



Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board

**Note of Record – Forty Eighth Meeting held on
Wednesday 4th August 2021 by Webex**

Commencing at 6.30pm

Present: Lindsay Cole (Chair)

Merv Archibald (MA), Blackness Area CC; Bruce Finlayson (BF), North Queensferry CC; Tom Leatherland (TL), Limekilns and Charleston CC; Pippa Plevin (PP), JFCCWL; Karen Walker (KW) Blackness Area CC; Andrew Watt (AW), Dalkeith & District CC & Midlothian Federation CC; Ray Godfree (RG), Ratho & District CC; Louise Gunstensen (LG), Dalgety Bay & Hillend CC (part); Adam Cumming (AC) Cramond Association; Vic Garrad (VG), Kirknewton CC

In attendance: Simon Rhodes (SR) EAL

Apologies: Sharon Gibson (SG), Pumpherston CC; Tom Wylie (TW), Cramond and Barnton CC; Gordon Robertson (GR)EAL; EAL Helena Paul (HP), Blackness Area CC/EAW; Neil Lovett (NL) East Calder CC;

ITEM		ACTION
1	Approval of Previous Minutes and Public Domain Reminder The July 2021 minutes were accepted by AW and seconded by TL for publication pending minor corrections to some initials accredited to the wrong person.	KW
2 2.1	EAL Sustainability Strategy and updates EAL is to present their Sustainability strategy at EANAB's September meeting. EAL provided a presentation on " <u>Arrive Back Better</u> ", <u>EAL's recovery approach</u> . Confirmation requested as to whether all or parts of the previous presentation on night noise could be further distributed (to CCs)?	SR to confirm next day

The main points of the “Arrive Back Better” presentation were that the recovery would be difficult and a possible return to 2019 levels of traffic would take years and not months.

See the summary below (the presentation had been distributed before the meeting on a limited basis).

Arrive Back Better summary:

There is an opportunity to work together and reduce the number of people affected by noise (The ACP). EAL’s approach would be based on recovery principles:

- The recovery will happen but be difficult to predict
- Collaborative work with airlines, communities and other partners
- Communities have a voice in the recovery
- Sustainability is more important than ever and will shape our approach
- Investment as and when the recovery allows
- Aim to adopt best practice and be industry leading

Delivering the principles:

- Information
- Policies
- Dialogue
- Regulation

Information:

- Clear and accessible
- Community feedback
- Benchmarked against other airports

Policies:

- Industry leading noise policies to reduce and mitigate noise
- Clear understanding of policies
- A defined, community endorsed Noise Action Plan

Dialogue:

- Community communication channels including EANAB
- Clear programme of meetings and events
- Good community feedback on engagement

Regulation

- EAL complies with and where possible surpasses relevant regulation
- Clarity where EDI falls short
- The regulatory map is clear and communicated to communities

After the presentation there was discussion on climate change, numbers of flights, government sustainability policy etc. EAL does offset carbon and

there will be further discussion on this at the next meeting when GR will present the Sustainability strategy. The Airport has plans for a solar farm, periphery woodland and offset carbon electric vehicles etc. but more detail will be provided by GR next month. It was noted that vehicle and shipping sectors have made commitments and that the aviation sector will be responsible for 30%+ of the UK's carbon. The ACP and its aim to reduce track miles for flight paths would also contribute to this.

The point was made that the current flight paths had not been assessed (they would have been for regulations at the time they were introduced) but EAL can certainly improve the current situation which is one of the purposes of the current ACP.

It was noted that Dalgety Bay CC comments provided to the previous ACP have not been included in the current ACP. CCs should raise relevant points at the appropriate time on the new ACP.

A question was asked about public money being used on the ACP. This money is allocated by the DfT as part of its decarbonisation agenda and only available for Stage 2 of EAL's ACP (the funding has also been accessed by up to 20 other airports) as part of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy. The conditions for access are that Stage 2 is carried out in accordance with CAP 1616 and this is monitored by ACOG (there are no conditions regarding health and welfare of the public). The CAA will have the final say on whether EAL pass through Stage 2 of the gateway.

A request was made for any results for **noise monitoring over Dalgety Bay which has been in place since 2018.**

SR to investigate

The night noise charges vary per airline and their contract with EAL. Ad hoc movements overnight are charged a fee, as are cargo flights, and late scheduled traffic where appropriate. **Clarification of night charges was requested in writing.**

SR

It was mentioned that other Airports (Frankfurt) divert aircraft that run late. This is because of political will, airport facilities (Frankfurt has 4 runways) and the more stringent regulations that will apply at different airports (particularly Germany).

