

Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee

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WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Airport Noise Control Consultative Committee will be held
at the Onerahi Fire Station, Onerahi, Whangarei on:

**Wednesday
19 May 2010
7.00pm**

Committee of:

Council

Committee

C. Barber (Chairperson)
Cr SM Glen
B Adams
S Booth
M Chubb
C Doherty
P Quigg
M Wotherspoon

Vision Statement

To be a vibrant, attractive and thriving District
by developing sustainable lifestyles based around
our unique environment; the envy of New Zealand
and recognised world wide.

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1. Minutes: Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee 17 February 2010

Reporting Officer: Mike Hibbert (Manager Property & Community Services)

Date: 3 May 2010

The Minutes of the Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee meeting of 17 February 2010, confirmed and adopted by Council on 24 March 2010, are attached for the Committee's information.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Attachment:

[Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes 17 February 2010](#)

2. Minutes: Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee Wednesday, 17 February 2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Onerahi Fire Station on Wednesday 17 February 2010 at 7.00 pm

Present:

C Barber (Chairman)

Cr S M Glen, B Adams, P Quigg and M Wotherspoon

Apologies:

M Chubb, C Doherty, S Booth (absent)

Cr Glen (late arrival)

Moved: B Adams

Seconded: P Quigg

"That the apologies be sustained."

CARRIED

In Attendance:

Property and Community Services Manager (M Hibbert) and Staff Services Co-ordinator (R Mackenzie)

1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Airport Noise Control Consultative Committee held on 23 September 2009

Moved: M Wotherspoon

Seconded: P Quigg

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

2. Informal Minutes – Airport Noise Control Consultative Committee Meeting 23 September 2009

Moved: C Barber

Seconded: B Adams

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

3. Airport Manager's Report

The report was taken as read.

Moved: B Adams
Seconded: Cr Glen

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

Cr Glen joined the meeting at 7.07 pm during discussions on Item 3.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Confirmed this 24th day of March 2010

C Barber (Chairman)

2. Informal Minutes: Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee Meeting 17 February 2010

Reporting Officer: Mike Hibbert (Manager Property & Community Services)
Date: 3 May 2010

The informal Minutes of the Airport Noise management Consultative Committee meeting held on 17 February 2010 are attached for the Committee's information.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Attachment:

[Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee – Informal Minutes 17 February 2010](#)

2. **Informal Minutes: Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee Wednesday, 17 February 2010**

(These minutes give a full account of the meeting whereas the minutes adopted by Council contain just the recommendations)

Informal Minutes of a meeting of the Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee of the Whangarei District Council held in the Onerahi Fire Station on Wednesday 17 February 2010 at 7.00 pm

Present:

C Barber (Chairman)

Cr S M Glen, B Adams, P Quigg and M Wotherspoon

Apologies:

M Chubb, C Doherty, S Booth

Moved: B Adams

Seconded: P Quigg

"That the apologies be sustained."

CARRIED

Apology for Lateness:

Cr Glen

In Attendance:

Property & Community Services Manager (M Hibbert), Staff Services Co-ordinator (R Mackenzie)

1. **Minutes of a Meeting of the Airport Noise Control Consultative Committee held on 23 September 2009**

Moved: M Wotherspoon

Seconded: P Quigg

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

2. **Informal Minutes – Airport Noise Control Consultative Committee Meeting 23 September 2009**

Moved: C Barber

Seconded: B Adams

"That the informal minutes of a meeting of the Airport Noise Management Consultative Committee held on 23 September 2009 having been circulated, be taken as read and now confirmed and adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings of that meeting."

CARRIED

3. Airport Manager's Report

The report was taken as read.

Moved: B Adams
Seconded: Cr Glen

"That the information be received."

CARRIED

4. General Discussion

Mike Hibbert reported that activity had decreased and no complaints have been received.

A User Group has been put together so that noise issues can be discussed. This group is available to receive complaints.

Flight frequency is reducing as a consequence of the recession.

