



**Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee held at Queenstown Airport  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Present:** Jane Taylor (Chair)  
Glen Sowry (QAC CE)  
Melissa Brook (QAC Strategic Planning Manager)  
Lee Summer, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)  
Meggan Bain (QLDC)  
Steve Mclsaac (Community Representative)  
James Stokes (General Aviation)  
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)  
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)

**Apologies:** Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property & Planning)  
Greg Miller (Community Representative)  
Jon Brooks (Airways)

**1. Welcome**

The meeting commenced at 6.16pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and declared the meeting open. The Chair introduced members to Peter Jackson the new Frankton Community Representative.

**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 22 February 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	QLDC have been requested to start the recruitment process for the two vacant community representative positions. The Frankton Community Representative has been appointed 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.	New	Open

#### 4. Standing Agenda Items

##### 4.1 Aircraft Activities

Melissa took the meeting through the graphs noting that there had been a steady increase in landings for both scheduled and fixed-wing over the February to April period, but these are still well down on pre-COVID levels.

James advised that GA were expecting school holidays to be busier through July and that more use of Caravan aircraft may be impacting positively on the lower noise experienced by the community.

Glen advised that July would likely be a busy month with NZ and Australian school holidays overlapping. The Trans-Tasman schedule will likely be at around 75% of what it was pre-COVID. Qantas is seeing very high demand to Queenstown over the Australian school holidays.

Glen advised that domestic movements will likely be on par with last July (2021), with pax approximately 3% above last July, but accommodated by Air NZ utilising NEO 321 aircraft. QAC do not forecast that we will back to pre-COVID levels in Queenstown until FY25. Patrick confirmed this is in line with other ports.

#### **4.2 Unplanned engine testing**

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

#### **4.3 Complaints register summary**

Two complaints were received since the last meeting and Melissa gave a brief overview of them. The Committee was advised that the complainants had not wished to attend the meeting.

Peter advised that he has noticed that it has been quieter. He also advised that his observation was that those operators from the temporary northern precinct travel to the north and that makes a difference. He hadn't yet been approached by the Community but considers that the community will contact him should they wish to raise any matters with the Committee when they are aware of his appointment.

### **5. Operational Report**

The operational report was taken as read.

#### **5.1 Noise contours update**

Melissa advised the Committee that the compliance and projected contours have been received and that these demonstrate that Queenstown Airport is operating well within its permitted air noise boundaries and is projected to continue to do so for 2022.

Glen advised that the NEO 321 fleet being utilised by Air NZ was having a definitive positive impact on the noise levels being experienced by the community. The first domestic configuration NEO is to arrive in Queenstown next month.

The Chair raised that the contours showed there were no properties within the compliance air noise boundary, which is partly a factor of the different configuration of aircraft with lower noise emissions. She suggested a moving plan showing the change over time since the inception of the Committee would be interesting.

#### **5.2 QALC Community Representatives**

Peter Jackson has been appointed as the Community Representative for the Frankton Community and was in attendance for the meeting. Melissa to email Naell and copy Meggan requesting a formal letter of appointment be provided to Peter.

Melissa advised that the Lake Hayes Community Association chairperson had sent the application information to some of the Association and had undertaken to follow up with them. She had also offered to cast a wider net if not able to successfully recruit a representative within the Association.

### **5.3 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update**

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

- All required contractors and consultants are now engaged in the programme
- Since the last meeting QAC has been undertaking design review and fine tuning the offerings to homeowners
- All homeowners in the projected contours to 2024 have now been contacted either in person or via letter drop however the uptake continues to be at a low level. The hope is that as construction works starting will encourage other homeowners to come forward
- The 2021 compliance contours and 2022 update to projected contours have been received which details a smaller area than we are currently working on, so we will continue to be proactive in the programme
- The Inner properties that had previously shown interest have been contacted and QAC is now working on the next tranche of 6 properties (4 inners and 2 mid properties).
- The PSS units have been costed and awaiting further instruction.
- Direction from Glen, what is the most efficient system that is affordable for homeowners to use and run.

## **6. General Business**

### **6.1 General update**

John advised through email that he does have movement numbers as recorded by Airways which he will share with Melissa to forward to the Committee.

The misinformation regarding Queenstown Airport as part of the Central Otago Airport proposal was raised for discussion. It was noted that the technological advances likely to continue in aircraft development would have significant impacts on the capacity available at Queenstown Airport in the medium to longer term. Technology will also likely change air routes and how we utilise our ports.

### **7. Date for the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday, 30 August 2022, commencing at 6.15pm. The Chair will be attending via Video Conferencing.

*The meeting closed at 7.07pm.*