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## Meeting Minutes

**MEETING:** Dublin Airport Environmental Working Group

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

**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**APOLOGIES:** Mary Kerins, daa



### ATTENDEES:

Name	Position/Organisation	Initial
Dr. Danny O'Hare	Chairperson	Chair
Maura Cassidy	Secretariat (daa)	MC
Angela Flynn	daa	AF
Seamus Higgins	daa	MK
Ciaran Moore	daa	CM
Bernadette Quinn	Fingal County Council	BQ
David Murray	Fingal County Council	DM
Helena Merriman	St. Margaret's Concerned Residents Group	HM
George Mongey	Swords Tidy Towns	GM
John Harris	St. Margaret's The Ward Residents Group	JH
David Kelly	Portmarnock Community Association	DK
Gerry Duggan	Malahide Community Forum	GD
Andrew Smith	Offington Residents Association	AS
Patrick Fagan	Santry Residents Association	PF
Myles Caulfield	Rivervalley Rathingle Residents Association	MCD
Andrew Smith	Offington Residents Association	AS
Darren Pollard	Irish Aviation Authority	DP

No.	Item	Responsible
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chair</b> opened meeting and requested approval of previous Meeting Minutes dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019; PF stated that he would like his suggestion regarding the conversion of grass cuttings to gas and his request for residents in the Beaumont and Killester areas being invited to join the DAEWG noted; AF agreed to update the Minutes to reflect the comment about grass cuttings.</li> <li>• <b>JH</b> queried if there was any progress on his previous query relating to the implementation of traffic calming measures on the South Parallel Road; MC advised that she is awaiting the names of the newly elected Councillors to progress this query; DM advised that he can investigate this query and provide feedback to the committee; Chair advised JH to fill him in on the situation after the meeting</li> </ul>	<b>FCC</b>
2.	<p><b>MC</b> advised that she circulated the daa Update before the meeting and queried if there were any questions on the content; no queries raised</p>	
3.	<p><b>CM</b> presented the Noise and Flight Track Monitoring report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM highlighted the fact that there was one individual making a significant amount of complaints which was leading to the overall data becoming distorted; CM asked the group whether there should be a threshold for complaints implemented, in order to reflect the data in a more accurate way</li> <li>• Consensus from many group members was to re-visit the way the reporting is done as opposed to applying thresholds; MC advised that daa is investigating the use of a heat map to display the relevant information</li> <li>• JH queried if CM could differentiate between the complaints received about flights being off track and those relating to noise disturbance and share this data with the group; CM advised that this request could be accommodated for the next meeting</li> <li>• DK requested an update on the implementation of a Webtrack system for Dublin Airport; DP stated that he will follow up with the relevant departments and provide an update at the next meeting</li> </ul>	<b>CM</b>  <b>DP</b>
4.	<p><b>SH</b> presented the Dublin Airport Water and Air Quality report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DK stated that he had previously requested a limit value or acceptable level, be printed alongside the water quality results to make it easier for group members to interpret the data; Chair stated that there should be a narrative for the data and members have requested this before on previous occasions; SH advised that he would investigate this query however, raised concerns about the accuracy of the limit values that could be applied as some of the water ways within the airport campus are not classified as Salmonid; SH suggested that perhaps a green, amber, red colour code would work better.</li> <li>• PF queried whether Dublin City Council Drainage Department were in contact with daa regarding stormwater drainage, as he was speaking to a member of the Council recently who advised that they were going to contact daa; SH advised that he wasn't aware of any contact with respect to this; PF advised that he would find out the name of the person he was speaking to about this matter</li> <li>• DK queried if the new World Health Organisation guideline limits for PM<sub>10</sub></li> </ul>	<b>daa</b>          <b>daa</b>

	<p>was now reduced to 20µg/m<sup>3</sup>; SH advised that he would investigate and revert back on this query</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PF queried whether daa made any submission to the 'National Clean Air Strategy'; SH advised that he would investigate and revert back on this query</li> <li>• GD claimed that the results from the air quality monitor located at the Dublin Airport Coach Park were 2.4 times higher than anywhere else in the country based on comparisons to Environmental Protection Agency annual results; he went on to state that measures implemented by daa to reduce land transport emissions does not match the efforts of other airports and daa have a lot of work to do to switch to cleaner technology</li> <li>• SH advised that daa has been taking many steps to address the air quality issues at the bus park including writing to bus companies to request that buses are not left running and conducting spot checks to ensure that they are adhering to this request; he also stated that the airports tendering process has been updated to encourage potential service providers to use cleaner technology at the airport</li> <li>• PF queried if there has been any work done on improving the technology associated with the running of airside buses or encouraging electric taxis; MC advised that daa would revert back on these queries</li> <li>• DK queried why PM2.5 levels were not being monitored or reported on; SH stated that daa met with the EPA and no request was made for the daa to report on PM2.5; Chair requested that this point be taken back for consideration</li> </ul>	<p>daa</p> <p>daa</p> <p>daa</p>
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BQ presented the Fingal County Council Planning Applications List; Chair requested that this list be circulated to members five days before each meeting; BQ advised that this would be accommodated</li> <li>• PF queried how eco-friendly the buildings are that daa are constructing or proposing to construct; SH stated that all new buildings will Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) compliant</li> <li>• MCD queried where the new maintenance hanger would be located; BQ stated that she would investigate and revert back to the group</li> </ul>	<p>FCC</p> <p>FCC</p>
6.	<p>MC advised that a robust discussion was held at the last meeting on whether the group should contact the incorporated law society regarding the sale of houses and whether potential buyers / sellers should be informed of potential noise disturbance from airport activity; GD stated that the group should be careful with this issue as it could have a material affect on property prices; MC advised that she could contact the daa legal department for a view in the first instance and report back to the group on the matter; this was agreed by the group; Chair requested that this item be added to the Agenda for the next meeting</p>	<p>MC</p>
7.	<p>Chair requested any other business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HM queried when daa intended on applying to the new Competent Authority to amend the conditions attached to North Runway; MC advised that the new Competent Authority needs to be up and running before any application can be submitted</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**