

## Minutes Port Noise Liaison Committee #16

Date:	April 4, 2012
Venue:	Port Nelson Visitor Centre
Time:	6pm
Attendance:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald, Thomas Marchant, Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (PNL minutes), Bruce Robertson, (residents' rep). Apologies: Raewyn Newnham and Albert Hutterd (residents' reps)

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Points Arising
1.	Previous minutes	<b>Passed:</b> Bruce/Matt	
2.	Matters arising	<p><b>Variation</b> has been signed off by council. Thomas tabled the letter to all 400+ affected hillside residents advising them the Variation is operative; to be sent with graphs showing the fall in average night Ldn. Some changes suggested to the letter. Bruce said he now gets almost no phone calls from residents about noise, even in summer when people have windows open.</p> <p><b>Visual Management:</b> graphs showing average monthly Ldn, noise complaints &amp; significant noise events have gone up in amenities room where stevedores meet.</p> <p>Other graphs being developed to show noises causes and events for each ship. Aim is for staff to take ownership on noise reduction.</p> <p>Bob suggested the visual management graph would be better than Ldn for letter to residents.</p> <p><b>Stuart Hughes' file on Noise Mitigation</b> 1993-2004 was tabled and is available to committee members.</p>	<p>Thomas to send letter when CRM up and running.</p> <p>Thomas to bring this report up to date.</p>
3.	Noise complaints.	<p>There were two complaints, both on 13 Feb re loading empty containers on SOE. Foreman said this was a particularly awkward ship with listing. Complainant satisfied there wasn't a lot more that could be done.</p> <p>Matt reported the new crane had continued to be problematic, warranty work was done and drivers now a lot happier. Issue was around software controlling response time for slewing gear. Bob thanked Matt for persisting in getting these issues sorted out.</p>	
4.	Noise monitoring	<p>Thomas tabled the noise monitoring reports for the last three months, showing the Leq (24h), Ldn and Lmax. Objective is to get continual improvement. Significant noise is above 89dBA at night; top three are investigated (even if not over 89dBA). There had been some problems with the noise monitor from Feb onwards.</p> <p><b>Jan:</b> no significant noise events, top three all general operational noise.</p> <p><b>Feb:</b> Three noise events over 90dBA. Unable to listen to recordings due to monitor malfunctioning.</p> <p>Event 1 - no ships were in.</p> <p>Event 2 - high wind event.</p>	

		Event 3 - Milburn Carrier was in port, but this is a very quiet vessel – no impact noises. <b>Mar:</b> Event 1 (Mar 3) log loading and traffic noise. Logs can be noisy going into empty hold. Monitor was removed on Mar 23 and sent to manufacturer for maintenance.. PNL hope to have monitor operational in two weeks.	
5.	<b>Update on mitigation</b>	Very quiet, apart from a small group that are part way between getting treatment done on houses and having Acoustic Certificates issued. Bob suggested we review this at next meeting – do we need to do anything about the lack of residents taking up mitigation work?	Agenda item
6.	<b>AOB</b>	Next meeting to include visit to crane & new digital security cameras. Charlie Osmond, Stevedoring manager to be invited to a future meeting. More flexible time agreed to for next meeting, to line up with a ship working. Meeting times also to be discussed at next meeting.	Invitation to Charlie Agenda item
7.		<b>Meeting closed 7.10pm</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Next meeting June, date TBA</b></span>	