A board member had distributed a DfT document on net zero aviation emissions by 2050 which is open for consultation until September. Dispensation for night flights is also a large part of a further consultation currently being run by the DfT. Cargo flight numbers at EDI have remained fairly static throughout the pandemic.

	<p>There has been a noticeable increase in aircraft movements recently and this was noticeable in overflowed communities (particularly Dalgety Bay and East Lothian) but to effect even small changes in flight paths would involve an ACP (see page 96 of CAP1616 PPR. The planned and permanent redistribution of air traffic.). There was mention of a possible trial of a new route which EAL assures the board is absolutely not the case.</p> <p>EAL's slides included the aim that dialogue will be strong and vibrant with communities.</p> <p>The issue of accessibility to EAL's noise complaint system was raised again. By Googling "noise Edinburgh Airport", it normally provides the correct link however this doesn't always work for everyone. A member drew EAL's attention to the narrow search criteria needed to find the complaint system, eg inserting "noise complaint" draws a "no results found" answer. EAL indicated they would look at broadening the search scope. The issue of Community appearing on the corporate website had already been raised and it was suggested that the noise lab link is included at the bottom of every EAL web page. The public can use the following email to log noise complaints: noise@edinburghairport.com</p>	<p>EAL (in follow up to item 47.5.6)</p>
<p>2.2</p>	<p>ACP update</p> <p>EAL have now passed through the Stage 1 gateway (Design Principles) and are now kicking off Stage 2. A workshop involving ACOG, NERL and Glasgow Airport is to be carried out the following week. EAL plan to meet with EANAB in late September/early October 2021 and will be EANAB's opportunity to engage in Stage 2 of the process and give feedback on how EAL's design principles have been applied to the flight path options.</p> <p>There were some observations from the CAA regarding the Stage 1 submission and will be discussed with EANAB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House prices and how they are affected - to be looked at in stages 3 & 7. <p>Health & Wellbeing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FDP9 refers to adverse impacts due to those being overflowed having protected characteristics, as defined by the Equalities Act 2010. This criterion should make clear what the protected characteristics are and how adverse impacts are evaluated. • FDP10 relates to overflying sensitive locations, and the criterion may need to consider what constitutes a sensitive location and identify these specific locations. • FDP11 infers consideration of respite, the sponsor may therefore need to define what might constitute a sufficient period of respite. 	<p>EANAB to give feedback on DPs @stage2</p>

	<p>A community council has raised concerns previously regarding the design principles, particularly regarding evidence for protecting animals in the zoo compared to schools and the clear evidence for delay on reading in school children. There is some surprise within the board that the zoo is considered in the ACP since it is not over flown now and unlikely to in the future given the high population and the flight height at that point. Though it was noted that EAL has said in the past that there are too many schools to avoid, it was stressed that the Design Principles must be as robust, and evidence based as possible and the importance of this is so that EAL do not make the same mistakes as previously.</p>	
3	<p>EANRP up-date</p> <p>The review panel will be meeting almost weekly through August/ early September and will be looking at recommendations and final outputs. A progress report will be given at the next EANAB meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Complaints Procedure</p> <p>A considerable amount of time had been spent updating the complaints procedure by the GSG. The Fife council procedure had been used as the basis and amended as appropriate. The GSG circulated the first draft which was circulated to the board, further changes were made and now recommend that the board accept the procedure for adoption.</p> <p>The previous complaints procedure had been inadequate and failed the board previously and by looking at other organizations standards and procedures the GSG hope the revised procedure will work. There had been contributions from all members of the subgroup, and it had been a constructive process.</p> <p>It was accepted by some on the board and one member was glad to see that the procedure recognizes that board members are all volunteers. However, a comment was raised by one member that the document was viewed as overcomplicated and not precise enough and whilst recognizing that the document has good intentions, it lacks some continuity and accuracy and requested that comments sent to the GSG that morning be circulated for consideration to the whole board before the document was accepted. It was explained that the GSG wanted to ensure every aspect might be covered therefore some repetition of the CoC and TOR regarding the behavior of members is included and that the document was opened up for comment a few weeks prior to the meeting for comment.</p> <p>The chair summarized that it was an intense document that required a small amount of editing to clarify some points and agreed that a flow chart would be helpful.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that as cases are pending, the document should be adopted as there had been time for comments and that with the addition of a flow chart as an annex, it would be preferable to keep the momentum</p>	<p>AC circulated the comments during the meeting to all board members</p> <p>Flow chart to be produced by</p>

