

# Takaka Aerodrome User Group

## Tasman District Council

**Date and Time:** 2 June 2022 at 3 pm

**Venue:** Takaka Aerodrome Aero Club

**Present:** Ian Orange (Chair)  
Luke Jacobs, Richard Molloy, Murray Bensemann, Shane Fleming

**In attendance:** Cr Chris Hill, Nick Chin (Property and Enterprise Manager), (Christina Ewing Enterprise Portfolio Officer).

Meeting opened at 3 pm

**1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

**That apologies be received from Mit Brereton.**

**Moved:** Murray Bensemann **Seconded:** Ian Orange

**Carried**

**3. Minutes of last meeting – 1 March 2022**

**That the minutes from the 1 March 2022 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.**

**Moved:** Ian Orange **Seconded:** Murray Bensemann

**Carried**

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

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

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Send a map of the drainage system – Luke will locate plans and send out to Christina and Nick.	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson

Straighten out the fences when the weather is drier- Luke suggested that to straighten out the batons was a waste of time and that the fence would collapse again, he advised a better way to fix the fence was to remove the in between batons and tighten the tension, as he just completed with the new fence around the extension runway. The Group didn't have any problems with that as long it was secure enough to keep the cows off the runway.	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson
Liaise with Jim Frater re emergency exercise scenario- Nick is waiting for all works to be completed before engaging with Jim Frater.	Ongoing	Nick Chin

## 5. General Business to be discussed

### 6. Runway Works

The extension runway was discussed, and an issue was raised regarding the drainage. The Users took Council staff out to the site and outlined how the drainage was not effective. This would be followed up with the Project Manager. There are also work delays due to wet weather. It was asked if part of the extension runway could be opened to local pilots and possibly closed to visiting pilots. Now the extension runway is closed to all users.

**Northern End works** – Fulton Hogans have completed the works, however, Users noticed that it seems incomplete. It was outlined that the join at the Northern end due to the works, did not allow for a smooth landing and if Fulton Hogan could roll the join in the runway. There were two other matters that would be raised with the Project Manager.

**Induction Training:** Council staff would like to bring in an induction process for all new contractors to the Aerodrome. Recently an induction process was done with the new mower contractor at Motueka Aerodrome. The Nelson Aviation College kindly had agreed and updated a training module which was presented to the contractors. It highlighted the importance of contractors being aware in a more formal way of Aerodrome operations. It was thought asking if the new contractors could also do the spraying at Takaka Aerodrome.

It was also discussed how Staff are looking into a development plan for hangars at Motueka Aerodrome. It was outlined how aerodrome lease prices are some of the highest in the country and there is a gap with consistent hangar designs. The Users suggested that Ashburton and Alexander Aerodrome have an established process that may be good to investigate.

Landing fees were discussed, Users recommended it may help to have an easy scanning system for payment of the casual landing fee like other aerodromes do. Staff will investigate this.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm

Next meeting: – 30 August 2022

### Action Log – 2 June 2022

Action	Assigned to:
Straighten out the fences when the weather is drier	Luke Jacobson
Liaise with Jim Frater re emergency exercise scenario	Nick Chin/Christina Ewing
Send Map of drainage system to members and Council	Luke Jacobson

Unconfirmed