

Minutes of the meeting of the Edinburgh Airport Noise Review Panel (EANRP) on 9th March 2021

The meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees : **Robert Carr**, EACC Chair and Joint Convener of EANRP , **Cllr Kevin Lang** as EACC EANRP representative and Joint Convener of EANRP, **Janice Hogarth** as Secretary to the EACC (and minute taker for the EANRP), **Lindsay Cole**, the Chair of EANAB and member of EACC, and **Ray Godfree, Pippa Plevin & Bruce Finlayson** as EANAB EANRP representatives. **Gordon Robertson** as EAL Representative.

It had been agreed that Kevin would chair this meeting and Robert the following one.

Approval of Draft Minutes of meeting on 23rd February 2021 and matters arising

The draft minutes of the 23rd February were approved and the following items were considered under matters arising from the action points from the last meeting.

Gordon advised that he would broaden the reach of the consultation via EAL social media channels and tweets this week at the same time that the reminder e mail composed by Kevin was distributed. Gordon also agreed to carry out some targeted Facebook adverts (**Action : Gordon Robertson : to broaden the reach of the consultation via EAL social media channels via tweets and targeted Facebook adverts.**)

Bruce confirmed that he had contacted the two resigned members of EANAB to offer them an opportunity for input via an interview with Robert and Kevin.

Gordon promised to revert to the group this week with details of the depository for the consultation responses (**Action : Gordon Robertson: to identify a data depository that all EANRP members would be able to access to review and analyse the consultation responses that would be secure and password protected**)

Gordon is still reviewing details of other airports resource for noise boards and will respond to this within the diet of new questions that EAL will be responding to (**Action: Gordon Robertson: to identify what resources and funding was provided by the operators of other comparable airports to the established noise boards at those airports and respond within the responses to the additional questions**)

Update on consultation responses

Janice reported that there had now been 33 responses to the consultation to date with 17 from Community Councils and the remainder from individuals. Kevin again commented that many people may still be finalising their responses and in his view that there could be a rush of responses as the deadline loomed at the end of the month.

It would appear that some EANAB members had not received the e mail offering the opportunity to be involved in interviews with Kevin and Robert and Lindsay Cole agreed to recirculate it to EANAB members. (**Action: Lindsay Cole: to recirculate e mail to EANAB offering chance for interviews with Robert and Kevin.**)

Update on EANAB interviews (Kevin and Robert).

Robert reported that so far 5 interviews had been carried out with 4 including Janice, 1 with just Robert and Kevin and there was a further interview scheduled later in the week.

Janice had taken notes for these meetings and once agreed by Robert and Kevin had sent them to the person interviewed to check that they were comfortable with the whole contents of the notes being shared with the panel.

Robert commented that to date there had been no consultation responses or request for interviews from any of the EANAB board members sitting on the EANRP and he encouraged responses from them all. Pippa and Bruce both advised that they would respond within the next 10 days.

Edinburgh Airport consultation response and follow up questions

Gordon had responded on behalf of EAL to the questions raised by EANRP but will now send a further response based on the updated list of questions. **(Action : Gordon Robertson to respond on list of updated questions.)**

The question was asked whether the responses from the questions to EAL would be shared with EANAB members and it was agreed that in principle they would be. Gordon then asked if the EANAB submissions would be available to EAL which was agreed though it was noted that some elements may need to be qualified.

Kevin was keen to establish that there was only one more meeting before the end of the consultation period and that at this meeting there would be an opportunity to fully discuss what else needed to be done to create any follow ups. It was noted that there would be a need to explore the responses from EAL and what they say about EANAB.

There would be a need to be precise about the responses received so that it was not just a series of questions and answers but that a record of the takeaways would be needed as well.

Lindsay added that if anyone had responded to the survey, that they could now respond to Robert & Kevin (and possibly Janice) in light of the response from the airport. Lindsay advised that he would send the survey response and extra questions together **(Action : Lindsay Cole: to send the survey response from EAL and extra questions to EANAB)**

Division of consultation responses amongst EANRP members

Discussion turned to how EANRP might divide the responses out and Ray felt that Kevin's idea of dividing the responses into baskets was a good idea and that parameters would need to be agreed to firm up the approach.

Robert offered to draft and circulate a document with what "good" might look like, using the CAP1616 process of engagement required by airports as a basis to build on for our Report and added that the updated 4th version of this document had just been released on the 1st March. This would highlight what the CAA expected of airports regarding engagement and the resource that would be needed to comply with this. This could potentially involve that data was sent out each quarter to EANAB and also the option of engagement of technical expertise.

This would be an opportunity to reset and reimagine EANAB going forward and Gordon agreed that EAL would consider and enact the recommendations that came out of the process and that it was good to be able to use the thematic from the CAA. **(Action: Robert Carr: to draft and circulate a document setting out the current expectations of the CAA on engagement and consultation that would assist with the structure for our Report)**

Discussion on agenda items for meeting of 23 March.

CAP1616 discussion would be good to look at the minimum requirements for best practice but also what could be considered going above and beyond the minimum threshold. The question was asked as to whether EANAB members would see this as a minimum requirement.

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The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 23rd March at 1800 with Robert in the chair