

## EDINBURGH AIRPORT NOISE ADVISORY BOARD

Note of Record – Forty Second Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021

By Webex

Commencing at 6.30pm

**Present:** Lindsay Cole (Chair)

Merv Archibald (MA), Blackness Area CC; Adam Cumming (AC) Cramond Association; Bruce Finlayson (BF), North Queensferry CC; Ray Flint (RF) Kinghorn CC; Sharon Gibson (SG), Pumpherston CC; Ray Godfree (RG), Ratho & District CC; Tom Leatherland (TL), Limekilns and Charleston CC; Neil Lovett (NL) East Calder CC; Pippa Plevin (PP), Joint Forum of Community Councils in West Lothian; Karen Walker (KW) Blackness Area CC; Andrew Watt (AW), Dalkeith & District CC & Midlothian Federation CC; Tom Wylie (TW) Cramond and Barnton CC;  
\*Helena Paul (HP), Blackness Area CC/EAW; \*Vic Garrad (VC) Kirknewton CC;  
\*Louise Gunstensen (LG), Dalgety Bay & Hillend CC

\*Joined meeting after commencement

**In attendance:** Mairi Finlayson (MF)  
\*Simon Rhodes (SR) EAL

**Apologies:** June McClung (JMcC), EAL

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

ITEM		ACTION
1	<b>Approval of Previous Minutes</b>  Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 was proposed by SG and seconded by TW	
2 2.1	<b>Matters Arising from previous meetings</b>  <b>41.1</b> A member raised a matter discussed at the previous (January) meeting regarding the availability to Members of audio/video recordings of meetings and the potential implications of GDPR, as noted for action by the Chair under in item 1 of the Minutes of the meeting held on January 2021.  During protracted further discussion it was noted that in accordance with the EANAB Terms of Reference meetings are held in accordance with Chatham House Rules and so compilation of minutes follow a process of preserving confidentiality in relation to any individual's personal opinions and statements. Accordingly, a general approach to the recording of meetings had been followed whereby the audio/video recordings made in the absence of a normal minute secretary were used solely by the compiler of the minutes to verify draft notes prepared by a volunteer member, and in respect of privacy obligations were not made available to members in general.	

<p><b>2.2</b></p>	<p>In recognising that no formal decision on this approach had been previously recorded by the Board, a vote was taken regarding a proposal that recordings of minutes would be used only by the Compiler and in this limited manner, which proposal was carried by a majority of the voting member present with 7 votes in favour, 2 against and three abstentions.</p> <p><b>41.2.29</b> Pursuant to an action raised at the meeting of January 2021 to facilitate management of outstanding actions, two summary listings have been produced and circulated of matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A short one-page summary, and</li> <li>● A longer version with numerical historical links</li> </ul> <p>Both versions included action dates as requested at the last meeting and the longer version follows here as pursued at this meeting.</p> <p>Summary of Matters arising/actions ongoing from this meeting  <i>Updates highlighted in blue italics</i></p>	
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Item	Matter arising/action description	Responsible	Date raised	Date closed
1 41.1	As a result of discussion raised on the availability to Members of audio/video recordings of meetings and the potential implications of GDPR as raised at EANRP meetings the Chair attempted to clarify the situation. <i>Refer to Item 2.1 of these minutes above.</i>	CHAIR  <b>CLOSED</b>	Jan 2021	<b>Feb 2021</b>
2 35.5.2	GR to attend a meeting to clarify his press announcement and ICCANs involvement in the review. <i>Whilst noting it would have been useful in hindsight if the correspondence between the Chair and GR had been made available at the time this item could have been resolved previously it was noted for ongoing Action:</i> <b>Chair to email GR and copy the board on an invitation for GR to attend the March meeting</b>	CHAIR/GR  <b>CHAIR</b>	July 2020  <b>Feb 2021</b>	
3 35.7.3	Letter regarding opportunities to reduce and mitigate noise while the aviation industry is reopening was sent by Chair mid-July 2020 to EAL, CAA & Hannah Bardell. No responses yet received. Noted many staff in EAL are on furlough and the same is likely for CAA staff. <b>Remains dormant awaiting response</b>	CHAIR	July 2020	
4 38.6.5	proposed and agreed with the Chair that the four 4 Champions involved so far form a <b>LOG</b> sub-group to continue with this <b>Log subgroup formed (met 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021)</b>	BF/RG/AC/MA  <b>CLOSED</b>	Oct 2020	<b>Feb 2021</b>
5 38.6.5	Further to a request for a precise remit for the new sub-group it was generally agreed that the primary need is to define a management tool for the format of the log. A second objective would be to establish dates, responsibilities and steps needed but input from all SG Champions would be needed at this point. <b>Log subgroup formed &amp; remit established</b>	LOG-SG/ Issue Champions  <b>CLOSED</b>	Jan 2021	<b>Feb 2021</b>
6 41.2.5	Provision of minutes secretary by EAL – <i>Noted difficulty in arranging an EAL staff member whilst they are on furlough – However SR (EAL) offered to do the minutes at the March meeting and check receipt of draft minutes through the noise@edinburghairport email address.</i>	EAL  <b>RG/SR</b>	13 Jan 2021  <b>Feb 2021</b>	
7 39.3	Review panel remit to be provided to the board	PP  <b>CLOSED</b>	13 Jan 2021	<b>17 Jan 2021</b>
8 39.4	A draft letter to be circulated for board approval addressed to MPs and MSPs (including Alex Cole Hamilton) exploring the potential for further funding. Draft circulated 22 November but only some responses received. <b>AC to re-circulate the draft letter for comments so that a final letter can be agreed at the March meeting</b>	AC  <b>AC/ALL</b>	Nov 2020  <b>Feb 2021</b>	
9	Complaints		Nov	



