

EDINBURGH AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY BOARD

Note of Record - Thirty Ninth Meeting held on Wednesday 4th November 2020

By Webex

Commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Adam Cumming, (AC); (Vice-Chair)

Merv Archibald (MA), Blackness Area CC; Adam Cumming (AC) Cramond Association); Bruce Finlayson (BF), North Queensferry CC; Vic Garrad (VC) Kirknewton CC; Ray Godfree (RG), Ratho & District CC; Tom Leatherland (TL), Limekilns and Charleston CC; Neil Lovett (NL) East Calder CC; Helena Paul (HP), Blackness Area CC/EAW; Pippa Plevin (PP), Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian; Liz Scobie (LS), Uphall CC; Karen Walker (KW) Blackness Area CC; Andrew Watt (AW), Dalkeith & District CC & Midlothian Federation CC; Tom Wylie (TW) Cramond and Barnton CC.

In attendance: Simon Rhodes (SR) EAL; June McClung (JMcC) EAL
Mairi Finlayson (MF), North Queensferry CC

Apologies: Lindsay Cole (Chair)
Louise Gunstensen (LG), Dalgety Bay & Hillend CC;

The Vice-Chair welcomed members to the meeting together with -
June McClung and Simon Rhodes from Edinburgh Airport Limited (EAL)

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <p>A draft record of the meeting held on 7th October had been circulated to all members prior to this meeting and subject to an amendment to be added to the last sentence of item 5 that “this brought noise issues to a number of people under the flight path for the first time” acceptance of the minutes were proposed (TW) and seconded (AW) as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that minutes should be copied to EAL as had not been the case with the draft minute of the October meeting</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the draft minutes of the “virtual” meeting held on 1st July 2020 remained to be approved with regard to comments raised by a member, the member was content with a subsequent draft amendment and It was determined that the draft be accepted as proposed (RG) and seconded (BF).</p>	RG
2	<p>Matters Arising from previous meetings</p> <p>As previously noted several items are listed as in abeyance pending a resumption of normal meetings and attendance by EAL once COVID-19 restrictions are eased. These items have been included as an appendix to minutes of recent meetings and members had been requested to review the Appendix with a view to closing items that are completed or no longer relevant at the next meeting. In the</p>	

	<p>absence of any responses from members it was proposed (RG) that the appendix be reviewed with recommendations for closure or otherwise of remaining items to be put to the next meeting for acceptance.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0-----0</p>	RG
2.1	<p>35.5.2 It was agreed the Chair will contact Gordon Robertson tomorrow to clarify what he means in his press quotes. Noted a response from EAL is awaited. Further contact has been made with GR (EAL) and a written note of a response is awaited. A response remains outstanding</p>	CHAIR/EAL
	<p><u>35.6 Updates from Sub Groups</u></p>	
2.2	<p>35.6.4 Health 35.6.4.1 As noted previously under matters arising a report has been circulated. NHS has offered to provide some data, not yet received and options are being considered. It was noted that KW has volunteered to join the health sub-group as a very welcome addition with access to potential contacts. AC has had a discussion with a member of the Royal College of Physicians who, since no progress has been made through NHS Lothian has an occupational physician in mind who might be interested in helping with clinical support. The Sub-group has taken on board the impact of night flights and will contact Christine Jardine MP in the relation to this. It was noted that this item may be closed as ongoing reports will be covered under sub-group reports in the normal agenda. Covered under item 5 of the agenda below.</p>	AC/CLOSED
2.3	<p>35.7.3 It was noted a short letter has been drafted based on that which ICCAN produced regarding opportunities to reduce and mitigate noise while the aviation industry is reopening for forwarding to EAL and copy to ICCAN. Noted a letter was posted – date to be confirmed. No response as yet – letter passed on to others via Hannah Bardell MP. Noted no responses but this may be due to people at EAL and CAA still being on furlough. Note a further request for response to be made. Response still not received Post meeting Note: Since no further formal response has been received from either body it is presumed that since EAL and the CAA have extended their furlough period, further details cannot be expected until Christmas at the earliest. To be confirmed directly with EAL (GR).</p>	CHAIR CHAIR
	<p>Review of Issues Log</p>	
2.4	<p>37.7.4 It was noted that update information from two or three people had been received and the log has been updated with the modest changes. Noise reports for the first two quarters of 2020 are to be circulated to all Members and an updated issues log is to be issued in due course.</p>	

