

Minute of the meeting of the Edinburgh Airport Noise Review Panel (EANRP) on 30th September 2020

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Attendees

Robert Carr, EACC Chair, Joint Convener and Member of EANRP, **Cllr Kevin Lang** EACC EANRP representative, Joint Convener and Member of EANRP, **Janice Hogarth** EACC Secretary, Member of and Secretary to EANRP **Lindsay Cole**, Chair of EANAB, Member of EACC and EANRP, and **Ray Godfree**, EANAB EANRP representative and Member of EANRP. It was agreed that Robert would chair this meeting and Kevin the next.

There were no apologies.

Observers

Gordon Robertson & Anna Light from EAL in attendance, initially both as observers.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting of 16th September 2020 were approved subject to the enquiry from Ray below and the clarification.

Matters Arising

Ray enquired whether Minutes should be distributed more broadly before they were approved by EANRP. It was agreed that Minutes would be circulated to EAL, EANAB & EACC only after they had been approved by EANRP at its next meeting.

Report from Kevin Lang on communications of decisions taken on 16 Sept 2020 and feedback

Kevin reported on his follow up communications including his discussion with Helena Paul who was said to be content with the decisions about name, membership and questions.

Consideration and selection of additional EANRP member from EANAB

Nominations had been received from EANAB and declarations of interest were made.

Bruce Finlayson (North Queensferry) and Pippa Plevin (Uphall & West Lothian) were appointed given the particular strengths of both applications. Robert would advise them of their appointment and of the other decisions at this meeting. Kevin would thank EANAB for their nominations and Janice will contact those whose applications were unsuccessful .

Consideration and selection of member from Edinburgh Airport

Gordon Robertson intimated that after discussion within EAL he was the sole nominee for the EAL member on EANRP. His nomination was accepted and Gordon was appointed a full member of EANRP. It was agreed that Anna Light would not attend future meetings of EANRP and would now provide support as and when requested by EANRP.

Report from Ray Godfree on continued consideration of questions for consultation

Robert thanked Ray for the huge volume of work he had undertaken in collating the questions. Ray reported that since the first request for questions he had made in mid-August he had received 120 questions to date. Kevin had received a further 8 responses after the last request. Some were specifically for EAL. It was agreed that the process of collation, and the process of refining the terms of these questions and distilling these into a manageable number on which to consult, would not be advanced further pending the attendance of the new members to EANRP and an opportunity to fully discuss all these matters among the full complement of EANRP members at a future meeting. Given the number the creation and approval of the final list could take some time and it might be necessary to appoint a sub-group of EANRP to make recommendations to the full Panel on the finalisation of the number and wording of the current list of questions for consultation.

Pending the attendance of new members to the EANRP, EANRP would not reach any concluded view on the procedure for consultation and which individual persons and entities are to be consulted.

Next Steps

There was agreement that EANRP should look at comparisons with the noise boards of other airports and how they had managed their reviews.

Gordon Robertson was asked to provide details of what EAL was obliged by law to measure and to whom it was obliged by law to produce that information, and also over and above those legal requirements, what it did measure and how, and what information it had provided routinely to EANAB.

Ray envisaged a role of EANAB being to report the concerns of communities about noise so that EAL would deal with these concerns and report back to EANAB, who in turn would report to communities. It was a two-way street with communication and information to and from EAL, EANAB and communities .

Gordon reported that EAL was striving for better communication on noise with stakeholders generally including community councils.

AOCB

Robert reported that EACC member Cllr Dave Dempsey had been in touch with him about EANRP and Robert had provided an update.

Lindsay Cole commented on the recent ICCAN Report on noise and health which he would circulate to EANAB members.

Robert tabled an email dated 29 September 2020 sent to him from Iain G Mitchell QC, the Chair of North Queensferry Community Council, copied to Bruce Finlayson. It was agreed that the contents would help inform a number of the questions.

The next meeting would be held via Zoom on Wednesday 14th October at 1700.