

## Port Noise Liaison Committee

Notes of Meeting held on 17 April 2024

### Present:

Kevin Winders – Port Otago

Rachel Day - Carey's Bay Association

Dave Cormack - Wenita Forest Products (Chair)

Fred Cross – Vision Port Chalmers

Joanne Dowd – Port Otago

Brendon Shanks – Marshall Day Acoustics

Joe Cecchi – Carey's Bay Association

Steve Duder – Port Chalmers Yacht Club

Alan Worthington - Dunedin City Council

Mike Wheeler – Motion Health

Tami Sargeant - Otago Regional Council

### Apologies:

Kristina Goldsmith - West Harbour Community Board Representative

Grant Bicknell – Port Otago

### Welcome from Meeting Chair – Dave Cormack

Dave Cormack opened the meeting at 5.35pm and introduced himself. He asked the committee to join him in observing a silence, as a sign of respect, to mark the passing of the committee's Independent Chair - David Richardson.

### Apologies

Apologies noted above were accepted.

### Conflicts of Interest

The Chair asked if any members had any conflicts of interest in respect to items that might arise during the meeting. None were declared.

### Late Items for the Agenda

Kevin Winders added one item to the agenda, to provide a brief overview of the Port Otago's submission to the Dunedin City Council's consultation on the Ōtakou Harbour DCC Reserves – Otago Harbour Reserve Management Plan. This would be discussed as part of the CEO Update part of the meeting.

### Personal

Joe noted that he would be having surgery soon. Kevin noted that he would be away on annual leave from next week until 4 June.

### Notes of previous meeting (6 December 2023)

The notes recording the meeting on 6 December 2023 had been accepted by David Richardson as correct.

### Actions Schedule from Previous Meeting

Actions & Progress from the December 2023 Action List were noted including:

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- Cold ironing – the Port Otago team visit to White Bay in Sydney is running late and likely not going to occur until Dec/Jan. There is no update until that site visit occurs. Question from the chair relating to the driver for the cold ironing. Kevin noted that in terms of Cruise, this was being driven by emissions reduction.
  - Cruise Ship Code of Conduct – Kevin noted that the cruise season has just finished, and the team are in the process of post cruise review with stakeholders including the cruise customers. That review will feed into the code of conduct draft.
  - Committee providing ideas of what they want to achieve in 2024 – Kevin noted this was an initiative driven by David Richardson. The Committee noted that the purpose of the committee was to address noise related issues, and this should remain the focus of the group. No further action required on this item. A question arose from the Chair querying whether the current inland port proposal would necessitate widening the representation of the PNLC. Kevin noted that the inland port proposal and activities at Ravensbourne Road would be governed by the Dunedin City 2GDP provisions for Industrial zones. It is only the port activities at Port Chalmers which are governed by the PNLC.
  - Trucking companies advised around engine brakes – This action was completed. Port Otago engaged with NZTA and signs alerting drivers to engine brakes have been erected.

## Correspondence

### ***Property at 11 Beach Street***

Kevin noted that correspondence has been received from the current owner of 11 Beach Street in relation to noise mitigation. This is the first *Red Zone* property which has come before Port Otago in a while. The property was previously owned by an employee of Port Otago who declined noise mitigation. That owner has now passed away and family members have renovated the property and are now seeking retrospective noise treatment. Joanne will engage with the owner, get the property tested and obtain costings for the retrofit. Update to be discussed at the next meeting.

## Reports

### ***Independent Chair Final Report***

The final report prepared by David Richardson was taken as read.

### ***Noise Reporting – Presentation from Marshall Day***

Brendon from Marshall Day briefly highlighted the key points of the pre-circulated quarterly noise report. Brendon noted a trend at the Scotia Street noise monitor over several days in October where noise levels exceeded 67 dB  $L_{dn(5 \text{ day})}$ . Noise was not high enough to trigger an event, but it is recommended that further investigation is undertaken. Kevin highlighted that some of the reefers need to be plugged into a diesel generator that potentially could cause this occurrence. A ship is in this weekend where the generators will need to be used and could provide an opportunity to monitor the noise to see if it results in similar elevated levels.

The Chair asked whether the noise monitors could be reset to reduce their sensitivity for a time to see what results are obtained. Brendan noted that there would be challenges with this approach given the complex nature of the noise monitoring system currently utilised at port. Kevin noted there is some handheld monitors available which could be used to measure noise this weekend.

The Chair asked if any committee members had any questions on the noise report or from Brendan. Kevin noted that consideration of a new noise system seemed to have fallen off the action list.

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Brendon advised that a new noise system was still being evaluated. No further questions were asked, and the report was accepted.

