

Minutes Port Noise Liaison Committee #17

Date:	August 15, 2012
Venue:	Port Nelson Visitor Centre
Time:	12 noon
Attendance:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald, Thomas Marchant, Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (PNL minutes), Bruce Robertson, Raewyn Newnham, Chris Keegan (residents' reps). Digby left at 12.25pm

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Points Arising
1.		Albert Hutterd's resignation had been notified and was accepted with regret. An postal ballot for the resident representative was undertaken (as per the Noise Management Plan). No election was required as one nomination was received, and Chris Keegan was welcomed to the committee. ?. Moved: Bob/Bruce.	PNL to send Albert a letter of thanks.
2,	Previous minutes	Passed: Raewyn/Matt	
3.	Matters arising	Letter had gone to residents re CRM and vacancy on committee. Stuart Hughes' file on Noise Mitigation 1993-2004 is available to committee members. Charlie Osmond, Stevedoring manager to be invited to a future meeting.	Thomas still to update, by next meeting. Invitation to Charlie.
4.	Noise complaints.	<p>6 June –re noise of crane on MWS, suggested operator was careless. Discussion on Chris's suggestion of rubber matting to deaden sound of container landing. Jacq & Bruce recalled this had been trialled before, and proved difficult for machinery to operate on/around. Bruce offered to send through info on heavy duty rubber used in dairy industry. Conveyer belt has been sourced and will be trialed. Chris commented that he was impressed at process for handling complaints and subsequent action taken. Thomas said following up on complaints was a good way for PNL staff to make improvements.</p> <p>July 10 re <i>Algorobbo</i> working at MW. This is the new class of Maersk vessel, will be the regular Maersk weekly callers and will be worked at MW. Thomas noted there was considerable 'blind' operation on this vessel, where hatchman calls instructions to operator by radio.</p> <p>7 August re hatch lid noise – Thomas explained that lids require very precise operation, are very difficult to land quietly. Video shown from new PNL security cameras, correlated with noise monitoring info. Issue was spreader landing on hatch lid. Stevedoring supervisors are looking into having two staff available to physically guide hatch lids into place, as is done with containers into hold. There are safety issues. Raewyn suggested payment incentives for drivers. Bruce said from observing drivers at work, they are trying their best. Matt added incentives created other issues and PNL's position is</p>	<p>Bruce to be invited to observe trial.</p> <p>Report back on use of staff to guide the spreader onto the hatch lid.</p>

		that minimising noise is an expectation for all staff.	
5	Noise monitoring	The monitor has been offshore under repair. The only recorded period was part of July. There is now a loan monitor in place. Details of the problems with the monitor are: 27 Feb not recording sound; up until 28 March B&K instructing ICT to diagnose problem. Monitor sent to Australia to be tested; was then sent to Denmark and “fixed”; 6 June returned but was not fixed - period of intense negotiation with B&K. July 17 loan monitor up on silo. PNL Monitor in Denmark as of 7 August.	PNL to look into solution
6.	Update on mitigation	Very quiet, two houses had work completed. The noise consultant will be down at the end of August to carry out more assessments, at residents’ requests. Noted that a Victoria Hts resident (Stage 2) has complained at not being eligible for 50% of the costs incurred on a top end renovation. Bob quoted the Mitigation Plan which states PNL contribution is limited to half of the ‘lowest cost’ solution. Bruce said PNL had already been generous in the costs they’d agreed to meet re glass & insulation above specs. Thomas has email track of communication where he has explained PNL obligations.	
7.	Proposed amendment to Noise Mitigation Plan	Ventilation is needed when it’s assumed windows won’t be opened. Ventilation commitment is limited to principle living room and bedrooms. The proposed change will allow air-con at 5 changes per hour, down from 15. This means more Acoustic Certificates for Stage 2 can be achieved; previously a ducted heat pump had been required in each room, which proved to be too costly for residents. Proposed amendment has been accepted by the NCC after consultation with Acoustic Engineer.	
8.	AOB	Timing of meetings – midday agreed. Mon 8 October - likely that a vessel will be working. Wed 12 December – final for the year.	
		Meeting closed 1.17pm	