

Takaka aerodrome User Group

Tasman District Council

Date and Time: 1 March 2022

Venue: Zoom

Present: Ian Orange (Chair)
 Cr Chris Hill, Murray Bensemann, Shane Fleming, Richard Molloy

In attendance: Nick Chin and Christina Ewing

Meeting opened at 4.01 pm

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, Nick Chin opened the meeting with a Karakia and introduced Christina Ewing.

2. Apologies

Luke Jacobson

Moved: Ian Orange **Seconded:** Cr C Hill

That apologies be received from Luke Jacobson.

Carried

3. Minutes of the last meeting – 30 November 2021

Moved: Shane Fleming **Seconded:** Murray Bensemann

That the minutes from the 30 November 2021 meeting be accepted as a true and correct record.

Carried

4. Action items from the previous meeting

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

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Send a map of the drainage system	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson
Contact Tyco re not turning up uninvited	Ongoing	Andrea Meldrum
Straighten out the fences when the weather is drier	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson

Distribute runway specs before the job is started	Ongoing	Andrea Meldrum/Nick Chin
Liaise with Jim Frater re emergency exercise scenario	Ongoing	Nick Chin
Forward resource consent answers to Graham Rimmer	Completed	Andrea Meldrum
Look into camera options	Ongoing	Nick Chin

5. Takaka Aerodrome Report

Financials

We are sitting at approximately \$6000 below budget, this is due to less revenue and usage. Though the cost of the future runway work will change that dramatically.

We have received a quote initially, which was out of scope for the work needed on the runway, we have asked the contractors to go back and present a quote for how much it will cost to extend the runway and seal with gravel. Of the \$250,000 budget that we have, \$49,000 has already been spent on Geotech and Consent work.

6. Operations and Safety Issues

With the extensive rain, the runway was damaged, and a NOTAM was issued that 70m of the runway was unusable. Two options moving forward are:

- Reseal the Northern end where the damage occurred cost approx. \$84,000; or
- Reseal the entire runway which will cost approx. \$194,000

The Council are looking at ways to fund this now. The next piece of work that needs to happen is flanking, which is approx. \$26,000. The work has been caused in part, by deferred maintenance, we are looking at upgrading the maintenance schedule. It was agreed that spraying was not happening often enough or being sprayed out far enough. It was discussed that spraying should occur twice per year.

It was asked if flanking creates an edge to the runway, this could be a potential hazard. Nick Chin outlined that any designs or work will be put in front of the users of the Aerodrome for their advice.

It was asked if the extraordinary amount of rain, caused damage that should be expected, and are other runways experiencing this sort of damage. Also, is it fair to say a runway has its limitations with the amount of rainfall? In response, it was outlined that the damage was caused by the water going under the seal and that the water needs to be diverted away.

7. General Business

- We are now waiting on a quote from Sollys on the cross-runway extension.
- Relooking at the maintenance schedule of the runway.
- Geotech results on the crosswind that has been done. It says the structure of the crosswind is very good.

- Luke Jacobson will be digging a trench from the power transformer to his house. A NOTAM is not needed as it doesn't affect the aerodrome.
- Potholes in the driveway need fixing. Christina will get an order number through to Shane Fleming for that and the broken downpipe.
- It was asked if moving forward the 4 pm start time of the meeting could be brought up earlier to 2.30 pm. The Committee agreed this would work.
- Has the air sock been installed; in response the air sock has not been installed.

8. Actions for next meeting

The meeting closed at 4.33 pm

Next meeting: – 2 June 2022

Closing Karakia Nick Chin.

Action Log – 2 March 2022

Action	Status	Assigned to:
Send a map of the drainage system (will follow up with Luke)	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson
Contact Tyco re not turning up uninvited	Ongoing	Christina Ewing
Straighten out the fences when the weather is drier (Christina will follow up with Luke, as to what is needed).	Ongoing	Luke Jacobson
Distribute runway specs before the job is started.	Ongoing	Christina Ewing/Nick Chin
Liaise with Jim Frater re emergency exercise scenario	Ongoing, waiting until after work completed to runway.	Christina Ewing
Look into camera options (On hold until we have some emergency work from the runway).	Ongoing	Nick Chin
Air sock to be installed	Ongoing	Ian Orange