet and what appointments to the Committee would be affected by the Local Election which is on 8 October 2016.

It was agreed the next meeting be scheduled for Friday 25 November 2016, subject to change if necessary.

The meeting closed at 11.37am

Signed as a correct record of the meeting:

Alborium 29 March 2017