	Dates were awaited from EAL to meet to develop EAL/EANAB co-operation on the ACP and the benefits of flight profiling. <i>EAL is in contact with ACOG and is awaiting information on re-activating the ACP together with feedback from the DfT, regarding requests for funding. Ongoing</i>	EAL(SR) ONGOING		
16 40.5.2	SR also offered to try to obtain information regarding development sites under western flightpaths that had been held up due to JMcC being on furlough. RG to be copied into any response to MA. <i>SR confirms EAL are aware and need to include this information in the ACP.</i> <i>Noted that this issue would be covered later under Item 6 of the agenda.</i>	SR (EAL) ONGOING	Dec 2020	
17 40.2.21	Noted that the Department for Transport consultation on night flights and designated airports closes at the end of March 2021. It was agreed that the Board should respond particularly in relation to night flights. It was agreed that the ICCAN sub-group would co-ordinate this response with input from the Health sub-group which was looking into the health implications of night flights. <i>ONGOING note March deadline</i>	ALL/AC ICCAN SG ONGOING	Dec 2020	
18 40.5.6	Complaints <i>As discussed, and covered under item 9 above</i> , this matter is ongoing. Deferred until EAL staff return from Furlough	EAL/SR  CLOSED	Dec 2020	<i>Feb 2021</i>
19 40.7.3	Forward Plans It was agreed that members should submit suggestions to RG to pull together a list of bullet points for discussion at the January Board meeting. Incorporating these into the Issues Log with a time related framework would allow the Board to identify key issues, demands on time, etc. To be carried out by the ILSG & Champions. <i>Deferred to Agenda Item 7 of this meeting</i>	ONGOING LOG-SG  CLOSED	Dec 2020	<i>Feb 2021</i>
20 41.2.29	Matters arising Agreed that future minutes would try to summarise this section/group similar items/place outstanding issues under relevant sections for discussion/updates <i>Summaries (long and short) produced prior to this meeting (including action creation dates in order to provide some sense of time for issues to be addressed) to reduce time taken in dealing with matters arising at future meetings.</i>	RG/KW  CLOSED	13 Jan 2021	<i>Feb 2021</i>
21 41.3.1	It was noted previous actions remain outstanding regarding information previously requested by EANAB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remit of the panel. <i>Closed</i></li> <li>The stakeholder list. <i>Closed</i></li> </ul>	CHAIR  PP	13 Jan 2021  13 Jan	<i>17 Jan 2021</i>  <i>28Jan 2021</i>

		<b>CLOSED</b>	2021	
22 41.4.1	As it was not clear to Members whether the review panel will change the ToR/CoC, this issue is to be raised with the EANRP to get their thoughts and provide clarification to the Board. <i>Noted the Review Panel will include the ToR and CoC as necessary</i>	CHAIR <b>CLOSED</b>	13 Jan 2021	<b>Feb 2021</b>
23 41.5.2.1	Outer airways subgroup It was noted that the SG had asked if it could observe the early discussions on route plans and it is being considered. <i>EAL (SR) confirmed stakeholders, including EANAB, have to be involved in discussions as and when the ACP is reactivated.</i>	EAL  <b>EAL(SR) Awaiting ACP</b>	13 Jan 2021	
24 41.5.5.1	Health SG Ongoing action for a report/presentation to be discussed at a meeting in Jan 2021. <i>Precis of the ICCAN report to be circulated to the board by AC who acknowledged that health issues are such a large specialist subject that the Health SG cannot analyse the data from reports and publications. It was noted that without the expertise required, the Health SG cannot investigate health matters and move anything forward for EANAB and is therefore essentially redundant and can only act as a conjugate for updated advice to the board such as that from ICCAN when available. Precis of the Report to be circulated the board</i>	Health SG  <b>AC</b>	13 Jan 2021	
25 41.7.1	It was noted that the Night Noise Consultation closes in early March and though it is more in relation to airports down south, it may result in more traffic to Scotland and therefore it should be investigated by EANAB Members prior to the closure date believed to be in March – <i>possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> March.</i> <b>Actual date to be confirmed</b>	TL/ALL  <b>ALL/TL</b>	13 Jan 2021	

