

Takaka Aerodrome User Group

Tasman District Council

Date and Time: 5 March 2024 at 3.00 pm

Venue: Takaka Aerodrome Aero Club

Present: Ian Orange (Chair)
Terry Easthope, Murray Bensemam, Cr Grant Knowles (Golden Bay Community Board), Cr Chris Hill, Richard Molloy, Shane Fleming

In attendance: Stephen Batt (Senior Enterprise Portfolio Officer), Mareena King (Temp Enterprise Portfolio Officer), Kathy Ktori (Property Assets Officer).

Apologies: Luke Jacobsen, Nick Chin, Warren Matthews

Meeting opened at 3:01 pm.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and Cr Chris Hill said the karakia.

2. Apologies

The apologies were received.

3. Minutes of last meeting – 5 December 2023

That the minutes from the 5 December 2023 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Murray Bensemam

Seconded: Ian Orange

CARRIED

4. Action items from the previous meeting

The action items updated as per below.

5. Manager's & Financial Report

Mr Batt took the report as read and outlined the financials to the group.

Discussion on a complaint having led to greater scrutiny of both aerodromes by CAA. The complainant is challenging the planning and costing, management, hanger housing policy and the financials of Motueka Aerodrome.

CAA recently visited both aerodromes. One query under the CAA rule 157 was that every time there is a significant change to the aerodrome CAA needs to be notified. "Significant change" could not be defined or qualified by CAA. Tasman District Council have sent through an entire list of all activities performed on the aerodromes to CAA. Having completed the notification with CAA – they are now going to the public notification process.

6. Takaka Aerodrome Runway Strength Report

The runway report was discussed. The report stated that the runway was able to take up to a 5000kg aircraft.

7. AIMMs Report

Stephen indicated that the billing would be sent out to the aerodrome users directly so that invoicing can come for from the AIMMs system. The AIMMs will be for landing fees. Moving forward there will be no annual landing fee, just a per landing fee. The fees will be out for consultation in a few months. Stakeholders will be notified and discussion on this from there.

8. Health & Safety

Stephen mentioned that another meeting is required with emergency services regarding simulated accident preparation. A simulated incident will be scheduled for later this year. Stephen Batt to come back with a proposed date.

9. Spraying around Aerodrome

There was discussion on the weeds and spraying costs. Stephen indicated that there have been 3 different contractors used so far and a new one is needed. Ben Clements and Golden Bay Contracting were mentioned as an option. No sure if either of these contractors have spray booms. Ian Orange to investigate options.

10. Warren Matthew's future possible intentions for Aerodrome Usage

Correspondence from Warren Matthews was presented to the committee and discussed regarding use of the aerodrome from his recently purchased neighbouring property. It was pointed out that the duck pond on the submitted plan would encourage bird life. This was deemed as a risk.

Discussion included:

- the policies and guidelines from the council's perspective
- would it be a lease or a licence to occupy?
- Would a hanger be built on the private land or a farm shed?
- Fencing, health and safety and security would need to be considered from the aerodrome operators' perspective.
- Access ways
- Management of noise control
- Quantity of private planes accessing the runway

In conclusion the committee decided they will make a recommendation to the Enterprise Committee. Stephen will perform more research into this matter and come back to the committee with a SWAT analysis.

Discussion on the grazing lease and consideration into removing the fences and using the land for bailage due to the cost of mowing and repairing fences. Ian Orange to investigate options for grazing.

11. General Business

Duck issue – mowing contractor to be contacted by Ian to see if they can get rid of the ducks. Other birds do not seem to be an issue.

Is the AIP fit for purpose and are the circuits working for everyone. GBA would like a right hand circuit as the left hand circuit can be difficult with low cloud base. This was discussed by other members and not wanted as there would be many requirements that would outweigh benefit.

Noise – Stephen advised that any complaints can be reported to the council and these will be recorded via Service Request.

12. Next meeting - 3 July 2024

13. Closing Karakia

Meeting closed at 4:08pm.

Action Log – March 2024

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Perform more research into providing a recommendation to the Enterprise Committee on aircraft private access onto the aerodrome.		Stephen Batt
SQAT analysis		Stephen Batt
Mowing contractor to be contacted regarding ducks		Ian Orange

Confirmed