

## Port Noise Liaison Committee - Public Meeting

Notes of Meeting held on 6 December 2023,

### Present:

Kevin Winders - Port Otago  
Dave Cormack - Wenita Forest Products  
Kristina Goldsmith - West Harbour Community  
Board Representative  
Joe Cecchi – Carey’s Bay Association  
Rachel Day – Carey’s Bay Association  
Steve Duder – Port Chalmers Yacht Club

Mike Wheeler – Community representative  
Brendon Shanks – Marshall Day Acoustics  
Mike Cummings - Otago  
David Richardson –Independent Chair.

### Apologies:

Kathryn van Beek - West Harbour Community  
Alan Worthington - Dunedin City Council  
Carlo Bell - Dunedin City Council  
Kent Chalmers Dunedin City Council

### Absent:

Fred Cross – Vision Port Chalmers

4 members of the public were in attendance

### Welcome

David Richardson opened the meeting at 5.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

David Richardson proposed to have the public section first including followed by the regular committee meeting at the end.

David summarised the work of the committee and the key outcomes achieved in the last 12 months:

- The committee had met 5 times
- The introduction of standing orders limiting the tenure of members
- The Rios’s are now all silenced and noticeably quieter
- The establishment of the Neptune Noise Standard
- Noise complaints have dropped from 50 in a month when the Rio’s were unsilenced to 16 this year

### Noise Reporting – Presentation from Marshall Day

Brendon from Marshall Day gave a brief update of the work Marshall Day undertake on behalf of the Port Noise Liaison Committee.

Brendan had just completed the annual report and the noise contours and Brendan talked through the results. The hum of the port had not changed materially from the previous year and the noise contours did not change and therefore there were no new properties to add to the acoustic treatment regime.

Brendan talked about the ‘bangs and crashes’ and he had just received the data due to delays in the AI system processing the data. Brendan explained that Port Otago has an industry leading solution that

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uses multiple providers to capture and process the data. Pleasingly, technology companies are developing new systems in this space as other ports and airports try to replicate Port Otago's system. Brendan recommended that we explore options to upgrade the current system in the new year.

Brendan explained the progress with all NZ ports signed up for the Neptune noise standard that tests new vessels and noisy ships already on the NZ Coast. Marshall Day measures the ships and provide the score and if negative, the shipping lines have 12 months to work to mitigate the noise or risk removal from the NZ Coast. The new standard had already resulted in four noisy ships being removed of the NZ Coast and shipping lines inquiring on the standard for new ships.

The floor was opened for questions on Brendon's presentation.

*A question was asked about the smell of fumes in Port Chalmers in some wind conditions and why was this occurring?*

Kevin advised that the responsibility was Maritime NZ to monitor compliance with Marpol fuel regulations and all vessels were using low sulphur fuel or using scrubbers that removed particulates. If a smell is noticeable, please ring our gatehouse and so Port Otago can trace the source of the smell.

*The question was if there were any noise complaints from Ravensbourne?*

There was one complaint received 4 Dec from the Ravensbourne area.

*Comment about noise from cruise ship PA and horn can be heard in the town.*

*David indicated that the committee was working with Port Otago to develop an information pack capturing all the rules and acceptable behaviour/practises to respect our community and wildlife.*

*Could Port Otago put up a flashing speed sign in Ravensbourne and Mia as they have in Port Chalmers to slow down traffic?*

As this was not a noise issue David passed this to Kevin who will raise this when he meets next with the West Harbour Community Board.

The public session ended.

## Apologies

Apologies noted above were accepted.

## Notes of previous meetings

The notes recording the meeting on 4 October 2023 were accepted.

## Actions Completed

David went through the 4 October 2023 Action List and agreed actions:

- Remove - Marshall Day to noise test SFL Maui as covered by Neptune process
- Remove – Marshall Day to noise test the Spirit ships, 2 removed and balance covered by Neptune process
- Code of Conduct to be carried forward to the new year

## Complaints Update

David explained that he was copied on the individual complaints and Port Otago responded to the people when they provided their names. Grant to own the complaints process until Port Otago recruits a new Port Noise Officer.

## Acoustic Treatment

No acoustic treatment during this period.

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## Cold Ironing

No update on cold ironing apart from the progress in Sydney, with the cold ironing project due to be commissioned in October 2024.

The Chairmans report was taken as read and no questions were raised.

## Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the standing orders at included in the papers.

Moved: D Cormack/M Wheeler. Carried

Jo Cecchi raised the idea that the committee meetings should be open to the public. Discussion took place and it was agreed that the meetings are to remain closed but in the event that a material noise arose in the future, the Committee could choose to hold a public meeting at that time.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm

Next meeting: The dates for 2024 were confirmed as Quarterly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> June 4<sup>th</sup>, September, and 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30 in the Port Otago Meeting Room.

## Actions

Meeting date	Action	Responsible	Due	Update
October 2020	Possibility of cold ironing – watching brief	Kevin	Ongoing	Port Otago team to visit Australian ports
December 2022	POL Electrical engineer to present findings of Sydney shore power visit to committee	Kevin/ ?	Q1 2024	
December 2023	Prepare Cruise Ship Code of Conduct	Port/Committee	Q1 2024	
March 2023	March 2023 Committee members to provide committee with ideas that the committee might like to achieve in 2023	Committee	Q4 2023	
October 2023	Craig Usher to talk to Kevin about speaking to trucking companies about use of engine brakes. Sign to be reinstated and trucking firms to be advised	Kevin/Port Team	ASAP	Port Otago engaging with NZTA Q1 2024 and report at next committee meeting. Wenita and City Forests have messaged truck drivers