

WELLINGTON AIR NOISE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES Monday 11 March 2024

Present:

Lindsay Daysh – Convenor
Tim Whitehead – Airways NZ (via TEAMS)
Patrick Whelan – BARNZ (via TEAMS)
Craig Redpath – Life Flight Trust
Edward Dyer – WCC (via TEAMS)
Aaron Gilmore – Western Resident representative
Robin Boldarin – Eastern Resident representative
Helen Salisbury – Western Resident representative
Jason Colton – Eastern Resident representative
Jeff Weir – Eastern Resident representative

Jo Lester – WIAL Planning Manager
Nannette Dempsey – WIAL Community Liaison Officer
James Dobson – WIAL Environmental Compliance Planner

Absent: Eric Morgan – Air New Zealand/Airline Rep (via TEAMS)

1 Welcome:

1.1 The meeting commenced at 5:35pm.

2 Minutes of the Last Meeting:

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (December 2023) were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Robin Boldarin

Seconded: Craig Redpath

ANMC Actions Update:

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12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	Jo asked committed to outline any questions/issues for Aeroclub to talk to. If required, invite to June 2024 meeting
13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (Air NZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures. Again, if	PW	Will try to organise another person to do this. June 2024 meeting.

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	unable to attend, can forward any questions from the committee to the representative.		
13/03/2023	DMAPs Update	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing – refer para 3 below
11/12/2023	Results from the final DMAPS monitoring report and any outcomes presented in next meeting	WIAL	Report included with pre-meeting papers. Refer update in para 3 below
11/12/2023	Resident reps invited to comment on the 12 month Airport Noise Stakeholder Communications Plan at the next meeting	Resident reps	Complete – Resident reps accepted the plan (refer para. 4 below)
11/03/2024	WCC to review land-based monitoring report and decide whether happy with recommendation to proceed with night time land based monitoring	JL	WCC supported recommendations by T&T. Also approved methodology for night time land use monitoring (report sent out to ANMC prior to meeting).

3 DMAPS update

3.1. Jo L provided the following update on DMAPS:

- A final noise report was produced by Marshall Day in December last year which was distributed to the committee with this meeting's papers. This is based on data collected over the months of September to December 2023 from four temporary noise monitors installed in Khandallah, Broadmeadows, Johnsonville and Ngaio. This showed that noise levels are generally within 1-2db of the modelling undertaken prior to approval of DMAPS. It also confirmed that Qantas departures are notably louder than other departing flights and a breakdown for the hour of 6-7am.
- The report was shared with Plane Sense Wellington (community group). WIAL are organising a meeting with them and Airways in the coming weeks to discuss these results.
- Alongside Airways WIAL will then consider any next steps.

3.2 No comments from the committee.

4. Stakeholder Management Plan

4.1 Section 7.6 of the Airport Noise Management Plan requires WIAL to prepare a stakeholder communication plan for the forthcoming twelve-month meeting which was presented at the December 2023 meeting. The committee was invited to comment on anything that should be changed or added to this plan. No comments were made, and the Stakeholder Management Plan was accepted.

5. Noise Management Plan

5.1 Noise Enquiries Summary

- 8 complaints from the Eastern Ward:
 - 2 complaints from residents in Rongotai regarding airside mowing in early hours of the morning. Due to safety/ operational reasons and CAA requirements, mowing must be done during curfew.
 - 1 complaint from Strathmore Park about two flights during curfew (both were air ambulances).
 - 1 complaint from a resident in Raukawa Street about early morning airfield works. Likely to be from paving and milling related to aircraft stand resurfacing.
 - 1 complaint from resident in Melrose relating to what sounded like aircraft noise in early morning. However, there was no noise from the airport to report at this time.
 - 1 complaint about jet departure at 11:40pm - complainant thought there was a 10pm curfew.
 - 1 complaint about common noisy aircraft. Flight was following CAA rules and curfew.
 - 1 complaint from Miramar about noise from intercom and airport noise generally becoming louder as area has grown. Explained the airport has not grown in area for some time and asked for more specific information so could work out the noise source but no reply from the complainant.
- 7 complaints from further afield:
 - 1 complaint from Korokoro about 5-6 large planes flying over Petone in the morning. Each flight complied with CAA requirements and curfew.
 - 5 complaints from northern suburbs about overhead flights during curfew:
 - o 3 related to air ambulances
 - o 2 related to a disrupted international flight causing it to be delayed by 9 minutes past curfew (allowed as per exceptions to curfew).
 - 1 complaint from northern suburbs about increase in delayed flights. Explained that if an aircraft is flying in accordance with all CAA rules and regulations and within the normal flying hours for Wellington Airport, the Airport has no control or jurisdiction.

5.2 Summary of Curfew Movements

Nothing to report/No comments.

6. System Reports:

6.1 Ldn Graph

Nothing to report/No comments.

