

Minutes

Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group

Date: Wednesday 23 August 2017 2.30 pm

Venue: Tasman District Council Service Centre, Hickmott Street, Motueka

Present: Cr Peter Canton
Jeremy Anderson (Nelson Aviation College – commercial user rep)
Stuart Bean (Skydive Abel Tasman – commercial user rep)
Jim Maguire (recreational user representative)

In attendance: Barry Dowler (Motueka Community Board representative)
Cr David Ogilvie
Jim Frater (Project Manager, Property Services)
Terry-Louise Rosser (Tasman District Council)

Apologies: Mike Drummond

1. Welcome

All were welcomed to the meeting.

Cr Canton, as Chair, invited Barry Dowler to the table as representing the Motueka Community Board in the absence of member Richard Horrell.

2. Apologies

Moved: Stuart/Barry

That apologies be received from Mike Drummond - **carried**

3. Minutes of previous meeting – 24 May 2017

Moved: Jeremy/Stuart

That the minutes of the meeting of the Motueka Aerodrome Advisory Group held on 24 May 2017 be confirmed. – **carried.**

4. Action items from minutes 24 May 2017

- Cr Canton tabled a quote from a local locksmith for 12 locks to secure gates around the aerodrome. The locks are high security and re-keyable.

Some discussion followed on how many of the gates could be permanently locked and how many were in frequent use or required for emergency services.

Jim Frater requested that any decision be postponed until the next meeting when the new Property Services Manager would be on board.

- Jim Frater has included figures in the aerodrome budget for electrical and sewerage work for the next LTP.

5. Confirmation of commercial and recreational reps

Jim Maguire has been confirmed as the recreational representative for the Advisory Group

Jeremy and Stuart still need to be re-confirmed. Jim Frater will email the commercial operators of the aerodrome to ask if they are happy for Jeremy and Stuart to carry on or if they would like to nominate anyone else.

6. Terms of reference

Jim Frater commented that the changes requested at the last Advisory Group meeting had been made and the final version was approved by Mike Drummond as the aerodrome operator.

Barry asked about the independent member of public. Bill Coppins is the current member but does not attend the meetings. Jim Frater suggested that Cr Ogilvie, Cr Canton and Barry make some recommendations for an alternative member. It was agreed that Cr Canton would forward their suggestions to the Group before 30 August.

7. Draft Management plan

The latest draft of the management plan was circulated to members of the Advisory Group prior the meeting and Jim Frater talked through the main changes. Discretionary and permitted uses have been removed and replaced with allowable uses. This provides more certainty for commercial operators around continued use of the aerodrome.

Once the draft has been approved by the Advisory Group the plan will need to go out for public consultation.

Stuart commented that the draft was a more modern and commercially appropriate document than the current version.

Moved: Jeremy/Jim Maguire

That the draft management plan be approved by the Advisory Group and the process for adoption by Council be moved forward – **carried**.

8. Proposed development

There are several proposed developments currently being considered and Jim Frater gave an overview of each of these:

- Mark Stagg wants to extend his existing hanger and leased area. The Advisory Group has no objection and he now needs to provide plans so that an outline plan can be written for Council approval. The Nelson Drag Racing Association would need to be given three months notice of a variation to their lease.
- Patrick Amberger wants to build a new hanger for Coast to Coast Helicopters – The Advisory Group has no objection and he now needs to provide plans so that an outline plan can be written for Council approval. The Nelson Drag Racing Association would need to be given three months notice of a variation to their lease.
- There is a party in Nelson who want to build a block of hangers. The proposal is in the early stages. Jim will follow up with them.
- An application has been ongoing since Feb/March to use Vince D'Arth's old hanger as a café. Jim has met on site with Ben Wallace, Carsten Bushkuehle and Ross Troughton to discuss some options. Approval will be needed from Mike Drummond and the Advisory Group before the application can go any further. They will need to put up a decent fence for security as it won't be a supervised area.

Jeremy and Stuart are supportive of the idea. Cr Canton raised concerns about running a private business on public land but Jim Frater clarified that the current leaseholders will be operating the business and the land won't be subleased.

At present the aerodrome is a closed development area and Jim Frater asked if the Advisory Group would recommend that the request to operate the café be approved. An outline plan is needed and a building consent may be required.

Barry asked about hours of operation for the café. Jim would need to double check but indicated that it would not extend beyond daylight to dusk.

Moved: Jeremy / Stuart

That the application to extend the lease from Horizon Helicopters including the establishment of a café be supported - **carried**.

9. Financial Report

Moved: Stuart/ Jim Maguire

That the financial report be accepted - **carried**

10. Other business

- Jim explained to the Group the changes planned for the Takaka Aerodrome.
- Barry commented that the Community Board had received a request from the NZ Motor Caravan Association to become a 'friendly town'. This would require two dump stations with potable water. If the town can provide this Motueka would be promoted by the Association in its travel guides. At present Motueka only has one station (which does not have potable water and is not ideally situated as there is not enough room for larger vehicles). A second/alternative location has been suggest next to Argus helicopters .There would be advantages to other businesses around the area if a dump station was put there. Cr Canton said Council was seeking Central Government funding to put dump a station in.

Barry asked that Jim Frater talk to Jeff Cuthbertson about the idea.

- Barry has been approached by a group wanting to set up a museum about the tobacco industry. The group was looking for land and Barry had suggested they talk to Marchwood Park. He was meeting with them on 24 August and would know more about the proposal then.

Meeting closed 3.27pm

11. Next meeting – 23 August 2017

Action log

Email members of the Operations and Safety Committee regarding reconfirmation of Jeremy and Stuart as commercial repos	Jim Frater
Recommendations for an alternative independent member be put forward by 30 Aug.	Cr Ogilvie, Cr Canton and Barry Dowler
Discuss with Jeff Cuthbertson on the proposed location of the dump station	Jim Frater