### ***Update from Port Otago***

Joanne introduced herself as the new Port Noise Officer and was welcomed to the committee.

Kevin provided an update on the removal of the old head office and noted the asbestos removal activities that were required. He noted the resource consent to remove the soil contamination had been received and that works to complete the remediation would commence in early May.

Kevin noted that Port Otago had been working to clean up Beach Street but noted that the old Sims building is not owned by Port Otago, but by the DCC.

The cruise season has now completed and operations on the wharf will return to normal. This is not expected to change the noise profile of the site. The Rio was in port this week and didn't have too many reefers on board and is due to leave later this week. It is a busy time on the port and Kevin noted that the team was working hard, despite staff shortages. There are 11 weeks to go, before things start to quieten down on the wharf before picking up again after labour weekend. This will allow projects such as the rail pad replacement to take place. This might be noisy, but Port Otago will ensure that the community is made aware of when the works will commence.

The chair queried the media coverage of the proposed drop in cruise proposed for next year. Kevin noted there are 97 ships expected next year. An issue impacting numbers, is biofouling requirements that creates challenges for the ships that can be accommodated in NZ waters. There used to be a facility in Tasmania, but that has since closed. Therefore, this has become an issue for both NZ and Australia and both governments will need to address the requirement for a facility to accommodate biofouling activities. Kevin also noted that the new government was still addressing the issue of no commercial activities occurring in Fiordland. If commercial activities were stopped, this would have a significant impact on the cruise industry for Port Otago.

Kevin noted that works are being undertaken on the Ravensdown site to provide for empty container storage. The site will be operated in accordance with the 2GP provisions.

The port is also working with partners in relation to an inland port that would assist in taking trucks off the road network.

This year marks the 150-year anniversary of the port. It is anticipated that the museum will be completed by October and would feature in any celebrations.

Kevin talked briefly around the Port Otago submission to the Dunedin City Council's consultation on the Ōtakou Harbour DCC Reserves – Otago Harbour Reserve Management Plan. The submission included a vision for the Back Beach area including improved access for pleasure craft, pedestrians and commercial operators that would have benefits to the local community. Cruise lines and Port Otago would contribute to deliver this vision.

### ***Noise Complaints***

The Chair referred to the pre-circulated report on noise complaints and asked the committee if they had any questions. The Chair noted that the list of complaints included complaints that were received from Dunedin and Ravensbourne and queried whether these should be filtered out. Kevin noted that the complaints log maintained by Port Otago covered all complaints and we can filter out those that did not come under the Committee's mandate. Other noise complaints could be provided for information.

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The Chair asked Joanne if there were any things to note in relation to the complaints. Joanne noted that most of the noise complaints had been closed out and nothing further to note.

### ***Annual Plan***

The Annual Plan needs to be updated. David had taken responsibility for this, but Joanne will take over this task. The plan is required for setting the budget for the Committee and needs to be endorsed by the Committee. Joanne will have a draft of the plan prepared for the next Committee meeting on 5 June.

### ***Other Business***

#### ***Appointment of New Independent Chair***

Kevin noted that Port Otago would manage the appointment process in a similar way to last time. There was an existing *Person Specification* that could be used, and Kevin sought agreement from the Committee to commence with the recruitment and to go to market to seek a new Chair. This was agreed to by the Committee.

Kevin noted that we would need a panel of 3 for the interview panel who would sit on a subcommittee. Rachel and Mike volunteered to assist in this capacity. Kevin agreed to approach Chris Hopkins, a member of the Port Otago Board to also sit on the panel.

The subcommittee would report back to the main committee with progress.

#### ***Next meeting, date, time, and location***

Next meeting is Wednesday 5 June, 5.30pm at the Port Otago offices.

Meeting closed 6.33pm

## Actions

Meeting date	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
October 2020	Possibility of cold ironing – watching brief	Kevin	Ongoing	
December 2022	POL Electrical engineer to present findings of Sydney shore power visit to committee	Kevin/Jon	Q1 2025	This has been delayed and unlikely to be in a position to report back until Jan 2025.
December 2023	Prepare cruise ship code of conduct	Rebecca/Cruise Manager	Q2 2024	Cruise season has just completed. Post cruise review occurring.
April 2024	Marshall Day to confirm if the results of the trial of the new monitoring system will be available this year	Marshall Day	ASAP	
April 2024	Contact property owner of 11 Beach Street to discuss plan for obtaining information around noise and mitigation options.	Joanne	ASAP	
April 2024	Prepare draft Annual Plan	Joanne	5 June	
April 2024	Advertise for new Independent Chair of the PNLC	Kevin/Port Otago	ASAP	