



MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport

DATE: 09 October 2024, 5pm

ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Janine Davidson	Secretariat	JD
Angela Flynn	Community Engagement Manager, daa	AF
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
Gerry Sweeney	Forrest Great Community Group	GS
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Aine Kirrane	Environmental Sustainability Officer, daa	AK
Colm McCoy	Planner, Fingal County Council	CMC

APOLOGIES & ABSENTEES

Xavier Oh	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	XO
Gwen Morgan	AirNav Ireland	GM
Pat Suttle	Portmarnock Community Association	PS
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD

Introduction	Action
<p>Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Colm McCoy who will be replacing Malachy Bradley as the FCC representative going forward. JD advised a change to the order of the Agenda, with Item 4 and Item 7 switched.</p>	
1. Apologies	Action
<p>JD advised that XO and GM sent apologies.</p>	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
<p>Chair requested approval of meeting Minutes of 26 June 2024. PF advised that he did not agree with all of the Minutes and would raise his comments as part of the Members Update. Chair advised that PF's disagreement would be noted and put a vote to other members for their approval of the June meeting Minutes - Minutes were approved.</p>	
3. Matters Arising	Action
<p>AF advised matters arising would be addressed as part of the updates.</p>	
7. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring	Action
<p>IC presented the draft quarterly noise monitoring report, highlighting the updated report formats, and advised on the flight track adherence, noise monitoring results, and updates to the noise website pages.</p> <p>JH requested that further location information be included for the top complainants, and IC said he will revert. PF queried the possible use of 16/34 (crosswinds runway) particularly the lower flying aircraft and the new building works in the Santry area. IC explained that this runway is used only occasionally such as for essential safety reasons and, as has been explained at previous meetings, there are environmental corridors and Standard Instrument Departures (SID) for aircraft using this runway; IC noted that all areas around the airport are included in the Dublin Airport Noise Action Plan. GS queried if further noise monitoring would be considered for South Swords. IC advised on the recent issues with the Boraimhe monitor which have now been resolved, and the ongoing discussions for a location in Rivervalley. GS advised there was preference for a permanent monitor to be installed in this area. GS queried the report results for March and June. IC advised he will revert but expected it was due to more easterly movements in March. IC advised that the Earth Berm study has been completed and daa will now look at next steps, and the report will be shared with the group. IC reiterated that the team welcome</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>

feedback on the recent report updates.	
5&6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring	Action
<p>AK presented air and water quality updates, showing the results of monitoring over recent months. AK provided updates on the previous meeting actions including an explanation of sealing the attenuation tanks; the height of the air quality monitoring equipment - set accordingly between 2-4 meters to accurately access the air quality; the March 9 results were reviewed, and no cause noted; the construction works at Dardistown; and the status of temporary air quality monitoring proposal with the locations to be advised at the next meeting.</p> <p>JH queried if PFAS testing will be recorded in the quarterly reports as reports have shown contamination. AK reiterated that, as was previously advised to the members, PFAS monitoring is not part of the routine water monitoring results and the monitoring programme is carried out by third party specialists, and reporting on this in quarterly reports would not be required as it would show the same results as it is a historic occurrence. PF queried the plan for de-icing aircraft in the winter months. AK advised that de-icing is undertaken as part of the Winter Operations Plan with recovery vehicles on site during use, and any run-off that is detected will divert to foul waste and not into the stream. JH queried the WHO targets. AK advised the targets are set for 2040 with interim targets and daa is committed to reaching those interim targets. JH queried the number of the Dublin Airport fleet that have been converted to electric vehicles. AK advised she will revert with this information for the next meeting.</p>	daa
4. daa update	Action
<p>AF presented on the community survey and initiatives such as the community newsletter, website overhaul and the website updates; the recent community fund review; and the new solar farm opening.</p> <p>JH noted the reduction in member attendance at recent meetings and requested the Chair follow up with them. Chair agreed to reach out to members before the next meeting.</p>	Chair
8. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p>CMC provided an overview of the planning applications relating to Dublin Airport which were provided to members in the pre-meeting pack including the status of the enforcement proceedings currently underway.</p> <p>JH requested an update on the Swords Bypass noting recent surveyors doing works in the</p>	

area. CMC advised he will revert with an update. AF advised she was not aware of any crews from daa doing works in the area, but she will confirm.	FCC daa
9. Members' Update	Action
PF reiterated his disagreement with AF and their exchange about the CEO meeting at the previous meeting and challenged the recording of that discussion in the minutes. AF repeated that she disputed PF 's view and restated that daa provided responses to the matters raised by members, including his questions, as part of the presentation made by daa on the night, and in the subsequent correspondence. Chair instructed that as this matter has been discussed at numerous meetings and the related members continue to hold a difference of opinions, this matter should now be concluded, and members should move forward. Chair commented that previous discussions have taken place regarding recording of the minutes and members have been advised of the appropriate process.	
10. AOB	Action
AF advised that she will soon be leaving the business for an extended period and Michelle Molloy will be stepping in to cover the role of Community Engagement Manager and will attend the next meeting. Chair thanked members for attending and advised the next meeting will take place in December.	

Meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Next Meeting:
4 December 2024