

Minutes Port Noise Liaison Committee #11

Date & time	31 March 2010, 6pm.
Venue:	Port Nelson Board Room
Present:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald (PNL), Thomas Marchant (PNL) Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (PNL minutes); Bruce Robinson, Sue Thomas, (residents' reps).
Apologies	Albert Hutterd - sustained Bruce/Thomas.

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Points Arising
1.	Previous minutes	Passed, Digby/Thomas	
2.	Matters arising	<p>Sue acknowledged Albert was correct about the stacking of crates at Enza. Matt said the wording around Stage 3 (same as Stage 2) needed refining. Now to state: The assessment criteria remain in place, the other difference between Stage 3 and Stage 2 being that residents initiate the request for assistance.</p> <p>PNL needs to be clear in communication with Stage 3 residents.</p> <p>Bruce asked about progress on the variation. Matt said it hinges on the monitor being calibrated to the noise contour map and this can't happen because of cicadas contaminating the readings.</p> <p>Passed with the amendment: Thomas/Digby</p>	
3.	Noise complaints	<p>Handled calls from March 13-15 first, as Sue was only able to stay at meeting until 6.30pm</p> <p>Noise complaints register tabled - generated by CRM; new software for handling complaints sends email reminders etc, is going to be very helpful for tracking the noise investigations.</p> <p>Sue reported on Mike Young's favourable description of cranes working on MWS on March 13 & 14 as 'ballet dancing with cranes', with driver lowering the container the last 3m very slowly.</p> <p>Thomas said three callers from front of Queens Rd who complained about Monday night, had also noted that Saturday night had been not been noisy. Digby said the supervisor's report showed a driver hired from New Plymouth because of labour shortage had difficulty landing the crane load quietly. All the complaints came in later in the week. NCC Call Care had sent calls to Chubb Security, Bob Askew has formally warned Call Care about the procedure for noise complaints.</p> <p>Sue suggested monetary incentives for quiet operation. Digby said this would be difficult. Residents had been warned it was a big weekend. Sue said this should happen whenever necessary; Thomas reluctant to do it too often. Discussion of what triggers complaints, conclusion that monitor will give a clear indication of what is happening.</p> <p>6 Feb: Mike Young's call to Gatehouse was not logged. Council were reluctant to come out.</p> <p>10 Feb: Log loading, noise echo on steel when the hold is empty. Call from Cleveland Tce.</p> <p>11 Feb: Container noise on wharves, twist locks being rolled, shouldn't happen at night.</p> <p>1-3 Mar: Container noise – general, is carrying to Cleveland Terrace.</p>	

		<p>5 Mar: Reversing beepers on Fulton Hogan loaders working gypsum vessel. Were disabled ASAP. Digby said using contractors to unload is very unusual. Operators were debriefed, will be alerted when this vessel comes – in a year's time.</p> <p>10 Mar: Crane alarm, caller could see container was struggling on maximum outreach. Bob said if the noise can be identified and something done about it that is the important thing. Matt said the monitor will help with this.</p> <p>Bob asked about software enhancement for spreader that will slow it up at end of drop. Matt explained the spreader with HIS capability had arrived last year. The software was purchased from Austria, specialist installer visited PNL early in new year, found it needed E\$6000 software patch. They have devised an alternative solution which will be installed next week. Noise monitoring trials would be able to reveal its success.</p>	<p>Future ref: Gypsum vessel loaders to have beepers disabled.</p> <p>Installation of spreader software and noise monitor to be covered in residents' newsletter.</p>
4.	Update on Stage 1, 2 & 3 properties.	<p>Stage 1: last two properties with current mitigation work almost complete, brings total to 8 out of 11.</p> <p>Stage 2: 33 out of 110 have asked for follow up. 21 have had reports done, 12 still waiting for reports, should be done in the next six months. Three have had some treatment completed, and another couple have had some work done. Bruce's neighbour's work is in progress. Bob asked about deadline on this process. Matt said the terms of the variation are open ended.</p> <p>Stage 3: Seven properties have asked for an acoustic report. Poynters Cres property has applied for assistance. Thomas tabled a recommendation of contribution of 25% towards replacing porch (report stated it just needed repairing), 50% of other costs. .</p> <p><u>Motion</u> That this committee recommend to PNL that acoustic treatment on Poynters Cres property be approved as outlined in the agenda of noise meeting. Passed Bruce/Bob</p>	
5.	Show & tell on noise monitor.	<p>Thomas gave a demo of the noise readings, and the data that is collected. The monitor takes real time readings from the cement silo. There were no vessels in port.</p> <p>Matt explained that when the software is installed it will be set so sound recordings are triggered by noise peaks. It will be possible to track back and see what was happening at a time when complaints were made. Calibration of monitor with port effects overlay will be done when data is collected from monitors on port hills.</p> <p>Weather data is also recorded, as soon as wind speed gets above a certain level it stops recording. It's hoped the weather info will go on the PNL website. The monitor will be useful for identifying/verifying complaints; and will be used for reports to council and to this committee as per the Variation requirements.</p> <p>It may make it unnecessary for NCC to monitor noise at port, though they may still want to record the level at people's homes. Bruce asked what would happen if PNL does make noise, as the variation does not cap the noise level. This is one of the issues being addressed through the mediation process.</p>	
7.	AOB	<p>Matt said on Weds Kent goes on BQ, therefore Maersk goes to MWS – will change as this is the last time the Kent will be coming in, it has been sold. A replacement vessel will come in on a Saturday evening, from later this month. Upside is that that Maersk vessel will be able to use BQ on Wednesday evenings.</p>	

	Meeting closed: 7.30pm.	Next meeting: Weds 2 June, 6pm.	
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