

MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Online via Zoom

DATE: 15 June 2022, 5pm



ATTENDEES

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O’Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Leighanne Dunne	Secretariat	LD
Michelle Molloy	Community Engagement Manager, daa	MM
Ian Clarke	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	IC
Ciaran Moore	Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, daa	CM
Malachy Bradley	Senior Planner, Fingal County Council	MB
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
John Harris	St. Margaret’s The Ward Residents Group	JH
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Myles Caulfield	River Valley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM

ABSENTEES

David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
Caroline Molloy	Santry Community Resource Centre	CM
Darren Pollard	Irish Aviation Authority	DP
Brian McDonagh	Fingal County Council	BMD
Leonie Mahon	Royal Oak Residents Committee	LM

Introduction	Action
Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and advised that Frances Buckley who represented Royal Oak Residents Committee had resigned and has been replaced by Leonie Mahon. MM also advised daa’s new Environmental Sustainability Officer has been appointed and will be attending from the next meeting.	
1. Apologies	Action
LD advised that there were no apologies received.	
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes of 9 March 2022, and members agreed.	

<p>PF expressed his disappointment with the draft minutes that issued to members on 16 March. He felt a number of topics discussed at the meeting on 9 March were not recorded. MM advised PF that several of the points outlined in his email of 24 March to the Secretariat had been covered in the circulated draft minutes, and the remaining items were addressed, as advised in Secretariat's email to all members on 31 March and contained in the final draft Minutes sent to all members in the pre-meeting pack on 8 June.</p> <p>PF noted that the keeper of the National History Museum had advised his pleasure to hear about the Aviation Museum.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>None.</p>	
<p>4. daa Update</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>MM presented daa's update, including actions from previous meeting, Dublin Airport update covering passenger security queues and numbers, Community Fund and North Runway.</p> <p>Following MM's confirmation regarding unchanged WHO guidelines, PF noted his earlier error and accepted that the guidelines quoted in daa's presentation were correct.</p> <p>The outcome from the members' votes regarding the format of future meetings was discussed. LD advised that in-person meetings received four votes, online received five, and hybrid received two. The Chair suggested that the hybrid option be adopted whereby meetings would alternate between online and in-person, with the next meeting taking place online. All members were in agreement.</p> <p>PF asked if there was any update on the water drainage master plan and IC advised it is still under review, and daa will continue to update members as information becomes available.</p> <p>PF asked about attendance of members, which he had raised at the previous meeting. Chair advised that he had engaged with members and the matter will remain under his review.</p> <p>PF enquired about ALSAA and recent developments, which did not come as a surprise to him. MM explained that daa, as owners of the facilities, were currently in the process of seeking proposals now that the last license had expired.</p> <p>JH asked if St. Margaret's GAA Club would be affected and MM advised that whilst daa also own the lands used by St. Margaret's GAA, it is a completely separate arrangement. JH asked if the fees paid by ALSAA members were going towards the running of the complex or to daa. MM confirmed that daa does not play a role in the running of ALSAA nor decisions regarding the use of membership fees.</p>	
<p>5. Noise and Flight Track Monitoring Update Air and Water Quality Monitoring</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>IC and CM provided an update on Noise and Flight Track Monitoring, including the annual compliance report, Noise Monitoring Terminals (NMT), WebTrak and noise complaints.</p> <p>PF asked if there had been any further update on a NMT in Santry. MM advised that it was agreed at the previous meeting that when monitoring at Ongar was completed, the NMT would be located to Santry.</p> <p>PF queried why the written response he received in relation to noise complaints was dated 5 May, but he only received it on 27 May. IC advised that the responses are subject to review and approval before issue, and this can take some time, in addition to delays in internal mailing as a result of restructuring.</p> <p>GM asked what period the noise complaints results cover and IC advised they are for the month of April. GM asked if it is normal for one individual to make 2,122 complaints in a single month and was advised that this has been occurring for several months.</p> <p>GD gave his apologies for joining late and asked if there has been any update on ANCA's</p>	