	Noted ongoing pending issue of the Q3 report. Noted Q3 report received and to be covered under item 5 of the agenda below.	TL CLOSED
2.5	<p>38.4 Consultation responses.</p> <p>The All-Party Parliamentary Inquiry Group (APPG) response has been circulated to all previously. It was noted the questions were quite general.</p> <p>Consultation from the CAA about reclassifying the airspace was thought not to concern us but a comment was submitted. The reclassification process is a three-stage process, the first of which is a “Consider” stage – an internal meeting within CAA, somewhat similar to the ACP but with a rather vague process without a proper pathway.</p> <p>SR did indicate that this process seems heavy-handed and noted that the CAA has advertised for someone to run the reclassification process. It was noted It is probably not relevant to Edinburgh due to the number of passengers which will mean that the Edinburgh air space cannot fall into this procedure.</p> <p>Response to the consultation to be forwarded by AW Response has been circulated.</p>	AW CLOSED
	38.6 Updates from Sub-group	
2.6	<p>38.6.1 Aviation Several meetings have been held recently and minutes are to be issued in due course. All issued</p>	MA CLOSED
2.7	The Group met with To70 on 25 th September to discuss a possible proposal of To70 independently looking at noise profiles to mediate noise. Awaiting feedback (expected soon). See report under item 5 of the agenda below	MA CLOSED
2.8	The sub-group asks if anyone on the board has a suggestion of other options for independent consultants. AC to pursue two potential contacts. Enquiries ongoing	ONGOING MA/AC
2.9	The full Aviation Sub-Group met on 6 th October to consider GR’s suggestions of 1 st October to modify the brief for T070, which is yet to be circulated to the Aviation Group and Board. Minute circulated	MA CLOSED
2.10	<p>38.6.4.1 ICCAN Group</p> <p>Query if anyone heard about the ACP survey done in March 2020 however there was no recollection from any members and it is suggested that we all sign up for the ICCAN newsletter. Noted that emails would be checked AC for relevant information. Noted that emails had been checked but none found.</p>	AC CLOSED
2.11	<p>38.6.5 Issues Log</p> <p>It was noted some tasks are harder to assign a timescale to and perhaps these could be assigned with stepwise stages or sequence and track as they are achieved however, target dates might be worth trying and groups try to at least provide best guesses and then</p>	RG/

<p>2.12</p> <p>2.13</p>	<p>review this in 3 to 6 month's time. Agreed that the document is very valuable. Potential re-formatting of the Issues Log in progress</p> <p>38.7 AOB</p> <p>Minutes Secretary It was agreed to check with GR for an indication on how long we may need to fund ourselves, whilst all were requested to approach their Organisations and feedback either by email to RG or at the next meeting. Awaiting feedback Post meeting note: No formal response has been received from EAL, however during conversation with EAL (GR) it has been made clear existing conditions will persist into the New Year with a further update agreed in February 2021.</p> <p>Planning Matters It was noted that there is evidence of two significant residential developments to the west of airport that may be impacted by aviation noise, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 2,000 dwellings near Pumpherston, virtually underneath the flight path, and: • 600 dwellings as a proposed extension of the Calderwood development at East Calder across the City Boundary into Edinburgh, offset by about one mile from the flight path. <p>Maps are to be forwarded to JMcC to allow accurate overlays of noise contours which she will be able to do on her return from annual leave on 26th October. Maps to be forwarded to EAL. Preparation of maps in progress to allow forwarding to EAL</p>	<p>Issue Champions</p> <p>CHAIR</p> <p>MA, RG/JMcC</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Noise Board review update</p> <p>It was noted that the Review Panel has met twice since the last EANAB meeting and is in the process of crystallising a list of questions to be put to organisations and individuals to be included in the consultation. There are currently two separate lists of questions, one for Board members and the other for people less informed as to the workings of EANAB, such as local councillors, and politicians.</p> <p>In response to question it was noted that: A preliminary list of potential consultees has been extended to include, for example, all the Community Councils encompassed by the West Lothian and Midlothian Federations, and consideration is being taken of the inclusion of schools and other facilities and organisations that should be included in the consultation.</p> <p>A draft introduction to the questionnaires has been prepared taking as an example the approach taken by ICCAN on a recently published questionnaire.</p> <p>Space is to be incorporated in the questionnaire over and above the specific questions to allow general comments.</p>	

	<p>Methods for analysing the feedback from the consultation have yet to be addressed.</p> <p>Whilst the survey format is still being worked on and is getting close to agreement it is not likely to go out to all consultees before Christmas and is likely to be distributed in early 2021</p> <p>Contact with other airport noise boards is being made with a view to gaining feedback on potential successes and failures in the approach to the review.</p> <p>It was queried if EANAB members are to receive minutes or an overview of the review meetings, as it was understood by some members that this had been previously agreed with the Review Panel.</p>	RG/LC
4	<p>Funding for : Minutes secretary</p> <p>Further to action raised in October for members to approach respective organisations to assist funding EANAB it was noted in summary that of the various organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Offered to commit one off funding of £50 1 Offered £50 on condition all others did the same 2 Advised that no funds were available 3 Were not inclined to provide funding 4 Failed to respond, <p>so concluding that there was no consensus to follow this approach.</p> <p>It was noted that Kirknewton Community Council raised the issue of the standing of EANAB in the greater community and questioned that as it was Hannah Bardell MP that suggested the setting up of EANAB it may be appropriate to seek funding from the local government and therefore approached might be made to the MSPs for this area in the Scottish Government to fund a continuation of EANAB.</p> <p>In further discussion it was noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Bardell's early involvement with EANAB had been to propose an independent chair; • That noise issues should be addressed to MPs as this was not perceived as covered by a devolved government; • That perhaps EAL would consider matching the community council donations of £250 so far as it is to EAL's advantage to have a noise board to facilitate communication with the surrounding communities. • That on the understanding that forecourt charges (recently increased) go to airport community funds, and whilst the current Covid related difficulties are acknowledged, might EAL reconsider their position. <p>On this bass it was proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EAL be asked as a gesture of goodwill if it might match the £250 already committed so providing a total of £500 to support around five months of administrative costs 	CHAIR