	going to allow the GSG to address the current complaints. It was also agreed that further amendments can be incorporated as necessary through usage. (Refining the document through progress).	the subgroup
5 Up-Dates from Subgroups		
5.1	Aviation No update at this point but the group is to meet with SR the following week.	
5.2	Strategic All of the subgroups had been asked to contribute to the strategic plan (SG leaders should ask if any help is required for access to Google docs). Progress would be reported at the next subgroup meeting. The clarity of active subgroups had been largely completed. EAL had received the strategy document. One member mentioned that the strategy document was excellent, but could it list the members of the subgroup as well as the leaders (add to action item 16).	Action 18 closed TW to amend the document
5.3	Engaging with other bodies: EACC & ICCAN There had been a productive discussion with ICCAN and subgroup members about closer working relationships. The “profiles project” was given to the ICCAN representatives and they indicated that while they could not financially support the project, they would like to be kept informed of progress. The EACC meeting had been postponed therefore no update available. The next meeting is on 16 th August and as EACC meetings are public meetings, it is a good opportunity to see/hear what is discussed and what our elected members say.	
5.4	Health The Royal Society of Edinburgh have no money to support activities, but a request would be made through their monthly newsletter for support from interested Fellows & any updates will be provided. Health related ICCAN summaries now published on EANABs web page Item 23 still open (air quality bill) as a member is to meet Christine Jardine MP next week.	Action 22 closed Action 21 closed
5.5	Governance Governance issues are being worked through one issue at a time.	

6	<p>Matters Arising/Actions (not covered above)</p> <p>SR requested that items 2, 3 ,6 and 7 be grouped together.</p> <p>Revision D for the March minutes continue offline.</p> <p>It was requested that a professional minutes secretary be reinstated (see item 26).</p>	<p>SR/KW</p> <p>Item 29 to complete (& 30)</p> <p>SR to ask EAL</p>
7	<p>AOB</p> <p>Public meetings to be discussed at the next meeting as confidentiality and commercial sensitivity of EAL information needs to be considered.</p> <p>The Chair noted that due to an EAL presentation at the next meeting, there would be a curtailed agenda.</p> <p>Is there a possibility of a hybrid meeting (in person & online) as many would like to meet again in person in October (government guidance permitting). Logistics need to be considered.</p> <p>The Scottish Environmental Noise Steering Group (SENG) have invited EAL to a meeting in September (TBD) and this will be the first meeting where EAL can try to ascertain the Scottish Government requirements for their next Noise Action Plan – feedback to follow.</p>	<p>Chair to add to agenda</p> <p>Chair to add to agenda</p> <p>EAL (noted under action item 9)</p>
	<p>Thanks to SR for attending today's meeting</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Subject to confirmation, the next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday 1st September 2021</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:15 pm</p>	

Actions and Matters Arising

Item	ID	Matter arising/action description	Responsible	Date raised	Date closed
EAL					
1	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.	CHAIR	July 2020	
	44.4	“Build back better” reminder discussed & response from EAL requested. closed	EAL	April 2021	Presentation made by SR on 4 August 2021
	44.4	EAL to come back to EANAB when they can to discuss their plans for noise mitigation as the airport opens up. Ongoing discussions still required			
	47.2	Work ongoing to produce an “arrive back better” strategy/discussion document on aircraft noise and this will be presented to the board (probably September 2021). closed	EAL/GR	7 July 2021	Presentation made by SR on 4 August 2021
	47.2	EAL to advise when they might engage with EANAB in order for the board to have some input before the “arrive back better” strategy is finalised. Ongoing discussions still required	EAL EAL/SR		
2	32.7.3	It was noted that a document charting the process of determining design principles for the ACP appeared to conclude principles that in some cases ignored basic principles established in consultations. As an example, an intent of “No Change to Flightpaths” appears to be ignored in final conclusions.	ALL/CHAIR ONGOING	Apr 2020	
		<u>ACP reactivated May 2021</u> therefore interaction with EAL now required.	ALL/CHAIR/EAL	2 June 2021	
		ACP update to be provided at the August board meeting. Closed	GR/EAL	7 July 2021	4 August 2021
3	40.5.1	<i>(Aviation Sub-Group)</i> Dates were awaited from EAL to meet to develop EAL/EANAB co-operation on the ACP	SR (EAL) ONGOING	Dec 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>

