

Notice of Meeting

AERODROME COMMITTEE

9 March 2021 at 5.30pm
Riverina Room 76 Capper Street Tumut

AGENDA

Present

1. Apologies

Declaration of Interest

2. Minutes of Previous meeting
Minutes of meeting held 10 March 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Aerodrome Committee meeting held on the 10 March 2020 be received and noted.

3. Business arising
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5. General Business
6. Next meeting

THE MINUTES OF THE AERODROME COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE RIVERINA ROOM 76 CAPPER STREET TUMUT, ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020

COMMENCING AT 5:30pm

PRESENT: Cllr John Larter (Councillor Delegate), Fred Kell, Graham Smith, Bridget Ryan, Peter Wilson, Craig Cullinger, Tom Moxey, Jon Gregory – RFS.

IN ATTENDANCE: Geoffrey Rotgans – Survey & Design Engineer (Council Delegate)

1. APOLOGIES

Nil

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

TAC.01 RESOLVED that the minutes of the **Tumut Aerodrome Committee** held on **11 June 2019** be accepted as read.

Fred Kell / Tom Moxey

3 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

4. AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 AERODROME COMMITTEE MATTERS FOR MARCH 2020

1) New Committee Chair

The call for volunteers for chairperson yielded one volunteer. There was no discussion and the committee supported the election of Councillor John Larter to position of chairperson.

TAC.02 RESOLVED to elect Councillor John Larter as chairperson of the committee.

Craig Cullinger / Graham Smith

2) Actions arising from the previous meeting

The committee reviewed the following:

- DRAFT Terms of Reference adopted.
- Letter sent to Mr David Francis.
- Mr Jon Gregory appointed to the committee.
- Report on infrastructure improvements is progressing.
- Temporary public safety fencing installed.
- Trees trimmed for OLS – some removed and replaced thanks to owners. There are still some tree issues which need to be resolved.
- More signage is still being processed.

3) General discussion from previous inquorate meeting (10th Sept 2019)

The Committee discussed the following:

- Results of the CASA surveillance - the findings of which have been addressed.
- Aerodrome Expansion - Councillor Larter provided an update on the pursuit of grant funding. The committee also discussed the implications of a preliminary feasibility survey for the extension of the runway, with concern being voiced about the effect on a private residence if the runway was extended south. Council's S&D Engineer stressed that this was a preliminary assessment only, and there were a number of issues to work through before a clear decision could be made.
- RFS operational hazards - Jon Gregory reported a significant improvement in movement and safety as a result of the work undertaken by Council on the culvert and area levelling.
- OLS obstacles – a number of new obstacles have been identified in the latest OLS survey, and Council has issued a NOTAM for one obstacle on private land as access has not been granted.
- Discussion on the possibility of introducing landing fees by utilising wireless movement-activated cameras. There is still significant doubt as to whether this can be administered fairly due to the possibility that aircraft could 'dodge' the cameras, as well as economically as the collation of data and administration of invoices would need to be offset by the landing fee charge.

The Committee also discussed the success of public safety improvement measures implemented. This was a great improvement from what was seen during the 2019 firefighting campaign.

There were no resolutions.

4) Draft Tumut Aerodrome Access Policy

There was some discussion of the policy and some voiced opposition to the need to wear high-vis clothing under certain circumstances. However, the draft policy was generally supported.

Further comment will be possible when the draft policy is put out for public exhibition.

TAC.03 RESOLVED to support the Draft Tumut Aerodrome Access Policy.

Bridget Ryan / Graham Smith

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

General discussion included the following:

- ERSA has been updated to show a modified version of the noise abatement procedures.
- The committee also discussed the implications of a preliminary feasibility survey for the extension of the runway, with concern being voiced about the effect on a private residence if the runway was extended south. Council's S&D Engineer stressed that this was a preliminary assessment only, and there were a number of issues to work through before a clear decision could be made.
- There was discussion about how helicopters don't have enough room during firefighting campaigns – it is possible that Council could open up the northern paddock (currently leased by the Rodeo Club).
- Request that the Rodeo Club paddock adjustment to be on the agenda for next meeting.
- There was discussion on the limited space currently available for hangars. The Committee questioned whether we should hold to the existing masterplan (including the planned northern development) or change it to include more lease areas. Council's S&D Engineer to email existing Masterplan to committee members (hard copy to those without email).

6 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on 9 June 5:30pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 7:15pm.

4. AGENDA ITEMS**4.1 AERODROME MATTERS FOR MARCH 2021**

REPORT AUTHOR: SURVEY & DESIGN ENGINEER
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To inform the committee of strategic matters concerning the Tumut Aerodrome.

RECOMMENDATION:**THAT THE COMMITTEE:**

1. Receive the report on Aerodrome Matters for March 2021.
2. Review the New Committees Framework and raise any queries.
3. Note that a new draft Terms of Reference will be issued by Council in-line with the New Committees Framework to be reviewed at the June Aerodrome Committee meeting.
4. Consider recent developments and put forward strategies and features to be considered for inclusion in the new masterplan.
5. Note the Expression of Interest process and raise any queries.

REPORT:**New Committees Framework**

The new Council Committees Framework was distributed to committee members. Please notify the Council Staff Delegate if you did not receive a copy.

It is essential that committee members review and understand their obligations under the framework. Please make any queries known to the Council Staff Delegate who will seek the relevant information for you.

Upcoming Council elections/ new ToR

All committees and their updated Terms of Reference will need to be adopted by the new Council. The draft Terms of Reference will need to be reviewed prior to the September elections.

Infrastructure update and Masterplan review**BLER funding:**

The NSW and Federal Government announced grant funding for the upgrade of Tumut Aerodrome on 2nd Nov 2020. The \$12.5m is for “upgrades to drainage, fencing, runway, lighting and control systems, and the installation of precision path indicators” to “help facilitate fire-fighting capabilities and permit air-ambulance access to the regional centre, improving the liveability and resilience of this region.”

Council is currently in discussions with the relevant government departments to progress the project.

Council is also engaging consultants to advise on the project.

Humelink Project:

TransGrid is currently investigating an alternative route which will avoid Tumut Aerodrome. Council has consulted with CASA and has submitted a draft OLS for the proposed extension options. This will enable CASA to provide advice and feedback to TransGrid on this project. The announcement of BLER funding for the extension also adds weight to the point that the Humelink should avoid Tumut Aerodrome.

Masterplan Review:

Council seeks input from the committee on the future masterplan of the site. The committee is urged to consider what features and strategies should be included in the future plans for the site.

Expression of Interest process

It has been raised that there have been other processes used in the past to express interest in holding a licence deed at Tumut Aerodrome, namely, through the Aerodrome Committee.

Under the Local Government Act, Council is required to act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community. Council will therefore seek to use processes such as an Expression of Interest to seek proposals for any future lots. Council welcomes any queries regarding this matter.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil