

Meeting Minutes #5



Glenorchy Airstrip Consultative Governance Committee Minutes of Meeting	
Where:	QLDC Shotover Street Offices, Queenstown
Time:	1:00pm
Date:	Tuesday 12 th February 2019
Who:	Councillor Craig Ferguson, Jay Cameron (Wyuna/BB), Dan Kirkman (QAC), Jeannie Galavazi,
Apologies:	Robert Bakhuis (GCA), Nick Nicholson (Operators),

Meeting opened at 1:00pm

By the Chair Councillor Ferguson

One complaint received by QLDC since last meeting about a fixed wing private plane flying low over township. Jeannie following up.

Apologies Robert Bakhuis (GCA), Nick Nicholson (Operators)

ITEM 1: Actions from last meeting/Review of previous minutes

None

ITEM 2: Noise Management Plan

Interim Noise Management Plan previously circulated. Further comments received from Nick (Operators) to include QMUG accreditation to the Aircare accreditation, Robert (GCA) to ensure private and recreational operators acknowledged in the plan and not prevented from using the airstrip, and Jay (Wyuna) to include notation that once licences are all agreed a total limit will be placed on use of the airstrip. All changes made and will be recirculated.

Motion passed to adopt NMP with changes. Moved Cllr Ferguson, Seconded Dan Kirkman.

ITEM 3: Airstrip operations update

New access road ready to go once heli operations are moved to the other end of airstrip. No CAA approval required (confirmed by Astral today).

Fencing – nearly complete

Pedestrian easement – conversations are occurring between QLDC and Blanket Bay to work out the logistics of how to ensure access with new fencing and closure of vehicle access.

ITEM 4: Licences Update

Temporary one year licences for NZONE and HELIGY signed in December 2018. Timeframes were very constrained as there was a lot of political and community unrest with the HELIGY's consent application for landings and a Hangar at Rees Valley Station. Licences are only for one year and are in accordance with the RMP. Full licences will be brought to Committee for input Jay stated Wyuna objects to licences not being made available for feedback prior to signing.

Action: Jeannie to provide as much information as possible by Wyuna's AGM on 22 February – seeking legal advice to determine what is commercially sensitive.

ITEM 5: RC update

Resource consents applications are in with QLDC planning team for both NZONE and HELIGY. Both on hold seeking more information.

Action: Jeannie to circulate RC numbers.

ITEM 6: RMP Update

Jeannie explained that in November/December 2018 there was a lot of community unrest with helicopter landings and a hangar being applied for up the valley. Council agreed in a Council workshop that the RMP must continue to be implemented, but there was acknowledgment that direction is required on whether to review RMP as the potential dispersal of aircraft activity and associated effects around the head of the valley was undesirable when there is an existing airstrip. The limits in the RMP is a key driver for operators seeking to operate elsewhere in the valley. Jay expressed frustration as much time and resources have been spent on current process which is only 3 years old. Jeannie explained Reserves Act requires RMPs to be current and/or updated every 5 years. If Council agrees to commence a review at an upcoming workshop in March there will be lots of stakeholder consultation prior to notification, using the information that has been gathered in the past 2 years. The Committee discussed what the community view is on this situation and all agreed it is split.

Process improvements for managing the airstrip coming. This set up phase is challenging.

ITEM 7: Next Meeting

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This meeting closed at 1.17pm.