	47.5.1	<p>and the benefits of flight profiling. 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.</p> <p><u>ACP reactivated May 2021</u> therefore information from EAL now required</p> <p>ACP update to be provided at the August board meeting. - Closed</p> <p>Agreed that monthly updates on the ACP will be sent via email to the ASG.</p> <p>A project timescale for any involvement with the airspace modernization strategy will be provided to the ASG.</p>	<p>EAL(SR) ONGOING</p> <p>EAL(SR)</p> <p>GR/EAL</p> <p>SR</p> <p>SR</p>	<p>2 June 2021</p> <p>7 July 2021</p>	<p>4 August 2021</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
4	43.4.3	<p>Night-time flights</p> <p>EAL wants to be clear and have a discussion on night-time hours. It could be part of the ACP.NAP or do they change to WHO definitions?</p> <p>No national guidance. Commercial operation against the needs of communities. Suggestion to look at the environmental nuisance noise regulations and other industry constraints. ICCAN are looking at night flying and EANAB should be feeding into this discussion as legislation will come.</p>	EAL	7 April 2021	
	45.6	<p>Can EANAB and EAL achieve something together regarding night flying hours that affect our communities – to be discussed with GR.</p>	SR & Chair to take forward to EAL	5 May 2021	
	47.5.6	<p>EAL to get back to EANAB with clarification on night flight penalty payments.</p>	SR/EAL	7 July 2021	
	48.2.1	<p>SR to confirm distribution of night noise information from previous presentation</p>	SR	4 Aug 2021	
	48.2.1	<p>Clarification of night charges was requested in writing.</p>	SR	4 Aug 2021	
5	44.4	<p>EAL to present to EANAB on how ICCAN's published corporate strategy on the future of aviation noise will affect EAL in the next month or two</p>	EAL	7 April 2021	EAL to confirm when this issue will be addressed rather than ongoing

6	44.4	SR to keep EANAB up to date and involved with the Forth issues/NATS discussions through the Aviation sub-group	SR/Aviation SG	7 April 2021	<i>Part of the ACP Ongoing</i>
7	44.4 & 44.7.2	CAP1616 (Part 3) is dedicated to transparency and engagement and EAL are happy to provide monthly ACP updates.	SR	7 April 2021	<i>Part of the ACP Ongoing</i>
8	44.7.1	EAL to liaise/report back to EANAB with reference to EALs land use planning and strategy	EAL	7 April 2021	
9	45.5.6 47.2 48.7	EAL to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an update on NAP implementation; look at noise modelling and the way aircraft are flying SIDs and further information/real data on aircraft noise to the Aviation subgroup that can be passed on to communities. An update on the current NAP and any government requirements will be provided at the August 2021 meeting EAL have their initial meeting with SENG in September (to ascertain Government requirements for the next NAP) - feedback to follow	EAL EAL EAL	5 May 2021 7 July 2021 4 Aug 2021	
10	46.5.6	The last 3 quarterly noise reports to be provided by EAL. Still outstanding as of 7 July 2021 but hopefully to resume soon. <i>August post meeting note from EAL: Some information provided to the Aviation subgroup</i>	EAL	2 June 2021	
11	47.2	EAL have developed a sustainability strategy and GR is to attend August's meeting and present - GR now to present at the September meeting	GR	7 July 2021	
12	47.2	Clarification of the green tick for transparency from the CAA without consultation with EANAB to be provided (perhaps accessibility of the noise monitor online or the ACP?). <i>Post meeting note from EAL: Email provided to the chair - to be disseminated to board members</i>	SR/EAL Chair	7 July 2021 4 Aug 2021	
13	47.2	EAL is doing pieces of work (e.g. sustainability strategy) and EANAB have been asking to be consulted - this point is to			

		be taken away by EAL for discussion and referred back.	SR/EAL	7 July 2021	
14	47.5.6	Request for EAL to make the communities section more visible on the EAL website SR has forwarded this request internally at EAL	SR/EAL SR	7 July 2021 4 Aug 2021	
	48.2.1	EAL indicated they would look at broadening the online search scope for the noise complaints link/number. Suggested that the noise lab link is included at the bottom of every EAL web page.	EAL	4 Aug 2021	
Aviation					
15	45.5.3	The board is responding to the CAA consultation on night flying (31 st May deadline) and the Aviation subgroup is to liaise with the ICCAN subgroup.	MA/TL/HP	5 May 2021	
		Updates to the website for part 2 of this night flying consultation have led to a new deadline of early Sep 2021 – sub groups to liaise over the summer months	TL/MA/HP	2 June 2021	
Strategy					
16	47.5.2	SG leaders should discuss the development of each SG strategy with their SG members and feedback using the drafted format	SG leaders	7 July 2021	
	48.5.2	Document to include subgroup members	TW	4 Aug 2021	
17	47.5.2	SG leaders to do a quick overview note to the Strategy SG to confirm active subgroups so that the website can be updated accordingly.	SG leaders/ SSG/PP	7 July 2021	
18	47.5.2	EANABs strategy document to be forwarded to SR at EAL	TW	7 July 2021	4 Aug 2021
ICCAN					
19	44.6.3	ICCAN report on the future of aviation noise management now available and to be reviewed	ICCAN SG	7 April 2021	
20	45.5.3	All board members to feed requests to ICCAN subgroup for discussions with Charles Lloyd, ANEG and/or ICCAN.	ALL	5 May 2021	
Health					
21	45.5.3	Feedback from the last ICCAN workshop will be distributed internally within the group once received - published on web page	AC/KW	5 May 2021	4 Aug 2021

