

## Port Noise Liaison Committee

### Notes of Meeting held on 2 September 2024

#### Present:

Kevin Winders – Port Otago

Mara Wolkenhauer (Chair)

Rachel Day - Carey's Bay Association

Dave Cormack - Wenita Forest Products

Joanne Dowd – Port Otago

Brendon Shanks – Marshall Day Acoustics

Joe Cecchi – Carey's Bay Association

Carlo Bell - Dunedin City Council

Kristina Goldsmith - West Harbour Community  
Board Representative

Joanne Gilroy - Otago Regional Council

#### Apologies:

Grant Bicknell – Port Otago

Kent Chalmers – City Forests

Mike Cummings – ORC

Steve Duder – Port Chalmers Yacht Club

Mike Wheeler – Motion Health

#### Welcome from Meeting Chair

Mara opened the meeting at 5.32pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all committee members for their time and commitment to enabling dialogue between Port Otago and its community. She also thanked Dave Cormack for chairing the meetings while a new independent chair was sought. As part of the introduction, Mara asked all committee members to highlight one thing they appreciated most about how the meetings were conducted by the previous chair. Running a tight, efficient and to the point agenda, keeping to an hour, his humour and showing a genuine interest in the port were highlighted. Mara is committed to retain these for future meetings.

#### 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. Chair has requested that this agenda item should relate to a *Register of Interests* whereby relevant declared interests of Committee members are maintained in a register. Noted by Committee members that this hasn't been an issue in the past but agreed that a register would be useful.

#### Late Items for the Agenda

The Chair asked if any members had any late items for the agenda. None were declared. Going forward the Chair has requested that this item is removed from the agenda and any items that the Committee wishes to discuss should be considered under Any Other Business section of the agenda.

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## Personal

No personal items arising. Some members felt this item was not necessary or used. The Chair has asked that this item be removed from the agenda, and instead a quick check-in added at the start of the meeting.

## Notes of previous meeting (6 June 2024)

The notes recording the meeting on 6 June 2024 were accepted as a true and complete record of the meeting. Moved by the Chair.

Seconded by Dave Cormack.

## Actions Schedule from Previous Meeting

Actions & Progress from the June 2024 Action List were noted including:

- Cruise Ship Code of Conduct – Kevin noted that the cruise code of conduct would reinforce processes that are already undertaken by Port Otago. It would be a simple guideline that outlined Port Otago's expectations of vessels coming into port.
- New noise monitoring system – the trial is progressing at Eastland Port of a new noise monitoring system. There is still work to be undertaken to ensure that the system can attain the accuracy requirements outlined within the Dunedin City District Plan. Kevin noted that Port Otago's GM Marine and Infrastructure had attended the international ports conference in Sydney. They were afforded the opportunity to speak directly to the organisation SiteHive that has produced the noise monitoring system. They noted that the backend AI associated with the product was not ready and would take some time to complete. So, delays expected in the deployment of this system.
- Property at 11 Island Terrace– Agenda Item
- Annual Plan Schedule – Annual Plan was updated and sent out to Committee members. Item closed.
- Update Noise Contour Modelling – waiting on redevelopment plans to be completed before the modelling is updated.

## Correspondence

No correspondence received in the previous period.

## Reports

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

Brendon from Marshall Day briefly highlighted the key points of the pre-circulated quarterly noise report. Several spikes in the Ldn (1 day) have been identified. This is primarily due to noise from vessels combined with busy period of other port activity. The port noise level did not exceed 67 dB Ldn (5 day) at either monitoring site. Brendon noted that the battery from the noise monitor at the cemetery had been stolen again, that meant there was a period that noise was not recorded from this location. A temporary battery has been fitted until the site can be secured again. Brendon noted that consideration had been given to relocating the site to a more secure position. However, this was considered suboptimal as the continuous monitoring in the same location is invaluable in terms of understanding noise from the port.

Bangs and crashes can result in awakenings and often trigger noise complaints. The noise monitors log all noise events above 75 dB LAFmax at night (10pm – 7am). The character of each event is analysed to determine the likely cause e.g. "Port events" (noise from within the port) or "KiwiRail" (noise from train movements etc.). The number of bangs and crashes appear to be consistent with a period of high

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port throughput. Bangs and crashes are the main source of complaint from Island Terrace, and this is discussed further as part of the agenda item below.

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

Kevin noted that it is quiet on the terminal at the moment which is typical at this time of year.

Noted that Maersk has agreed to undertake noise mitigation on the Monte Lascar as this vessel will remain in circulation within New Zealand. This is fantastic news and highlights the good working relationship that NZ Ports have established with Maersk.

Significant project for the port has recently been approved by the board to replace the aging railpad. These works are due to commence in January and will take approximately 6 months to complete. There is potential for noise and disturbance during these works, but Port Otago will communicate with the community once further works planning has been completed. The project will include Port Otago paying to widen the footpath adjacent to the boundary of the site and will include new fencing and some beautification in the form of a stormwater management area.

Some operational changes proposed in the port with timber processing being relocated within the port which will allow some upgrades and safety improvements associated with cruise operations. Things will start to pick up again around Labour weekend.

The NZTA works on the state highway are causing some challenges at the moment but will be finished before the cruise season commences. The pedestrian crossing will not be relocated and will be left as is without any safety improvement as requested by the community.

### ***Noise Complaints***

The Chair referred to the pre-circulated report on noise complaints and asked Joanne to give an overview of the report. Joanne noted that there were 11 complaints in this period with the majority of complaints relating to vessel noise. Four complaints related to the Monte Lascar last time she was in port. Complaints relating to bangs and crashes relating to straddles and forklifts experienced at Island Terrace.

### ***Noise Monitoring Results – Island Terrace***

Brendon provided an overview of the noise monitoring that has been undertaken at this property. The committee discussed the report findings.

The committee passed the following resolution:

to recommend that mechanical ventilation is offered to the property owner to cover the worst affected habitable spaces. In accordance with the Noise Mitigation Plan, 50% of the cost of these works would be covered by Port Otago.

Joanne will work with the property owner and Marshall Day to facilitate the next stage in the process and report back to the committee in December.

### ***Other Business***

No other business was proposed.

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

Next meeting is a Public Meeting to be held on Wednesday 4 December, with doors opening at 5pm and tea and coffee available from 5.15pm prior to meeting commencing at 5.30pm at the Port Otago offices.

Meeting closed 6.55pm

## Actions

Meeting date	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
December 2023	Prepare cruise ship code of conduct	Cruise Manager	Q4 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	Ongoing	
June 2024	Provide update of Island Terrace property.	Marshall Day/Joanne	Q4 2024	
June 2024	Marshall Day to Update Noise Contour Modelling	Marshall Day	Q4 2024	