

Notes of the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group meeting

Date: Wednesday 10 June 2015 at 2.30 pm

Venue: Motueka Service Centre Boardroom, 7 Hickmott Place, Motueka

Present: Cr B F Dowler (Chair)
Richard Horrell (Motueka Community Board)
Stuart Bean (Commercial Users representative)
Jeremy Anderson (Commercial Users representative)

In attendance:
Jim Frater (Property Services Manager, TDC)

1. Apologies

S Bean/J Anderson

That an apology from J Gourdie, J Richards for absence, R Horrell for lateness be received.

Carried

2. Minutes – 26 February 2015

J Anderson/S Bean

That the minutes of the meeting of the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group held on 26 February 2015 be confirmed.

Carried

R Horrell arrived at the meeting at 2.37 pm.

3. Matters arising from Minutes of 26 February 2015

Memorandum of Understanding

The proposed amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding will be actioned with a future review of that document.

4. Nelson Drag Racing Association Debrief

J Gourdie joined the meeting by telephone conference to take part in the debrief of the Nelson Drag Racing Association calendar.

Event Dates

The consultation process and subsequent approvals of the event days has been satisfactory.

NOTAM'S

It was agreed that in future the closure of the aerodrome would be notified in the supplement. There is still an issue with itinerants wanting to use the airport from time to time.

Pre- and Post Inspections

The pre- and post inspection process is working well. Debris is being collected with both inspections and is being photographed and recorded. John Gourdie commented on the facilitation and management skills of Jim McQuire acting as Council's representative on site.

Conduct of Event

Crowd and driver numbers were down which made for a light season.

Crowd Control

A security firm has been engaged and their processes are reviewed at the end of each event. The road closure has been an effective tool.

Co-ordinated Activities

It was agreed that Jim McQuire was doing a very good job and the process of co-ordinated activities is working well.

Rubber Removal

Jim Frater explained that this was now likely to occur in late spring but would depend on when the new markings could be painted. John Gourdie asked if the new paint could be less slippery, perhaps have some grit included. The Advisory Group considered this to be a reasonable request.

Licence Fee

John Gourdie suggested that the NDRA could offer an extra \$100 per meeting. Jim Frater offered to consider this.

Meeting Dates 2015/16

The NDRA tentative dates for 2015/16 are as follows:

Saturday 7 November 2015

Saturday 9 January 2016

Saturday 6 February 2016, with a lay day of 7 February 2016

26 March 2016 (Easter) with a lay day of 27 March 2016

Consultation with the Te Awhina Marae will need to occur for the 6 February 2016 date as this is Waitangi Day and NDRA are encouraged to ensure this occurs to minimise any negative effects.

The dates are to be circulated to aerodrome users once confirmed by NDRA.

5. Rehabilitation Works

The grass has taken but needs re-rolling and is proud of the rest of the grass runway. There is concern that there is a rut forming where the grass was sprayed at the edges of the runway and may have to be filled and rolled.

Action: Jim to do a walk over with Nelmac to agree on any further works and to invite Jeremy and Stuart to attend.

6. Power Reticulation

The comments in the minutes of 26 February 2015 were clarified. The request is to build a business case to bring power to service Marchwood Park Road and Coast to Coast Helicopters and then request Council to prioritise this work.

Action: Jim to get new prices from Network Tasman.

7. Rural Fire Party

Cr Dowler briefed the group on a desire of Rural Fire Network to erect a new building behind the Hane hangar. The building would be 12m x 15m, plus an apron and would store rural fire engines and equipment and civil defence gear, mainly sandbags and tarpaulins. The Group agreed that this would be an appropriate site and requested that a minor consultation process which included aerodrome users occurred.

Action: Jim to check the development plan to confirm what other actions are required.

Meeting concluded at 3.30 pm.