<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>EANRP update</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b></p> <p><b>3.2</b></p>	<p>Noted that the survey questionnaire is almost complete and is expected to be sent out this night or tomorrow 4<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>Noting that members queried that some potential stakeholders appeared to be missing from the Stakeholder list and whilst noting that the EANAB website has only ever listed Community Councils and Associations as represented organisations, a subsequent discussion regarding membership of EANAB and the status of Edinburgh Airport Watch (EAW) was deferred to be determined under an agenda item at the next meeting in March.</p> <p>In response to various comments raised concerning perceived omissions from the list of stakeholders which was shared with EANAB members after the January meeting and to how the list was compiled, it was confirmed that all responses from board members since the list was circulated have been incorporated and the suggestions are now included on the stakeholder list. It was noted that all board members will receive the survey.</p> <p>It was also queried if the list is now definitive or are there any other individuals that the list will be sent to. It was confirmed the list is not being sent to any further individuals.</p> <p>Further to a comment made regarding the fact that there are no environmental groups or any other noise boards listed it was agreed this would be raised with the Review Panel.</p> <p>It was reported that “Survey Monkey” is to be used to distribute the survey and whilst there are some last-minute glitches to sort out, issuing of the Survey is anticipated shortly.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note: General distribution of the Consultation invitation occurred on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b></p>	<p><b>CHAIR</b></p> <p><b>CHAIR</b></p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>CAA NOISE MODELLING</b></p> <p>Regarding the recent issue of CAA Standards on Minimum Requirements for Noise Monitoring, CAP 2091, a summary had been circulated prior to the meeting regarding the model data input quality. Uncertainty was noted regarding which category EAL would fall in. In response to a query EAL (SR) responded that whilst different airports use different approaches, EAL are currently using category C, improving to category B, which is considered more than satisfactory.</p> <p>It was noted that the aviation subgroup is supportive of this move.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>FUTURE COMBAT AIRSPACE ACP</b></p> <p>It was noted that both the Aviation and the Outer Airways subgroups were involved in following this issue in which the MOD are seeking agreement to have a major airspace across the North Sea and land stretching from Newcastle to Dundee. It was noted that the airspace, required for training flights for planes associated with new aircraft</p>	

	<p>carriers, will be utilised periodically for 4 to 5 hours up to 7 or 8 days at a time though specific timings and durations are not yet known.</p> <p>EANAB were represented at a recent briefing with EAL and NATS regarding the impact on present flight paths. Whilst implications related to noise impact on land-based communities are not directly of concern there will be significant impact on flight paths, particularly those associated with aviation traffic between EDI and various European destinations together with aviation using the North Sea coastal corridor, both directly affecting EAL &amp; NATS.</p> <p>In this respect it was considered there was potential scope for an agreement between the MoD and EDI/NATS regarding existing MoD areas, particularly regarding the area at the mouth of the Forth by a proposal that there should be a “trade-off” by modifying the reserved space off Fife to Dunbar which currently blocks EANAB’s suggestions for route options to Europe via the Forth estuary.</p> <p>In drawing attention to a briefing note circulated to Members on 2<sup>nd</sup> February it was noted that both the Aviation and the Outer Airways subgroups are content to prepare a proposal to submit to the MoD on the basis of a negotiation between NATS and the MoD aimed at lifting existing restrictions to utilising the Forth estuary to reduce planes over land and thereby avoiding Dalgety Bay, Inverkeithing and other coastal communities.</p> <p>EAL (SR) provided a presentation of the proposals and confirmed that documents regarding the formal ACP were received by EAL in early January 2021 with an indication that stage 3 (Consultation) of the ACP is likely to be reached in July or August and implementation formalising the military airspace later this year.</p> <p>Following further discussion of various alternative airways it was agreed that the subgroups involved put forward proposed response points to the MoD from EANAB in relation to the ACP Design Principles and agreed that this would be a separate submission under CAP1616 for which the deadline is the 12th of February.</p> <p>Understanding that safety of flights takes precedence it was suggested that ICCAN might consider the proposals</p> <p>EAL are responding first to the letter that they have received with points to consider. The dates and times that the military plan to use will have to be confirmed and pinned down but it is highlighted that these areas can be turned on and off using technology available these days which enables the flexible use of air space.</p> <p>It was reconfirmed that EAL became aware of the military ACP in January 2021 and were not consulted on a trial planned for March 2021.</p>	<p><b>Aviation &amp; Outer Airways Subgroups</b></p> <p><b>EAL</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>PLANNING MATTERS</b></p> <p>An email has been circulated to board members with details of residential developments at various stages of Planning through to construction and the overall volume of potential new developments.</p>	