	46.5.4	Any other health updates from ICCAN to be presented/circulated to the board - published on web page	Health SG	2 June 2021	4 Aug 2021
22	45.5.4	AC to approach the Royal Society of Edinburgh about the possibility of advice and information – RSE has no money to support activities, but a request is to be made through their monthly newsletter for support from interested Fellows. Any updates will be provided.	AC	5 May 2021	4 Aug 2021
	47.5.4	AC to follow up with a health contact at Queen Mary College	AC	7 July 2021	
23	47.5.4	Two board members to liaise re the private members bill on air quality by Christine Jardine MP - AC is to meet Christine Jardine MP mid August	AC/LG	7 July 2021	
Governance					
24	43.5.1	Arrangements for a separate meeting on governance (from previous items 42.9.1 & 42.9.4) This will be an extraordinary meeting to discuss the broader sense of governance and to look at available dates and who may be available to chair the meeting. Previous items to be included: Complaint raised in July 2020; alleged conspiracy; issues raised within a resignation email (dated 2 Feb 21); division within the board. Poor feedback received on the email issued 7 April 21 but <u>agreed by all board members</u> on Webex that we must find a way forward and should use the mediation option to resolve the outstanding complaint. Practical details to be arranged and distributed when appropriate	BF BF	3 Mar 2021 5 May 2021	
25	45.7	Governance group to work with minutes secretary on referencing in the actions list to make it more useful	Gov subgroup/ KW	5 May 2021	
Other					
Administrative					
26	41.2.11	Minutes Secretary No further funds available from CCs. Ongoing Action: volunteers welcome.	Ongoing/ALL	Nov 2020	<i>Ongoing</i>

	44.1.1	KW and SR to take over production of minutes until formal minutes secretary funds are reinstated	KW/SR	7 April 2021	
	48.6	It was requested that a professional minutes secretary be reinstated	SR to ask EAL	4 Aug 2021	
27	45.2	The minutes secretary should liaise with the meeting facilitator for the recordings of meetings and if anyone attending that meeting requires access to recorded information, they should liaise with the minutes secretary.	KW/PP/ALL	5 May 2021	<i>Ongoing</i>
28	43.8.3	Digital Library. Compilation of documents into a digital library has been started. The library will be built up over time and any contributions would be appreciated.	Ongoing/ALL	7 April 2021	<i>Ongoing</i>
29	44.1	March 2021 minutes to be approved	Chair	7 April 2021	
	46.7	RG circulated last version (Rev B) 17 June 2021. To be addressed at the July meeting and listed as an agenda item.	Chair/All	2 June 2021	
	47.1.2	Updated Rev C circulated prior to the July meeting was rejected and Rev D to be drafted for consideration – draft to be agreed offline prior to final circulation	KW/RG/BF/MF All	7 July 2021	
30	47.1.2	February meeting minute Discussions to be taken offline for agreement. To be followed up	KW/RF/BF	7 July 2021	
NEW ACTIONS					
31	48.1	June minutes approved for publication pending minor corrections to some initials accredited to the wrong person	KW	4 Aug 2021	
32	48.2.1	A request was made for any results for noise monitoring over Dalgety Bay which has been in place since 2018	SR	4 Aug 2021	
33	48.2.2	EANAB will be able to engage in Stage 2 of the reactivated ACP process and give feedback on how EAL's design principles have been applied to the flight path options.	EANAB	4 Aug 2021	
34	48.4	Comments on Complaints procedure to be circulated for consideration to the board	AC	4 Aug 2021	4 Aug 2021
35	48.4	Flow chart annex for the Complaints procedure to be produced by the GSG	GSG/AC	4 Aug 2021	

36	48.6	SR requested that items 2, 3 ,6 and 7 could be grouped together (to be collated in next update of this table).	SR/KW	4 Aug 2021	
37	48.7	Public meetings to be discussed at the next meeting	Chair to add to agenda	4 Aug 2021	
38	48.7	Is there a possibility of a hybrid meeting (in person & online) as many would like to meet again in person in October	Chair to add to agenda	4 Aug 2021	