

Minute of the meeting of the Taskforce for the review of EANAB on 19th August 2020

The meeting was held remotely via zoom.

Attendees

Robert Carr, EACC Chair and Joint Convener of Taskforce , **Cllr Kevin Lang** as EACC Taskforce representative and Joint Convener of the Taskforce, **Janice Hogarth** as Secretary to the EACC (and minute taker for the Taskforce), **Lindsay Cole**, the Chair of EANAB and member of EACC, and **Ray Godfree** as EANAB Taskforce representative. It was agreed that Robert would chair this meeting and Kevin the next.

Observers

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting of 4th August was approved.

Matters Arising

Robert advised that he had received an e mail on the 17th August from a group of EANAB members asking to meet with Robert & Kevin. Robert had responded positively and is arranging a meeting which will also include Janice Hogarth.

Robert had been copied into an email dated 17 August 2020 to Ray and Lindsay from a member of North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC) responding to Ray's email of 12 August with an attached document titled "Issues for EANAB Review." The list of issues was most helpful and welcomed. That attached document begins:

"EANB is an independent body and EAL has neither the right nor the power to review its operation. NQCC does not accept that the review of that board is legally competent, lawful or appropriate."

Robert's email response of 18 August had included the following:

"The review is not being undertaken by EAL but by a Taskforce drawn from members of the EANAB and the EACC. Section 35 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 states that the person having the management of any aerodrome to which that section applies, which includes Edinburgh Airport, will provide -

- a. for users of the aerodrome,
- b. for any local authority in whose area the aerodrome or any part thereof is situated or whose area is in the neighbourhood of the aerodrome, and
- c. for any other organisation representing the interests of persons concerned with the locality in which the aerodrome is situated,

adequate facilities for consultation with respect to any matter concerning the management or administration of the aerodrome which affects their interests.

EACC is established by the operator of Edinburgh Airport by virtue of that obligation in section 35. It seems to me entirely lawful and appropriate for a Taskforce with members nominated and appointed from the EACC and EANAB to assess, review and make recommendations as to how EAL and EANAB are performing in relation to community engagement on the matter of noise created by the operation of the Airport. Perhaps NQCC could provide the basis in fact and law for the above statement and we might explore how best to resolve any remaining controversy.”

Ray Godfree had received e mails from other members of EANAB with questions which he will collate and forward. He expected to complete that task by 24th August.

Questions/subjects for consultation

It was agreed that it should be noted that the Taskforce would be making recommendation at the end of their review but was not a decision maker.

Gordon of EAL pointed out that EAL was keen to create best practice in engaging with communities in relation to noise and accepted that its actions and engagement would be assessed and recommendations made as part of the review.

It was agreed that the questions would be structured broadly under the following three main headings

Where we are now (processes, solutions, outputs) ?

Where we would like to be ?

How are we going to get there?

Consultees

This will incorporate the involvement of the communities at large which will who may not know about EANAB and what it does. The involvement of local government councillors would also be an important matter to consider.

Lindsay Cole had been in contact with Gatwick Noise Board to discover how their review had been carried out.

The DPA/GDPR issue which would need to be clarified and addressed. EAL was taking advice.

Lindsay will prepare a template for the consultation document and prepare some introductory paragraphs for consideration.

The data captured would need to be held by someone and it was confirmed that this should probably be best held by EACC given its statutory status. That would need to be clarified so consultees were told at the outset how their data would be processed and retained and for how long. Advice on that matter would be obtained by the Taskforce through EAL. It would not be the holder of the data.

Timescales and next steps

All were keen that the Minute of this meetings and the list of complied questions to date, including from NQCC, be available for those meeting Robert, Kevin and Janice before that meeting.

Ray will pull together the questions already received from EANAB members and forward these to Janice, who will in turn add those received from Robert and Kevin.

Lindsay advised that the next full EANAB meeting on Monday 2nd September.

Robert asked for the draft minutes to be sent to him so that they could be distributed before the proposed meeting next Wednesday with Helena and other EANAB members

Stakeholder List

It was agreed to widen the list from the one Anna had forwarded

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Robert was on leave from 28th August till 14th September. The next meeting would be held via Zoom on Wednesday 16th September at 1600