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## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING:** Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

**LOCATION:** Air Traffic Control Centre, Dublin Airport

**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**APOLOGIES:** Patrick Fagan, Santry Residents Association  
Matthew McAleese, Fingal County Council  
David Kelly, Portmarnock Community Association (Alternate Moira O'Brien)  
Sandra Curtin, Royal Oak Residents Association  
Darren Pollard, Irish Aviation Authority  
George Mongey, Swords Tidy Towns  
Andrew Smith, Offington Residents Association  
Caroline Molloy, Santry Community Resource Centre



**ATTENDEES:**

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Cllr Anne Devitt	Fingal County Council	AD
Cathaldus Harten	Fingal County Council	CH
Moira O'Brien	Portmarnock Community Association	MOB
Helena Merriman	St. Margaret's Concerned Residents Group	HM
Myles Caulfield	Rivervalley Rathingle Residents Association	MCa
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Maura Cassidy	daa	MC
Bernie McNally	daa	BMcN
Mary Kerins	daa	MK
Ciaran Moore	daa	CM
Martin Doherty	daa	MD
Emer Tierney	daa	ET

No.	Item	Responsible
1.	Chair opened meeting and welcomed all attendees.	
2.	Chair requested approval of Meeting Minutes dated 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018; no objections or amendments were raised.	
3.	<p>Chair requested an update on matters arising from the previous meeting; MC responded to a number action items that were assigned to daa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEAI presentation had been circulated to the group.</li> <li>• Further to PF's comments at the last meeting, the minutes were amended accordingly.</li> <li>• Dublin City Council has been contacted re representation on the DAEWG; this is on the agenda for their meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>• Information re the electrical and taxiway upgrade has been re-circulated to the group.</li> <li>• An air quality monitor has been fitted at the ground transportation hub.</li> <li>• The grass growth at the roundabout adjacent to JH's house is a matter for FCC.</li> <li>• The apprenticeship roles had been advertised on the website and details were circulated to the group.</li> <li>• The date for the second information clinic in St Margarets had been circulated to the group.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p>MC presented an update on behalf of daa; attendees raised a number of queries in relation to the information presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOB</b> queried when the flights to Montreal would commence; MC stated that operations would start in summer 2019</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> asked where the new stands would be located; MC stated that they would be at the Forrest Little and Dardistown sides of the airfield and that passengers would be bussed to these areas.</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> also queried if 40m passengers could be accommodated with existing facilities; MC stated that there is sufficient capacity, but that the pinch points are in the airfield.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p>CM presented a Noise and Flight Track Monitoring update on behalf of daa; a number of queries were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MCa</b> noted that a resident in Rivervalley was unable to reach the Noise and Flight Track Department via phone; MC said that she would forward the phone number so that he could pass onto her.</li> <li>• <b>MOB</b> queried if noise levels instead of complaints could be reported; MD stated that reports from noise monitoring terminals are produced on a 6-monthly basis and are available on the website. These monitors are located 6.5km from the start of roll, in line with peer airports. He noted that the reporting and complaints process is under review at present and best practice is to focus on the number of complainants rather than the number of complaints.</li> </ul>	<b>MC</b>
6.	<p>MK presented the Air Quality Report. Attendees raised a number of queries in relation to the information presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MK</b> noted that a passive sampling tube had been installed at the ground transportation hub, as a result of a request from this group and that</li> </ul>	

