



Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee

27 February 2023

Present: Jane Taylor (Chair)
Glen Sowry (QAC CE)
Todd Grace (QAC COO)
Wayne Stiven (QAC Head of Assets & AES)
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)
Meggan Bain (QLDC)
James Stokes (General Aviation)
Steve McIsaac (Community Representative)
Lee Summer, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)
Jon Brooks (Airways) via video conference
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ) via video conference

Apologies: Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property & Planning)
Greg Miller (Community Representative)

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm. The Chair welcomed participants to the meeting and declared the meeting open.

2. Residents Addressing QALC

Matthew Day

Mr Day addressed the Committee regarding his 7 January 2023 noise complaint, which concerned low flying fixed wing general aviation aircraft over Jacks Point and the intensity experienced at certain times of the day.

Jon Brooks confirmed that Airways endeavour to track light fixed wing aircraft returning from Milford between the residential areas north of Hanley Farm and Peninsula hill. However due to air traffic and separation distances required, Airways can sometimes be required to send general aviation further south before turning back towards the aerodrome, which will have an impact over Jacks Point.

Mr Day was comfortable with the explanation given by Airways, and expressed his thanks to the Committee.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 29 November 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee Work Plan 2023

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.	New	Open
Nov 2022	James Stokes (GA rep) to feedback to QMUG the reports of low flying helicopters over Frankton Beach, and to remind operators and pilots of the Fly Friendly programme.	New	Closed
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.	New	Open
Nov 2022	Advertising for a new Chair of QALC to commence in early 2023, due to Jane Taylor stepping down	New	Open

5. Standing Agenda Items

5.1 Aircraft Activities

The Committee reviewed the graphs, noting the steady increase in landings for both scheduled, fixed-wing and helicopters over the November 22 to January 23 period.

Patrick Whelan updated the group on Delta airlines, which is debuting a Los Angeles-Auckland service in October 2023.

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 complaints received over the November 22 – February 23 period.

6. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

6.1 Noise contours update

The 2022 Compliance Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (CAANC) and Projected Annual Aircraft Noise Contours (PAANCs) are being prepared and will be presented at a future meeting.

6.2 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

Noise mitigation work is underway within the inner-noise boundary on two houses, with a third to start in mid-March. One additional house is in the design phase and another in the scoping phase.

Within the mid-noise boundary, Presbyterian Support Services have expressed strong interest in the programme for their units on McBride St now that work will be 100% funded by QAC.

Additionally, a promotion of the 100% funding offer for noise mitigation work within the mid-noise boundary will be undertaken in March/April 2023.

6.3 Updated procedures

Jon Brooks, Airways gave an overview on the updated procedures for approaches and departures for helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. These new procedures will introduce safety improvements on the airfield for departing and arriving general aviation aircraft and will use existing flight paths. The purpose is to ensure more consistent processes are followed to achieve better safety outcomes.

7. General Business

Being the last meeting for Chair Jane Taylor, the CEO thanked Jane for her chairmanship of the committee over the past decade. Jane was instrumental as founding Chair of the committee in June 2013 and her guidance and leadership has been hugely appreciated. QAC are currently recruiting for a new Chair.

8. Dates for 2023 QALC Meetings

Committee meeting dates for 2023 are:

- Monday 29 May
- Monday 28 August
- Monday 27 November

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.