	<p>2. A draft letter be circulated for board approval addressed to MPs and MSPs (including Alex Cole Hamilton) exploring the potential for further funding, and</p> <p>3. A completed summary of responses from Members organisations to be forwarded to the Chair</p> <p>In further discussion it was queried how and to what extent the independent review was being funded.</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>RG</p> <p>CHAIR</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Updates from Sub Groups</p> <p>5.1 Aviation Consultancy Sub-Group A note of the previous meeting with EAL on 6th October has been circulated regarding changes proposed by EAL to the brief tabled to EAL in August regarding a four stage approach to flight path management.</p> <p>There was a meeting on the 28th October regarding anticipated activities over the next year and detailed notes have also been circulated to the Board.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a need to have a discussion with EAL to agree the schedule of activities.</p> <p>On 29th October, T070 sent EAL a proposal to independently confirm that the work that has been done is valid, however EAL responded on 3rd November that no funds are available to support this.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the ACP is currently on pause, EAL is due to meet with ECOG tomorrow 5th November with a view to an “un-pause” of the ACP.</p> <p>Further to prolonged discussion and accounting for the imminent leave on “furlough” of SR and JMcC (both of EAL) it was noted that a meeting should be arranged at the earliest mutually agreed date with a view to establishing an approximate time frame for continuing ongoing progress examining flight profiles together with the resumption of the ACP process.</p> <p>5.2 Outer airways subgroup Due to absence there had been no movement on this issue since the previous meeting. In noting that EAL (SR) was due to meet ACOG on the 5th November a request was made to highlight potential use of airspace over the North Sea.</p> <p>5.3 Governance subgroup Nothing to report as the terms of reference and code of conduct is to be left in abeyance until the EANAB review has been completed.</p> <p>5.4 Health subgroup An outline plan has been circulated and possible contacts being pursued. AC has written to Christine Jardine MP regarding night flights and airport designation but has no response yet. It was requested that the subgroup produce a report of its overall position at this time for the benefit of all EANAB members</p>	<p>MA/EAL</p> <p>EAL(SR)</p> <p>AC/KW/LS</p> <p>AC</p>

	<p>5.5 Complaints</p> <p>The Noise & Complaints report for Q3 had been circulated. It was noted that in understanding what gives rise to complaints, from recent reports there seems to be number of peaks above a certain dB number and landing aircraft are noisier than departing aircraft over the Broxburn monitor, but this does not correlate to public complaints as all complaints this year have been related to departing aircraft.</p> <p>It was noted that the new report template is welcome and is to be retained for the next quarter.</p> <p>EAL (JMcC) offered to provide further information on complaints and would like to tweak the format at the next opportunity if agreeable. EAL (JMcC) to collate charts and possibly add another category for night-time. It was noted a column in section 1.8 says zero complaints which implies some information is not being picked up a matter that should be investigated when EAL staff return from furlough in December.</p> <p>It was noted that Edinburgh Airport Watch members have been complaining of night flights and a request for further information should be made to EAL if such data is not apparent within the present quarterly reports</p>	<p>EAL(JMcC)</p> <p>HP</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Review of issues log</p> <p>Continues to be a work in progress. Investigation is ongoing into formatting the log in time related barchart form.</p>	<p>RG/Issues Champions</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>7.1 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Whilst thanking KW for continuing assistance in compiling minutes of meetings a request for further volunteers to assist in preparing minutes was made as other commitments with the Review Panel over the next few months may impact on the preparation of minutes of EANAB meetings.</p> <p>7.2 Noise from Proposed Developments (Industrial)</p> <p>In questioning how the potential operational noise from proposed industrial development might impact on noise contour maps it was noted that EAL noise maps relate only to aviation noise and any additional noise created by any new source should be considered by the relevant Planning authority or consultants applying for such a new development.</p> <p>7.3 Members Statement</p> <p>Subsequent to a request that EAL attendees leave the meeting a statement was read out by an EANAB member regarding an ongoing matter. The member asked that the board review documents to be forwarded the next day so that they can consider them fairly and impartially.</p>	<p>ALL/RG</p>

	<p>The Vice chair assured all that the matter will be addressed and asked that board members read the information fairly, properly and completely and that all members act with due consideration.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.41 pm</p>	
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