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Meeting Minutes

MEETING: Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

LOCATION: Air Traffic Control Centre, Dublin Airport

DATE: 13th March 2019

APOLOGIES: Sandra Curtin, Royal Oak Residents Association
Caroline Molloy, Santry Community Resource Centre
Martin Doherty, daa



ATTENDEES:

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Maura Cassidy	Secretariat (daa)	MC
Angela Flynn	daa	AF
Mary Kerins	daa	MK
Ciaran Moore	daa	CM
Bernadette Quinn	Fingal County Council	BQ
Cllr. Anne Devitt	Fingal County Council	AD
Helena Merriman	St. Margaret's Concerned Residents Group	HM
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Andrew Smith	Offington Residents Association	AS
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Myles Caulfield	Rivervalley Rathingle Residents Association	MC
Matthew McAleese	Fingal County Council	MMA
Paul McCauliffe	Dublin City Council	PMC
Darren Pollard	Irish Aviation Authority	DP

Presenters: Yvonne Dalton (YD), daa; Gerard Brennan (GB), daa

No.	Item	Responsible
1.	Chair opened meeting and welcomed all attendees.	
2.	<p>YD presented information on the Dublin Airport Passenger Throughput project; queries raised in response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS queried why there is a need to have extra parking beside T2; YD advised that there will always be a demand for parking within the airport campus as there is not the same level of public transport available for everybody; if parking is not provided it may result in more trips to the airport as family and friends will have to drop off and pick up • AS suggested developing the proposed new car parking area in a way that will allow for re-development in the future; YD advised that this is something that is being considered more generally • GD stated that two existing conditions attached to T2 have not been conformed to by daa - the availability of a transport assessment on an accessible website and a procedure for dealing with serious traffic accidents at the airport • YD stated that daa has complied with both conditions; the Mobility Management Plan is updated biennially and is online; the emergency procedures for dealing with traffic accidents have been submitted to the Gardaí; all state agencies that work with the airport have comprehensive emergency procedures in place • PMA queried if a notification could be sent to Dublin City Councillors when the planning application for the passenger throughput project is lodged; YD advised that this will be accommodated. 	daa
3.	Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes dated 30 th October 2019; no amendments proposed; Minutes signed and approved by Chair.	
4.	<p>Chair requested an update on matters arising from the previous meeting; MC responded to two action items that were assigned to daa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Parallel road was built in the mid-eighties and there was no condition at the time that required the installation of traffic lights; AD suggested that a request is made from the committee to Fingal County Council asking them to examine the viability of traffic lights in this area • Condition 16 of the North Runway planning permission is not a pre-planning condition and states that lands within the ownership of Dublin Airport shall be made available to the planning authority when required to do so, to facilitate the implementation of the proposed Western Access. 	MC
5.	MC presented information on the North Apron Extension project at Dublin Airport; no queries raised in response.	
6.	<p>MC presented the Dublin Airport update; a number of queries were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF queried if those in other areas, besides Fingal, can apply for a job on the North Runway project; MC advised that the project is affiliated with Empower, which is Fingal based, however any person from any area can apply for a job • PMA queried if Empower could link in with other jobs centres in other areas; MC advised that Empower has already reached out to other similar 	

	<p>organisations in Dublin City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GD stated that the planning application to amend the layout of North Runway was welcomed as it will result in less run-off and hard surface • JH queried if the construction companies who tendered for North Runway's construction knew about the proposed changes to the layout; MC advised that they would have been aware that future changes may be required but would have tendered based on the permitted design. 	
7.	<p>CM presented the Noise Complaints Report; a number of queries were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AD stated that there was one complainant making a huge number of complaints and this was distorting the overall figures – she queried if there was a better way of presenting the information • MC stated that this complainant is more concerned that the flight paths have been changed as opposed to aircraft noise • AS suggested that complainants be asked a series of questions to ascertain whether it is actually a noise related query or not • Chair asked daa to note that there is shared concern about the distorting affects that a small number of people are causing to the noise reports and to investigate if there is a suitable response for dealing with this issue • GD stated that there are new housing developments being constructed in the airports surrounding area, so it should be assumed that there will be increased noise complaints; planning decisions do not mandate high levels of insulation; BQ stated that there is a planning requirement for insulation of new housing in the outer noise zone • AD stated that the question of insulation and noise should be asked by solicitors when selling/buying a house; she suggested that the Incorporated Law Society is contacted in this regard; there was some debate among attendees regarding the advantages and disadvantages of making such contact; Chair requested that this matter be added to the Agenda for the next meeting. 	<p>CM</p> <p>MC</p>
8.	<p>MK presented the Air Quality Report; queries raised in response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM queried if Benzene causes an odor as he had received a complaint recently about aviation odors; MK advised that the air quality results indicate very low levels of benzene; DP stated that fuel dumping is only done in an emergency situation and is done over sea and not land. 	
9.	<p>MK presented the Water Quality Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion ensued over higher than normal results for Ammonia in the C7 Cuckoo Stream; MK stated that the spike could perhaps be attributed partly to low water levels during the warm summer months but couldn't confirm this was the case. MK advised that a drainage masterplan study is being conducted at the moment and will be shared with the group once complete • DK queried if a legend could be added to the report to make the information easier to understand; DOH advised that this had been reviewed before and it is difficult to do but requested that MK investigate if anything could be done. 	<p>MK</p>
10.	<p>BQ presented the Fingal County Council Dublin Airport planning applications list; no queries raised in response.</p>	

11.	<p>Chair requested if there was AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PF queried if every group member had received the Terms of Reference; MC advised that she would re-circulate a copy to members • PF queried if an additional meeting should be added to the schedule for this year; Chair advised that members have not indicated that there is an issue with the amount of time allocated for meetings and until members advise otherwise, the schedule will remain as is; MC to re-circulate 2019 meeting schedule • PF stated that the use of grass cuttings for fuel creation is being investigated and alternative methods, like this, should be looked at by daa • JH queried if Minutes could be issued to members within three weeks of the meeting; MC agreed that this could be facilitated • JH stated that figures for flight movements in easterly operations had been released during the 2016 North Runway public consultations; he queried if these figures had been updated for 2017/2018; MC advised that she is unaware of updated figures, but she will enquire on behalf of JH. 	<p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>

Next Meeting 12th June 2019