Paul Quigg asked what is happening to the helicopter training area. Mike Hibbert responded that the alternative training area had been signed off.

Even though helicopter flights are up, no complaints have been received. Bob Adams commented that helicopters had been noisy and it appeared this was due to helicopter training, in particular, the "NEST" was noticeable.

Bob Adams will be absent at the next meeting.

Next Meeting to be held on 19 May 2010

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Confirmed this 24th day of March 2010

C Barber (Chairman)



3. Airport Manager's Report



Reporting Officer: Mike Hibbert (Manager Property & Community Services)
Date: 3 May 2010

The April 2010 Airport Manager's Report including traffic movements is attached.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

Attachment:

[Airport Manager's Report](#)

Airport Noise Committee 19 May 2010

Airport Manager's Report

Since our last meeting, I have received no noise complaints.

Activity by airline operators has remained relatively static, that is - at a declined level due to a continuation of recession and associated business and government cut backs.

Per my last report we have also seen a general reduction in other general aviation activity. The airline decline in number of flights looks set to continue with periods of further reductions already announced between June through end of October. This decline is not only in Northland. Businesses elsewhere in the New Zealand Aviation industry are reducing staff and tightening their belts.

One significant change is that Quantum Aviation has begun helicopter training activities. As usual with a new operator there has been a sudden influx of that activity and time will tell if that is sustained. I have supplied them with a copy of the noise management plan (again) with a focus on the helicopter provisions and also have brought them into the loop regarding the alternative site at Mata.

We have had a user group meeting recently and no issues were raised regarding noise issues.

Landing numbers

Below are figures for the January to end of April periods for both last year and this year. Also the end 2009 and YTD totals.

You will note that an averaging out of movements is well down on last year and last year also was flat on the year prior. From the airport as a business, this is not very good. From a noise perspective, we can't have helped but reduced our foot print significantly.

However I am confident these trends will turn around as business confidence builds and drought effects wear off, recreational flying will again pick up.

Rugby Charters this year will bring the usual run of Q-300 charters. Michelle has already provided me with the time tables for these flights which of course coincide with every home NPC game where the visiting team is from beyond Auckland. We can only dream that they will continue into the semi-final period but I won't hold my breath.

	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		YTD	
	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's
Eagle	213		219		273		237		2417	
Twin	38		43		64		25		434	
Aircraft						14		7		34
550-2000kg	217		198		214		231		2129	
		89		52		45		41		893
Helicopter	57		32		42		25		338	
		4		6		17		28		80
Micro light	33		36		33		54		366	
		26		43		8		53		312
Totals	558	119	528	101	626	84	572	129	5686	1320

2008-2009 year same period with End of Year Totals

	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		YTD	
	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's	Lands	T/Go's
Eagle	251		259		302		262		3375	
Twin	55		75		67		39		910	14
Aircraft										
550-2000kg	459		300		331		219		2945	
		248		279		110		101		1453
Helicopter	44		30		39		51		466	
		19		5		23		29		254
Micro light	87		48	74	89		43		567	
		189				30		60		523
Totals	896	456	712	358	828	163	614	190	8263	2244

At the last meeting Bob mentioned the NEST operated helicopters and their training activity on the airport.

General helicopter training activity on the airport has been well down on say, two years ago. However there does seem to be a larger number of transient helicopters visiting and operating in the area and I don't really know why this is as they don't actually base here. I do know one was an American registered one from a Super Yacht that was being serviced in Whangarei. The others may also be associated with the boat building industry.

We must note that these helicopters are not doing the long term hover training that has been the main focus of helicopter related complaints. More just coming and going after refuelling I suspect.

NEST always has done a small sample of their training here but no one is more aware of the noise issues than NEST. They are usually apologetic to me when they train here but it just has to happen from time to time. They try and spread training around the various airports in the North. The activity Bob commented on was a brief period of activity from them that now seems to have stopped.

Mike Chubb
Airport Manager