6.2 NMT Operational Analysis

Nothing to report/No comments.

7. Land Based Noise Monitoring Report

7.1 Section 6.4 of the Airport Noise Management Plan requires land-based noise monitoring to be undertaken by the Airport and presented to WCC and the ANMC. The land-based monitoring has

been undertaken by noise acousticians Tonkin & Taylor. The first round of monitoring was carried out during day-time hours of the first week of December and results were provided to the Committee members at that month's meeting. No comments were made on the results at this time. Jo noted that WCC subsequently reviewed the report and supported the recommendations in the report that a further set of land based monitoring should be undertaken. WCC requested that T&T submit a methodology to them prior to conducting the 2nd round of monitoring.

7.2 In February 2024, a methodology was sent to WCC and approved. In the first week of March a second round of monitoring was undertaken at the same locations as per the first round however during night-time hours. The results were sent to committee members prior to this meeting. The conclusion of the report was that land-based noise was compliant based on subjective observations and sound level recording (dominated by either aircraft operations or non-airport noise).

7.3 Resident rep has concerns about the duration of the monitoring at Bunker Way (among other locations) and believes a total of 18 minutes is not enough time to be representative of the noise they receive. They also noted that the recorded sound levels at this location were close to exceeding the limits for the period. They questioned whether it should be over different periods within the timeframe. They also questioned the conclusion that no more monitoring needs to be undertaken when the Airport Noise Management Plan states that this must be conducted every two years.

Action: WCC to review the 2nd land based monitoring report and confirm agreement with the methodology and results and whether additional monitoring is required (in accordance with the Airport Noise Management Plan).

8. Quieter Homes Update

8.1 Jo L noted on behalf of the Quieter Homes Manager, that we are currently progressing well through Area 4 and hoping to have this completed by the end of 2024.

8.2 We have 49 applications from Area 5 properties since offers were sent out in October. Acoustic design has been prepared for 6 of these properties.

8.3 WIAL also received a late application from Area 3, and a site inspection has been carried out on that property.

8.4 Resident rep asked whether WIAL goes back to property owners that did not respond at the time that applications were sent out. Jo L confirmed that WIAL does not chase up property owners that haven't responded, however have accepted late applications in the past.

Post meeting note: Quieter Homes offers are open for 10 years.

9 General Business

9.1 Bridge Street soil relocation – Airport Fire Station

- Jo L explained that this week we will be notifying residents in the Bridge Street area that we will be relocating some soil from the AFS development to an airport property along the northern end of Bridge Street (on the airport side). This is because the Wellington landfills are all close to capacity and are no longer accepting soil.

- In discussion with both Greater Wellington Regional Council and Wellington City Council we are therefore relocating the soil within our property boundary which will be fenced off during relocation
- The fill will be up to 1m higher than the existing ground level and will be grassed over and then opened for public use again. The trucks will travel along Bridge Street (from Coutts Street) then up the small cul de sac street (Gaudin Street) and along close to the runway boundary to deposit the soil.
- There will be two weeks of more constant truck movements (during daytime work hours), and then a few isolated truck movements over the next couple of months when there are one off excavations.
- No comments made from the committee.

9.2 Seawall Renewal Project

- Resident rep asked if Nick Petkov will provide another overview of the seawall. Jo L explained that at the moment we are looking at consenting the southern seawall overlay option, and currently contracting experts to undertake effects assessments (i.e. how we will overall mitigate effects from the seawall project including construction noise). Once the consenting project progresses further, there will be another update given the committee.

9.3 Wildlife dispersal

- Resident rep asked about early morning wildlife dispersal 'shotgun noises' and whether there have been any changes in practices. Jo L explained that pyrotechnics are being used to scare gulls prior to the first flights departing to prevent bird strike occurring.

10 The meeting closed at 6:14pm. **The next meeting is 10 June 2024**

Meeting Schedule 2024

Monday 10 June

Monday 9 September

Monday 9 December

ANMC ACTIONS

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12/09/2022	Jo to invite an Aeroclub representative to one of next few meetings	JL	June meeting
11/03/2024	Committee to email any particular concerns/issues that they would like the Aeroclub rep to talk to if they come.	ANMC	ASAP before next meeting
13/03/2023	Patrick to invite Hugh Pierce (AIRNZ) to ANMC meeting to provide a presentation to the committee on take-off procedures	PW	Ongoing
13/03/2023	DMAPS Update (incl. any monitoring data)	WIAL/Airways	Ongoing

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11/03/2024	Any outcomes of the DMAPS meeting with Plane Sense and Airways to be presented in the next meeting.	WIAL	June meeting
11/03/2024	WCC to review Land based Noise Monitoring report and confirm undertaken in accordance with approved methodology, and whether more required	WCC (Lindsay)	ASAP
11/03/2023	Update on seawall project with respect to noise effects	WIAL	When update needed