	<p>some data should be available for the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MCa</b> noted that the Minister for the Environment stated that a number of deaths are associated with air quality every day; MD noted that Ireland experiences some of the best air quality in Europe; MK noted that that this does not mean that the airport is not complacent, and it takes its responsibilities in this area very seriously.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p>MK presented the Surface Water Quality Report; a number of queries were raised in response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> queried if the elevated levels recorded were due to lower water levels, as a result of the lack of rainfall over the summer; MK noted that the flow levels are not recorded, and that the overall campus drainage is one of the projects that is currently being assessed.</li> <li>• <b>MK</b> highlighted that support for daa on future energy and drainage projects, both from individual members and as a group, through favourable submissions regarding any future environmental led projects at the airport would be welcome. These will in turn enable the airport to reach its' environmental targets and carbon neutral goal.</li> <li>• The group agreed that the minutes should reflect their support for capital expenditure allowances that would facilitate Dublin Airport to deliver projects that would help meet environmental targets.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p>MK presented on daa's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Strategy; a number of comments were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AD</b> commended the progress that daa is making in order to make the airport a carbon neutral zone and queried if the LEV presentation could be provided to FCC; MC to contact Gilbert Power to organise.</li> <li>• <b>MK</b> emphasized that the strategy has to work for everyone, the balance has to be struck between the availability of LEVs for specific functions on the airfield, and the obligatory public procurement process which is required of a semi state company.</li> <li>• <b>GD</b> queried if the mobile charging units would be sufficient to charge cars in an efficient manner and if more permanent charging points should be installed instead; MK stated that they would be rapid charging units, similar to other airports in Scandinavia, and that a review would be carried out as demand increased; encouraging the use of buses and the airport's own LEVs would be a more suitable solution than providing more charging points.</li> </ul>	<b>MC</b>
9.	<p>CH presented the planning applications on behalf of Fingal County Council; no queries were raised.</p>	
10.	<p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MC</b> raised two queries on behalf of <b>DK</b>; who noted that IAA were not on the list of prescribed bodies that Irish Water should have contacted re the Greater Dublin Drainage Project at Clonshaugh; DK queried is there are any safety concerns of having a large numbers of seagulls frequenting the proposed Sewage facility under the flight path and if so will they be making a submission to An Bord Pleanala; as the IAA were not in attendance, this query will be raised at the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>MC</b> also asked on behalf of <b>DK</b> if daa had made a submission to ABP regarding the above project, that the proximity of the plant could result</li> </ul>	<b>MC</b>

	<p>in noxious odours in the Airport vicinity depending on wind direction and would be terrible way to greet 30 million passengers annually; MC stated that yes, the following submission had been made and read the submission to the group: <i>'daa have made a submission to An Bord Pleanála on the Clonshaugh Wastewater Treatment Plant. In this, we have highlighted that the status of Dublin Airport as a principal gateway to Ireland makes it critical to ensure that no odours emanate from the facility and become detectable in surrounding areas. We noted the inclusion of odour dispersion modelling and odour control mitigation measures proposed in the EIA Report accompanying the planning application and have requested that, in the event of a grant of permission, all odour mitigation measures outlined in the EIA Report are implemented in full.'</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MOB</b> queried if cycle lanes should have been fitted on the new section of road associated with North Runway; MC stated that this road was built to FCC specification</li> <li>• <b>GD</b> asked if the mobility management plan was available on daa's website; MK said that she would confirm this.</li> <li>• <b>GD</b> queried if Planning Permission Conditions 13 and 21 had been complied with in relation to T2; MC stated that she would check with the planning team.</li> <li>• <b>Chair</b> requested that in order to increase the efficiency of each meeting, any detailed questions that require information to be obtained from other colleagues; should be emailed to the secretariat, in advance of each meeting, so that answers to the queries could be brought to the meeting. <b>Post meeting note:</b> Any queries should be emailed to the secretariat at least 2 weeks in advance of the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>CH</b> noted that the Noise Action Plan for the Dublin Airport and the Noise Agglomeration Plan will be on Public Display for 4 weeks from next week and that more information was available on consult.ie, that MC would send out an email to the group with more information; he also invited the group to a presentation by their Noise Consultants at the Radisson Hotel on the 20<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm; MC said that she would issue an invite to the group with more information should they wish to attend.</li> <li>• <b>MC</b> brought the latest edition of the Community Newsletter as well as a booklet on Culture night, which takes place on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, with events all over Dublin, including Dublin Airport, and invited the group to take copies of each.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MK</b></p> <p><b>MC</b></p> <p><b>MC (Post meeting note: invite and details sent via email on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.)</b></p>
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**Next Meeting Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October**