

## Minutes Port Noise Liaison Committee #14

Date:	August 31, 2011
Venue:	PNL Visitor Centre
Time:	6pm
Attendance:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald, Thomas Marchant & Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (PNL minutes); Bruce Robertson and Raewyn Newnham (residents' reps). Bob welcomed Ray Muollo, representing Gibbons Holdings, and moved that he be granted speaking rights. Bob/Digby Apologies: Albert Hutterd. Sustained: Matt/Raewyn

	Agenda	Discussion	Action Points
1	<b>Previous minutes</b>	No changes. Passed: Digby/Thomas.	
2	<b>Matters arising</b>	Letter has not yet gone to residents advising them of new representatives on the committee. Will now be combined with advice regarding the approval of The Variation from Environment Court when that is finalised, and changes have gone through council. This letter could also cover the seasonal variation in noise levels. Discussion of content and frequency of 'residents' newsletter' - the Variaton requires an annual summary of the minutes to be distributed to residents. Thomas advised information on the website had been updated. Clarification sought on posting minutes on the website, currently they are three months old before they have been approved (at the subsequent Committee Meeting) and are posted on line. Suggested that they get posted to website after being circulated to the committee, and posted as a draft. Crane tour had been delayed as it is a quiet time at the port.	Thomas to action.  Crane tour to be rescheduled.
3	<b>Noise complaints</b>	<u>5 July, from Queens Road</u> , which is very exposed to the noise of containers being placed by the fence for MAF inspection. Shifting MAF was looked into but is not practicable. Operators have been advised that extreme care is needed in this location. Raewyn asked if rubber matting could be used. Digby explained the noise is spreader to container contact. Caller was quite happy with Thomas's investigation and his offer to advise her when a container vessel is in port. <u>13 -17 August, from Cleveland Tce</u> . Caller identified times of noise, but monitoring showed little was going on, events all under 75dB (at monitor). Under certain weather conditions the noise appears to be funnelled across the city towards the eastern hills. Caller acknowledges noise sensitivity. Suggested recordings could be taken at her place. There is little else that can be done. <u>29 August: from Latitude 41</u> re noise from the spreader on the new crane. There have been some problems with the software controlling the speed of the spreader engaging. A technician from Austria is here now looking into issues with the new crane. Bruce suggested the forklifts should be fitted with 'hospital grade silencers' as used in the USA. Matt said new plant was bought with manufacturers silencer kits. Bob warned against 'manufacturers caution' and asked about better silencers. Benalla was on its first visit and would usually be at Brunt Quay, but that	Matt to look back at his earlier investigation on silencers and report

		<p>maintenance work being carried out to the wharf has meant that MWS had to be used.</p> <p>7pm: Raewyn advised she had to leave the meeting early. She said she was satisfied with the way complaints are handled.</p>	to the next meeting.
4	<b>Noise monitoring</b>	<p>Thomas tabled the noise monitoring reports for the last three months, showing the Leq (24h), Ldn and Lmax. Following mediation and subsequent communication the top three noise events each month will be investigated.</p> <p>Thomas said there is push on to see if hatchlids can be landed more quietly, seeking an engineering solution.</p>	Outcome to be reported.
5	<b>Crane 3 update</b>	<p>Matt reported it is currently out of operation, as issues covered under its warranty are fixed. It hoists and slews faster than the older two cranes, and is too sensitive as drivers move spreader onto to containers.</p> <p>Bruce said the winch is a lot quieter.</p>	
6	<b>Update on mitigation</b>	<p><b>Stage one</b> (11 properties) Three property owners elected to sell to PNL. Five of these property owners elected to proceed with acoustic treatment paid for by PNL; Two properties are yet to confirm approach. A total of eight Acoustic Certificates have been obtained.</p> <p><b>Stage two</b> (111 addresses supplied by Nelson City Council) 45 replies received, 37 properties have had acoustic reports prepared; Ten of these properties have had some acoustic treatment with PNL paying 50%. Two properties have acoustic certificates.</p> <p><b>Stage three</b> (156 properties) Twelve properties have had acoustic reports prepared; Two properties have had some acoustic treatment, mainly this is for ventilation. Letter had gone to all Stage 3 properties, 35 replies with 20 to follow up on. Discussion of cost of mitigation, Matt said requests have fitted within the allocated budget. Noted the offer is open-ended. Bruce predicted an upswing as weather improves.</p>	
7	<b>AOB</b>	<p>Ray said he had found the meeting interesting, would be reporting back to Roger Gibbons.</p> <p>Discussion of noise mitigation work that PNL has undertaken. Bob asked for updated report on the measures that PNL have put in place.</p> <p>Bruce asked how noise of operation is built into buying policy, he has noticed the new Hysters are very quiet. Matt said noise is one of the 'non-price attributes' considered when purchasing new plant. Port Nelson does not have the container volume to move to straddle system of container movement. This goes along with gantry cranes which are noisier to operate, drivers are further away from the action.</p>	Thomas to action.
		<p>Meeting closed at 8.40pm.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Next meeting November.</p>	