

Minutes

Port Noise Liaison Committee

Date:	7 August 2024
Venue:	Training and Development Centre, 8 Vickerman Street
Time:	1400 – 1600
Present:	Catherine Taylor (Chair), Ian Wright (residents' rep), Robin Whalley (residents' rep), David Hogg (residents' rep substitute), Kim Lui (PNL Environmental Officer), Colin Devenish (PNL, General Manager - Environment and Infrastructure), Matt McDonald (PNL General Manager - Operations), Nikita Takai (Minute taker)
Apologies	Tony Vining (residents' rep)

		Discussion	Action Points Arising
1.	Welcome	<p>The Chair welcomed the Committee to the meeting and made some introductory comments, noting that she still had a lot to learn about port noise issues. Rules relating to port noise are set by the Nelson City Council (NCC) in the Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP) after consultation with residents and Port Nelson Limited (PNL). A review of the NRMP was started by NCC but it has stalled and there is concern that the Committee isn't making the progress it wishes to with unresolved historical matters.</p> <p>The Committee should refocus its intent to bring the unresolved matters to NCC's attention to move these to a resolution.</p> <p>It would be sensible to understand NCC's timeframe and process to pick up these matters .</p> <p>The Chair suggested NCC be requested to provide their proposed timeframe for review of the existing NRMP as it related to Port noise (AP29). Further clarification was required on the unclear terms and wordings based on the Commissioner Recommendation 07/01 (Port Noise Variation).</p> <p>Apologies recorded.</p>	<p>PNL to engage with NCC and seek clarification as to next steps to complete the review of the NRMP as it relates to port noise .</p>
2.	Minutes from 15/05/2024	<p>Review previous meeting minutes and action points:</p> <p>a. Minutes Circulated/Read/Accepted Moved by Robin, Seconded by Colin.</p> <p>b. Update on actions arising from previous PNLC meeting:</p>	<p>PNL to maintain watching brief on</p>

	and action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Soft touch technology update: following discussion, the Committee has requested if there is any more information to be provided regarding the soft touch technology. ii. Port Noise Contour at 333 Wakefield Quay: the Port team confirmed this property has always been excluded due its location and the screening effects by the properties nearby. Residents Reps were happy with the explanation and no further action. iii. Noise Recording Function: PNL confirmed that no soundtracks recorded with LMax levels lower than 78dBA. Ian requested to lower the recording threshold to capture any ‘missing events’, but cannot advise an appropriate level without expertise view. PNL responded the recording threshold 78dBA was set far below the requirement stated in NRMP, which is 89dBA, equivalent to 85dBA at the 65dBA Ldn contour line. Cath suggested PNL consult Hegley Acoustic on reasonable recording threshold and report back. iv. Port Noise Information Fact Sheet: the Port team confirmed this had been removed from the website a few weeks ago, however, Robin pointed out that he was still able to view this recently. 	<p>soft touch technology</p> <p>PNL to engage Hegley Acoustic to determine the recording threshold.</p> <p>PNL to confirm Port Noise Information Fact Sheet removed from website.</p>
3.	Matters arising/issues tabled from residents’ reps and/or PNL reps for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Robin requested an audit of the Port’s noise monitoring system. The Committee agreed to explore this opportunity as other businesses in similar industries undertake audits. . The Port heard the Committee’s comments and request from residents that a temporary monitor be installed at 70 Queens Road. Time period to be determined by the noise consultants. The Chair suggested PNL engage an independent consultant for the audit noting that Hegley Acoustics should be afforded an opportunity to comment on the report before it is published. 	PNL to engage an independent consultant to audit the existing noise monitoring system.
4.	Noise Monthly Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PNLC review of noise complaints received – April to June 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PNL advised of a significant noise event on 29 June from a container handler where the spreader was engaging on the container (metal to metal) and it registered a 90.2 dBA noise event (not triggered by a complaint). There was a meeting with the stevedores to obtain more information. There are new operators joining the team and it was the first night shift for a team member. The operator has had further training and the Port is revising its procedures for night time operators including future training procedures. 	
5.	Update on acoustic treatment of properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PNL provided an overview of the acoustic assessment of properties, which is carried out every quarter. b. The owner of 2 Beachville Crescent has contacted Ian about acoustic treatment and they have been in touch with the Port to progress this. Details of the case was presented by the Port team 	

		and accepted by the Residents Reps. The acoustic report previously undertaken is still valid and the installation of a ventilation system is the only treatment eligible for Port subsidy.	
6.	Nelson City Council	a. Second noise monitor location: The Port team provided an update on the second noise monitor that is being installed once NCC agrees on location. They are working with an acoustics company to progress this and the Port is awaiting their timeframes.	
7	What's currently happening on Port – PNL Project Update	a. Vessel Generator Noise Management: The Port team advised that there is no longer the opportunity to collaborate between ports across the country. This is due to advice received around possible collusion between the ports on this matter. Port Nelson will continue to implement the Neptune System and have “noisy” vessels tested for compliance. The NZ Port cannot do this as a collective management for their future visits.	
7.	Other Business	<p>The Chair requested a simple guide to go with the Port Nelson Monthly Sound Reports. There are limitations to changing the content of the reports as these go to Council with specific requirements so a guide will be useful to provide context.</p> <p>2025 meeting dates will be after the report submission of the month, i.e. 15th, quarterly.</p> <p>PNL reminded everyone how we should be engaging and communicating with one another – in a professional, respectful manner way.</p> <p>a. <i>Next Meeting – 13 November 2024 at 9:30 to 11 am</i></p>	PNL to provide a guide on context of Port Nelson Monthly Sounds reports.