

Minutes: Port Noise Liaison Committee #18

Date:	October 11, 2012
Venue:	Port Nelson Visitor Centre
Time:	12 noon
Attendance:	Bob Dickinson (Chair), Matt McDonald, Thomas Marchant, Digby Kynaston (PNL), Jacquetta Bell (minutes), Bruce Robertson, Raewyn Newnham, Chris Keegan (residents' reps).

	Agenda	Discussion	Action points
1.	Minutes from August 15	Accepted: Matt/Bruce	
2.	Matters Arising:	<p>Note of thanks sent to Albert.</p> <p>Noise Mitigation Report. Thomas tabled an updated report for comment. Discussion re mapping houses that have had mitigation work done.</p> <p>Bruce to be invited to observe trial of matting use on wharf - matting still to arrive from Lyttelton.</p> <p>Use of staff to guide the spreader onto the hatch lid. Matt said there are H&S issues. Instead has been a trail of using rubber inserts where hatch lands. More robust material being sought.</p> <p>Noise monitor – replacement monitor has been installed.</p>	<p>Comments and queries to Thomas before the next meeting. Thomas to send original report to Chris and Raewyn.</p>
3.	Noise complaints	<p>6 Sept: Two calls from Queens Rd and Harbour Tce re Maersk Jakobstad at MWS. Review of information indicated the noise was mainly weather related. Caller satisfied with this outcome. Noted complaints process re was not followed at Gatehouse, resulting in disciplinary action.</p> <p>28 Sept: Call re operations at MWS. Investigation showed the noise did not exceed 85dBA. When working on an angle crane can take several attempts at engaging the container onto pins.</p>	
4.	Noise Monitoring	<p>Thomas gave his analysis of the top three noise events for August and the significant event (above 89dBA during night hours). This occurred during loading of Maersk Jokobstad, and sounded like an empty container landing on wharf.</p> <p>September's top events during loading of Hoheplate. Again they sounded like containers landing, though it may have been squeak of the spreader that caused the peak.</p> <p>Thomas outlined the recording requirements for Chris.</p>	

5.	Update on acoustic treatments	Two more acoustic reports have been done on Stage 2 properties. No further mitigation work during this period. Progress being made on Victoria Heights house, PNL has had a Quantity Survey done.	
6.	Trip to crane 12.40pm	PNL staff showed two groups through cranes working on the Maersk Jens at MWS. Agreed the crane drivers' skill was exceptional, and noted that it was a major awareness raising exercise to see the challenges they face in guiding containers and hatchcovers with only mms to spare.	
		Meeting closed on return from crane trip 1.50pm. Next meeting 1200 Dec 12, 2012 PNL Visitor Centre.	