<p>determination in relation to the planning application on night-time flights. MM advised ANCA's decision is expected around the middle of June and that it will form part of the overall planning decision by FCC, an exact date for which is not yet known.</p> <p>JH queried when ANCA's deliberation is submitted to FCC would it come into effect immediately. MM explained that ANCA's determination forms part of the overall planning decision and GD added that the FCC decision is open for appeal for a four-week period by any party, including the applicant.</p> <p>MC asked if any of the complaints received by daa are specifically related to noise on runways from take-off and landing and is that reflected in any report. CM advised there is a graph that represents the different types for noise complaints and will share the number of ground noise complaints with MC and other members.</p> <p>JH queried if a NMT is located in River Valley. IC advised the closest one to River Valley is at County Hall. MC added that the River Valley housing estate will be the closest estate to North Runway. IC said the purpose of the mobile NMT is to move them around to the different areas, and MM asked MC if he would like to put forward River Valley as a NMT location and MC agreed that he would. daa will add River Valley to the NMT schedule and will contact MC closer to the time to decide on the exact location.</p> <p>JH advised that the Environmental Noise Corridors were not shown on WebTrak. IC advised that the corridors are online as an option, but the layer needs to be switched on by the user.</p>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
<p>6. Air and Water Quality Monitoring</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>MM presented the Air and Water Quality statistics, in the absence of member from the Environment Team. MM noted that there were some spikes of NO2 and PM10 recorded towards the end of March. These were being investigated and an update will be provided to members on conclusion.</p> <p>MM advised that A11 diffusion tube located at the bus depot at Terminal 1 has had increased NO2 levels detected due to the volume of vehicular activity at that area, and this is being monitored.</p> <p>MM advised that daa was implementing several initiatives to reduce emissions, and IC provided detailed information regarding conversion of vehicles to electric.</p> <p>GD stated that the contract with NTA for electric buses is for 100 to be allocated to Dublin and 20 to Limerick, and that the timeline daa has for its electric buses is not very ambitious. GD said more focus needs to be devoted to air monitoring as Dublin Airport is behind the curve on this area. IC advised that significant work has gone into Dublin Airport's initiatives and taking into consideration the statutory timelines and planning required, daa has targeted 18-24 months turnaround, which is ambitious. IC also advised that a body of work has been done with Ryanair to introduce power on stand and aprons to transition all of its ground fleet to electrical over the next 2-3 years. GD said that daa needs to be more ambitious as they have more power over third party bus companies at the airport. MM advised she will share his comments with the relevant departments.</p> <p>MC enquired if daa has asked third party carriers if they have plans to electrify their fleets in the future, and what is their timeline. IC explained that daa had engaged with NTA, Dublin Bus and the Department, and at that time the parties had no advanced plans. MC asked if the daa could engage again the carriers. IC explained regular meetings are ongoing with the parties and these topics are raised on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>PF suggested that a policy should be implemented while we wait for the electrical buses and IC explained daa have introduced specific reporting requirements on fuel uses and quiet programs.</p> <p>PF further states the levels are increasing rather than decreasing at the A11 location and suggests that the buses should be moved to alternative holding area until 10 minutes before</p>	

<p>their departure time. MM advised she will pass on the suggestion to the relevant department.</p> <p>PF queried why results for only four points are referenced in daa's slides when there are six watercourses. MM explains that the six watercourses are monitored, and the slides provide highlights. IC adds that surface water is monitored and tested and daa are in discussions with Irish Water to extend this procedure. PF asked what the water is tested for, and IC advises that there are multiple substances specified by regulation including BOD, COD and ammonia. PF asks if he can have the results from the other testing sites and IC said he will check this and revert.</p>	daa
7. Fingal County Council Planning Applications	Action
<p>MB gave an overview of the planning applications list sent to the members in the pre-meeting pack, and an update regarding the draft county development plan that is currently under review.</p> <p>MC queried if the planning application for 12 new stands on the north apron will increase noise. MB advised that particular application was to extend the north apron for long-term parking for planes and the environmental impact is being assessed as part of the North Runway's planning.</p> <p>GD said that given Dublin Airport's inability to manage the peak passenger numbers during the early mornings, does that compromise the opening of the second runway, unless there is a plan to expand the terminal facilities. MM advised that there is currently sufficient terminal capacity at Dublin Airport, and that the recent issues with delays were due to a shortage of screeners, not terminal capacity. MM added that passenger numbers were higher pre-Covid than they are now, and Dublin Airport did not experience delays then because there were no screener shortage issues at that time.</p>	
8. Members' Update	Action
<p>MM congratulated GM regarding Swords Tidy Towns starting their mural, which would be of great interest to the whole community.</p> <p>PF said that his committee was not satisfied with the response they received in relation to AFFF from daa. MM said that PF had raised a question at a previous meeting enquiring if the AFFF foam was used at Dublin Airport, to which MM had advised it was not nor had been since 2013. MM said that daa had subsequently confirmed to PF and DAEWG members that Dublin Airport was compliant with SI146.</p> <p>MM said that all of the issues raised through the DAEWG had been addressed, but daa would be happy to meet with PF and his committee if PF thought this would be beneficial.</p>	
9. AOB	Action
No items raised.	

Meeting concluded at 6.20 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 5pm via Zoom