	<p>It was noted in relation to proposals for a significant residential development at Drumshore Lane near Pumpherston which would be immediately adjacent to the R24 departure flightpath, a report on noise monitoring had been included in an Environmental Impact Assessment submitted to the Planning Authority which monitoring had been carried out over only four to five days in August 2020 during the Covid situation which could not in any way be held to be representative of normal conditions, and that both EANAB and EAL may wish to comment to planners.</p> <p>It was noted that the proposed development at Ratho Station has been finally approved but there is uncertainty as to whether the impact of recently corrected noise contour maps have been taken into account.</p> <p>Other proposed residential developments are noted at Edinburgh Gateway, Crosswind, and along the south side of the A8 corridor from Ratho Station to the Gogarburn Golf Club.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst EANAB have attempted to inform developers on potential noise issues, subsequent solutions appear to be limited simply to providing additional insulation to residential properties.</p> <p>It was noted a summary of the National Planning Framework, NPF4, document has been distributed to members whilst the process is delayed due to Covid. An interim statement has been published prior to finalising in autumn 2021. Though it references and acknowledges the noise issue, nothing is included on what will be done about it. It was queried whether EANAB should respond and raise the points that have already been raised to local councillors.</p> <p>It was noted that Ratho and East Calder community councils have been in communications regarding Drumshoreland Road and other proposed developments.</p> <p>The board was reminded that our role is to ensure accurate noise data is presented to the planners but control over who builds and buys houses is not within the remit of EANAB though we should endeavour to provide accurate noise information.</p>	<p><b>ALL/ LG/RG</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>REVIEW OF ISSUES LOG</b> There was a meeting on the 19th January with the new subgroup and another meeting is to be arranged.</p>	<p><b>BF/AC/MA</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>UP-DATES FROM SUB GROUPS</b> <b>8.1 AVIATION</b> It was noted that as members are generally common to both the Aviation and Outer Airways subgroups are to merge into a single Aviation sub group.</p> <p><b>8.2 ICCAN subgroup</b> Nothing to report</p>	

	<p><b>8.4 Governance subgroup</b> As previously noted, awaiting the findings of the EANAB Review Panel</p> <p><b>8.5 Other Groups</b> Health SG, as discussed previously in Matters Arising section, line 24.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	Noting that a board member has recently resigned it was requested that members consider the issues raised within the resignation email for discussion in full at the next meeting in March.	<b>ALL/CHAIR</b>
<b>9.2</b>	It was noted one Community Council is having some difficulty in paying the minutes secretary from December's meeting as cheques are not accepted by the company. However, a cheque sent by another CC went through so it was suggested that the CC send a cheque anyway or pay by personal bank transfer and the individual claim back the share from their community council to resolve the situation.	
<b>9.3</b>	Further to discussion on Planning matters noted above under section 6 it was agreed that a draft letter to West Lothian Planning be prepared regarding the proposed development at Drumshoreland Road/Clapperton Hall	<b>LG</b>
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Complaint.</b> It was noted that a complaint originally made in April 2020 was still unresolved and that the Board had agreed to look at evidence previously circulated in November 2020 before coming to a conclusion on this matter. It had previously been suggested that this might best be done at a specially convened meeting, to avoid taking time from the regular work of the Board. It was agreed to call a special meeting to be chaired by someone independent of the Board.	<b>BF</b>
<b>9.5</b>	<b>State of the Board.</b> It was suggested by an observer that the Board is now a divided Board. It was agreed that the Chair would correspond by open emails looking at ways this might be addressed.	<b>CHAIR</b>
	The Meeting closed at 9.29 p.m.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Subject to confirmation, the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	