



Minutes of the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee
24 February 2025

- Present:** Jo Conroy (Chair)
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property Planning)
James Stokes (General Aviation Representative)
Jake Neave (QLDC)
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)
Greg Miller (Community Representative)
Steve McIsaac (Community Representative)
Peter Jackson (Community Representative)
Jono Browne (Community Representative)
Danyeale Hamilton, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)
- Apologies:** Glen Sowry (QAC Chief Executive)
Jon Brooks (Airways)

1. Welcome & Apologies

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

2. Residents Addressing QALC

None

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 25 November 2024 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee Work Plan 2025 & Other Actions

The work plan was noted. The action list was discussed and updated as follows:

Date Raised	Action	Feb 2025 Status	Target Date
2019/20	QAC to progress the real estate agent training initiative (info pack and evening). Rachel to action	Complete Closed	Feb 2025 QALC
Nov 24	Prepare the 2025 calendar year workplan	Complete Closed	Feb 2025 QALC
Nov 24	Provide Airways an opportunity to review the Noise Management Plan in relation to Airways references.	Open	Aug 2025 QALC

5. Standing Agenda Items

5.1 Aircraft Activities

The Committee reviewed the scheduled airlines, helicopter and fixed wing landings for the last period. It was noted that weather over the previous period was exceptionally good, with the result that both fixed wing and helicopter movements were high, and it was noted that there was only one non-flying day in January 2025. Scheduled movements were also up on previous years, with international growth higher than domestic growth year to date.

5.2 Unplanned engine testing incidents

There were no unplanned engine tests for the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025.

5.3 Complaints register summary

There have been noise complaints from 3 people since the last meeting in the period 1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025. The noise complaints and responses were noted by the committee, and proposed responses for open matters were discussed and agreed by the committee.

6. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

6.1 Noise contours update

The 2024 compliance and projected contours (for the 2025 calendar year) are being prepared and are to be presented to the May 2025 QALC meeting.

6.2 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

The committee noted the update on the Noise Mitigation Treatment Programme, and that steady progress is being made.

7. General Business

No further business was raised

8. 2025 QALC Meetings

Committee meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year have been circulated and agreed. The meetings for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year are:

- Monday 26 May 2025
- Monday 25 August 2025
- Monday 24 November 2025

The meeting closed at 6.48pm.



APPROVED BY QALC, AUG 2025

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26 May 2025

Present: Jo Conroy (Chair)
Glen Sowry (QAC Chief Executive)
Rachel Tregidga (QAC GM Property Planning)
James Stokes (General Aviation Representative)
Jake Neave (QLDC)
Jon Brooks (Airways)
Patrick Whelan (Airline representative, BARNZ)
Greg Miller (Community Representative)
Steve McIsaac (Community Representative)
Jono Browne (Community Representative)
Matt Cowen, The Building Intelligence Group (TBIG)

Apologies: Peter Jackson (Community Representative)

1. Welcome & Apologies

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

2. Residents Addressing QALC

A resident from Dalefield attended the public forum. He informed the committee of the noise he experienced from helicopters due to both the number of flights and the height of the aircraft flying over his property. The Committee thanked the resident for attending, and follow-up will be undertaken on issues raised.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes from the Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee on 24 February 2025 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Queenstown Airport Liaison Committee Work Plan 2025 & Other Actions

The work plan was noted. The action list was discussed and updated as follows:

Date Raised	Action	May 2025 Status	Target Date
Nov 24	Provide Airways an opportunity to review the Noise Management Plan in relation to Airways references.	Open	Aug 2025 QALC
May 25	Request height data from Airways in relation to noise complaints in Dalefield.	New - Open	Aug 2025 QALC

5. Standing Agenda Items

5.1 Aircraft Activities

The Committee reviewed the scheduled airlines, helicopter and fixed wing landings for the last period. It was noted that weather over the summer continued to be exceptionally good, with the high number of flying days experienced in January continuing into February and March, for both fixed-wing and helicopters. Scheduled movements were also up on previous years, with international growth continuing to be higher than domestic growth year to date.

5.2 Unplanned engine testing incidents

There were no unplanned engine tests for the period 1 February to 30 April 2025.

5.3 Complaints register summary

There have been two noise complaints since the last meeting in the period 1 February to 30 April 2025. The noise complaints and responses were noted by the committee. Both complaints were closed with no further actions.

6. Operational Report

The operational report was taken as read.

6.1 Noise contours update

The 2024 compliance and projected contours (for the 2025 calendar year) were delayed, meaning that they will now be presented to the August 2025 QALC meeting.

6.2 Noise Mitigation Programme – General Update

The committee noted the update on the Noise Mitigation Treatment Programme, and that steady progress is being made.

7. General Business

The Chair noted that it was Glen Sowry's last meeting with QALC given he is resigning from QAC from 30 June 2025, and wished him all the best. It was noted that Todd Grace would be Acting chief executive from July to September 2025, after which the new CE, Shane O'Hare, would commence.

Glen Sowry noted that there was ongoing work underway between the Queenstown Milford User Group, QAC and Airways regarding the management of airspace capacity during peak times, and that this was a constructive and collaborative process.

8. 2025 QALC Meetings

Committee meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year have been circulated and agreed. The meetings for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year are:

- Monday 25 August 2025
- Monday 24 November 2025

The meeting closed at 7:13.