

# Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group

## Tasman District Council

**Date and Time:** 2 March 2022

**Venue:** Zoom

**Present:** Councillor Dowler (Chair)  
 Greg Wood, Stuart Bean, David Ogilvie, Mark Stagg, Kevin York

**In attendance:** Nick Chin and Christina Ewing

Meeting opened at 12.30 pm

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Opening Karakia Nick Chin.

**2. Apologies**

**Moved:** Kevin York **Seconded:** Mark Stagg

**That the apologies be received from Mark Lasenby and Richard Horrell.**

**Carried**

**3. Minutes of the last meeting – 1 December 2021**

**Moved:** Stuart Bean **Seconded:** Greg Wood

**That the minutes from the 1 December 2021 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**Carried**

**4. Action items from the previous meeting**

The action items were updated, and the following items were discussed:

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Convey Vaccine certificate information to relevant people	Covid information has changed since this action. Now not relevant.	Andrea Meldrum
Check that MAOS minutes are uploaded to the website	Completed	Andrea Meldrum

Create a table of tenants' current sewage uses and distribute	Andrea did send an email out to hangar owners/Lessees; we have received limited replies.	Andrea Meldrum
Approach Network Tasman re Electricity supply to Western Boundary	Completed, outlined in General Business.	Barry Dowler

## 5. Health and Safety Update

**Drag Racing** – Skydive had coordinated with the NDRA regarding being able to use the grass runway in conjunction with the drags, in between races, this was coordinated by James Meldrum. It worked very well and moving forward Skydive is hoping to do the same moving forward. It was discussed that this arrangement is only by arrangement between Inflight and NDRA at this stage and the Aerodrome will be closed off to all flights as per normal when the drag races are on.

**Mowing and Maintenance:** It was discussed by members that they have noticed maintenance of the Aerodrome has dropped. The grass has been getting long and ground maintenance is deteriorating, the Property and Enterprise Manager will investigate this.

### Returfing an area that has loose stone

An area of loose stones needs to be returfed by the fuel pump. This is an action Council will look at completing.

## 6. Motueka Aerodrome User Group Report

Financials are looking good, revenue has been above budget, mainly due to the new hangars. Costs are \$9000 below budget. Council has adopted the Motueka Aerodrome Management Plan and it is available on the Council's website. There is also a high enquiry of new hangars.

The Committee receives the Motueka Aerodrome User Group Report and Financials.

**Moved:** Greg Wood **Seconded:** Mark Stagg.

### AIMM Report

The Property and Enterprise Manager, Nick Chin, explained how he had been advised by the AIMM people recently that the AIMM report is protected by section 133 of the Radio Communications Act 1989, that the report should be kept confidential as it details private business information and potentially commercially sensitive information. Up to now, this report has gone into the public agenda. It was agreed that the information moving forward should be included in the in-Committee part of the meeting.

The Committee agrees that the AIMM report will be included in a confidential session of the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group meeting.

**Moved:** Stuart Bean **Seconded:** Greg Wood

### **Electricity to supply to the Western Boundary.**

The Property and Enterprise Manager, Nick Chin, updated the Committee that there is the budget for this work. He will be writing a business case outlining how the outgoings will be recovered through fees and charges. It does mean that the reseal of the runway will be pushed back a year from when the Long Term Plan indicated. While the trenches are being dug, Council would like to include power, sewage and water. The Chair, Cr Dowler has spoken to Network Tasman, and they outlined what the plan could look like. They are looking at being able to supply approximately nine hangars with three-phase power at approximately 60amps when connected. As far as the sewage pipe, this would be a 50m pipe. Each hangar would have a macerator connected.

It was asked what the likely timeframe would be for this work. The Property and Enterprise Officer responded that it would start in the new financial year. (July 2022).

One of the operators advised that 60 amps is more power than most hangars need, and the costs can escalate when installing thicker cabling. The Chair explained that the power supply is closely available, which saved the Council money in not having to dig trenches to the nearest power pole.

### **7. Business to be discussed**

An operator asked the outcome of the submissions to the Commercial Committee public hearing. The Secretary will send the MAAG Committee the public minutes for their information. The Property and Enterprise Manager responded that the hearing process went well and there was a couple of submissions regarding hangar houses. This can be reviewed again in 2025. In response to a question, whether the parking area outside the Aeroclub has been sealed, the Property and Enterprise Manager replied he will follow up with the roading department and get back to the Committee. He will also follow up regarding the drainage issue, it was noted by another member this was somewhat mitigated with recent works, however, heavy rainwater still runs off the road and pools.

It was noted that the downpipes of the Broady and Heart building has been fixed. Also, the Broady building has requested to join the sewage line, and he will be included in the pan charges once completed.

NDRA – the next drag racing has been cancelled for March; this was due to the Covid restrictions.

The dump station fence has been hit again and needs repairs, the Property and Enterprise Manager will relay this to Jeff Cuthbertson. Also, it was mentioned that the planting of the dump station has not occurred. This will be followed up.

The Committee discussed the volume of requests for new hangars. The Committee reviewed an application. In response, the operators discussed the design and how the hangar doors were not permitted under the Motueka Aerodrome Management Act. It was also discussed that in terms of planning for the Aerodrome, new hangar applications should be more uniform in the design and care taken as to where the hangar is placed. It was agreed that the airfield should have a standard hangar design, consider the position, spacing and doors. The question should also be asked 'what is the proposed usage of the hangar' and are they 'fit for purpose.'

Closing Karakia Nick Chin.

The meeting closed at 1.17 pm

Next meeting: – 1 June 2022

## 8. Action Log – 2 March 2022

Action	Assigned to:
Create a table of tenants' current sewage uses and distribute them. Christina will continue to attain this information.	Christina Ewing
Send out the public minutes of the December 2021, Commercial Committee. (These are also on the TDC website).	Christina Ewing
Dump station fence and planting.	Nick Chin/Christina Ewing
Sealing the parking area outside Aero Club and drainage issues.	Nick Chin/Christina Ewing