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Meeting Minutes



MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Carlton Hotel, Dublin Airport

DATE: 01 October 2025, 5pm

ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Michelle Molloy	Community Engagement Manager, daa	MM
Gerry Sweeney	Forrest Great Community Group	GS
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
Caroline Molloy	Santry Community Resource Centre	CM
Sinead Trimble	St. Marnock's National School	ST
Xavier Oh	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	XO
Aine Kirrane	Environmental Sustainability Officer, daa	AK
Colm Kelly	Planner, Fingal County Council	CK
Keith McEvoy	AirNav Ireland	KME

APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM

Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised Colm Kelly would be representing FCC for this meeting. Chair welcomed the returning member Caroline Molloy and new member Sinead Trimble who will be the new representatives for Santry and Portmarnock respectively.	
1. Apologies	Action
JD advised GM had sent apologies.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
Chair requested approval of meeting minutes of 18 June 2025; Minutes were approved.	
3. Matters Arising	Action
MM advised on the matters from the previous meeting and subsequent email queries from members including the Elevate'25 programme eligibility, and noted the other topics will be covered as part of the meeting updates.	
4. daa update	Action
<p>MM presented the August passenger numbers; the temporary noise monitors locations and next rotation dates; daa's work with Trinity College for a field test at Dublin Airport to capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere; and the recent daa Difference Days held in Santry and Donabate, where over 120 daa staff volunteers transformed two unused areas in multi-functional community spaces.</p> <p>GD stated that his previous suggestion regarding heat recovery at the large Amazon Centre would be more feasible than carbon capture. MM advised that GD's suggestion had been forwarded to the relevant teams.</p>	
5. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring	Action
XO presented on noise complaints and complainant statistics, and noise levels at NMT locations. In response to GS 's queries regarding the use of runways in westerly and easterly operations, XO provided a slide to explain the wind split across 2023-2025 at	

<p>Dublin Airport. XO explained that the 70%/30% split is an annual average and runway use is dependent on wind direction; as Ireland has prevailing westerly winds, daytime departures towards the west are from the north runway and nighttime departures are from the south runway. XO presented the breakdown of departures by runway and noted that some months, such as April 2025, while in easterly operations, arrivals land on the north runway resulting in a 32% westerly/68% easterly split for that month. GS queried the windspeed threshold for operations to switch runways and noted that South Swords is expecting to experience more noise with the future use of the north runway for two additional hours. KMcE explained that the use of the runway is based on the wind direction and wind speed for the safety of aircraft and not on an operational decision, however, efficiencies and safety of the movements of aircraft would be considered also. JD noted that the Noise Team and AirNav had previously presented on this topic at earlier DAEWG meetings and copies of those reports were sent to members and are available on the website. Chair advised that if there are associated queries remaining, members can submit additional queries via the Secretariat and related reports can be provided. Members agreed that the new slide regarding complaints was useful and noted the updated slides and additional information in the noise reports are very helpful. XO advised that the Earth Berm feasibility works are ongoing, and members will be updated when further information is available.</p> <p>JH queried if houses in the insulation grant scheme that were built after 2005 would have adequate insulation as they will be exempt from the scheme. MM explained that daa had launched the scheme in anticipation of An Coimisiún Pleanála's (ACP) final decision, as announced in January and daa has proceeded to contact the eligible dwelling owners, and houses built within the noise contours in ACP's decision will be eligible.</p>	
6&7. Air and Water Quality Monitoring	Action
<p>AK presented air and water quality updates, showing the results of monitoring over recent months, and reverted on actions including the map of the surface water monitoring locations; the EPA Air Quality in Ireland report for 2024. AK advised she will bring further information on water and the related trend information for the next meeting.</p> <p>GD queried the use of electric vehicles by third party shuttle buses that regularly use the coach park. JH queried if a breakdown of the use of the coach park from outside Leinster</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>

would be available. AK advised she will revert to the commercial team to seek further information.	
8. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p>CK provided an overview of the planning applications relating to Dublin Airport which were given to members in advance. GS queried if EU regulations regarding emissions are taken into consideration with the planning applications for operational capacities.</p> <p>Members discussed the benefits of FCC including other planning applications in their planning report for members and suggested the addition of large housing developments that fall within the Dublin Airport noise zones. CK advised the report currently contains the planning applications relating to the Dublin Airport only, and any amendment to same would require approval from senior planning officials.</p>	
9. Members' Update	Action
ST noted the varied detailed information provided in the meeting.	
10. AOB	Action
JD noted that the next meeting was originally scheduled for December and with the busy Christmas period for members, daa suggests that the meeting be rescheduled to 19 November. Members agreed.	

Meeting concluded at 6.35pm

Next Meeting:
19 November 2025