

Minutes Port Noise Liaison Committee #11

Date:	3 Feb 2010
Venue:	Port Nelson Board Room
Time:	6pm
Present:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald (PNL), Thomas Marchant (PNL), Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (PNL minutes); Bruce Robertson, Sue Thomas, Albert Hutterd (residents' reps).

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Points Arising
1.	Previous minutes	Sue reiterated her request for hard copy minutes. Clarification of who made the complaint re containers falling. Passed, Albert/Digby	Thomas to action.
2.	Matters arising	<p><u>Wind & containers</u>: Sue said Enza crates are stacked in a zigzag formation, to resist wind? Albert thought this was to follow the contour of the road. Digby said this method would take up too much space with containers, would make movements more difficult and any change would affect existing infrastructure. Matt said containers were already stacked to maximise wind resistance; also port is subject to winds from a range of directions.</p> <p><u>Noise monitor</u> is now mounted on cement silo, but there are some IT issues to sort out, reporting methods be sorted, calibrations to be done. Then NCC will need to sign off on position of monitor.</p> <p>Weather station also to be placed on silo, and will give data on wind speed etc.</p> <p>Question as to whether PNL offers weather information from Fairway Beacon to the public.</p>	Noise monitor show & tell at next meeting. Digby to look into providing weather information on PNL website.
3.	Noise complaints	<p>Three calls since last meeting, all regarding night of 8 Dec, while JPO LEO and Spirit of Resolution were at MWS. Ian Northrop lodged two separate complaints. Lashing bars dropped onto deck whilst unloading Spirit of Resolution – discussion around dropping bars and need for person at the bottom to control landing. JPO LEO - extremely noisy overnight, short impact noise from container discharging.</p> <p>Mike Young rang the next day and said this was one of the noisiest nights he has ever had. Questioned whether new crane drivers were on for the night. Hatch lids being placed on top of each other on the vessel was the main source of noise.</p> <p>Digby showed supervisor's noise log – benefit is in operators being aware of this random check. Thomas said continuous monitoring will remove 'ifs and buts'. Sue asked what action is taken to encourage compliance. Digby explained the progressive warning/performance management system.</p> <p>Bob asked about failure to follow procedure on night of Dec 8. Digby said complaints don't always go straight to supervisors. Reinforces need for calls to be made at the time.</p> <p>Noted that if calls go to NCC, they alert PNL.</p> <p>Question about why JPO LEO is noisy. It is big, but similar to Cap Capricorn. Has to be berthed at MWS, always comes on Sunday night - may add to the irritation factor.</p>	Sue to contact Mike and Ian suggest they put gatehouse number on speed dial so they can ring at the time noise occurs.
4.	Annual Report	Noise Variation states: "An annual summary of the activities of the Port Noise Liaison Committee taken from the minutes of the committee meetings is to be provided to owners of noise-affected properties. The summary to be provided to any member of public on request."	

		<p>Sue believed this requirement was being met through the residents' newsletter. Discussion over whether the reporting should be done by the residents' reps or from the committee. Concluded that residents' reporting had been done under interim provisions.</p> <p>Thomas had put some highlights together from the minutes. Question about whether minutes are available online – no, but they could be.</p> <p>Sue suggested a newsy letter would be read more. Jacq suggested a newsy letter, with the summary of the minutes as an attachment – general agreement that this would provide readability and meet the requirements of the Variation.</p>	<p>Thomas to look into putting the minutes of the committee meetings on PNL website.</p> <p>Sue to assist Thomas with writing the newsy covering letter.</p>
5	Stage 3 contributions criteria.	<p>Thomas tabled the factors that must be considered when assessing applications for assistance with acoustic treatment: These include internal noise levels and effect of Port Noise on the occupiers' internal enjoyment of the property – Matt concerned about vagueness of this. PNL is currently providing an acoustic report on request, with the committee making a recommendation on work to be done and payment.</p> <p>With Stage 3 properties the port noise liaison committee has to provide technical advice and the port operator up to 50% of acoustic treatment costs. Bob said in effect Stage 3 properties would have to be treated in much the same way as Stage 2: i.e. request from owner, report from expert, then it comes to the committee, they decide if PNL should pay 50% - seen as norm rather than maximum. Sue said there wouldn't be a deluge, Bob said the 50% hurdle would put a lot of people off. Sue said people would be amenable to negotiation over priority of work and cost.</p> <p>Decided the criteria would remain in place, and Stage 3 would be treated the same as Stage 2, the difference being that residents initiate request for assistance. Sue said new residents are likely to be the ones seeking help. Noted that the committee will need to record all requests from Stage 3 properties.</p>	
6	Update on mitigation work	<p>Question from Bruce re a residents house. The report says the windows need to be made to fit better, but if she wants double glazing it will be at her cost over and above the cost of single glazing to meet noise requirements.</p> <p>Thomas tabled update.</p> <p><u>Stage 1:</u> Work done on a Queens Rd property, at less cost than original plans indicated, may need more tweaks to ventilation and ceiling insulation. Further readings to be taken.</p> <p><u>Stage 2:</u> Nevil has been down and 5 acoustic reports are due in (bringing total to 21 out of 41). Work is proceeding as agreed on three properties and residents are happy.</p> <p><u>Stage 3:</u> seven reports have been done. One resident wants to go ahead with work on their porch. Sue's house available as demonstration of noise mitigation treatment.</p>	
7	AOB	<p>Residents' reps noted they indicated the shift in attitude from Port Nelson.</p>	
		<p>Meeting closed at 7.40. Next meeting, TBC, PNL boardroom, 1800hrs.</p>	