

**Minutes of the meeting of the Edinburgh Airport Noise Review Panel (EANRP) on 22nd
November 2021**

The meeting was held remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Attendees : **Robert Carr**, EACC Chair and Joint Convener of EANRP, **Cllr Kevin Lang** as EACC EANRP representative and Joint Convener of EANRP, **Janice Hogarth** as Secretary to the EACC (and minute taker for the EANRP), **Lindsay Cole**, the Chair of EANAB and member of EACC, and **Ray Godfree, Pippa Plevin & Bruce Finlayson** as EANAB EANRP representatives. **Gordon Robertson** as EAL Representative.

It had been agreed that Robert Carr would chair this meeting to allow Kevin Lang to note down the amendments required for the draft document.

The draft minutes of 2 November were approved and any matters arising would be addressed under discussions to follow.

Comments on Kevin Lang Updated Draft Document

Gordon Robertson had circulated a mock-up of how the report could look from a design perspective to Robert Carr, Kevin Lang and Janice Hogarth but each of them felt that it looked too much like an EAL report.

Gordon Robertson agreed to have another look at alternative options and forward some hopefully by the end of the week.

There had been lots of contributions from everyone with comments and also recommendation for amended text along with items requiring further discussion. Those comments and suggested revisions were taken as they appeared in the draft Report and discussed in turn.

Foreword – Lindsay Cole had commented on the wording about EANAB not achieving its target as he felt that some members might misunderstand or misinterpret these statements and he would send some updated suggested wording to Kevin Lang.

Bruce Finlayson wanted to emphasise the legal responsibilities on EAL. Gordon Robertson responded that the EAL legal team would provide detail which could be included in an Appendix.

The wording around the comments relating to the failure of EANAB was raised and Lindsay Cole asked for the review to be adjusted. It was agreed that the terms of the Report on this aspect were a correct reflection of the evidence that had been gathered from the responses.

Discussion took place about the proposed structure. Bruce Finlayson stated that he had discussed the model structure with others who had been alarmed at what was proposed.

Bruce Finlayson commented on the different responsibilities on MPs, MSPs and Local Councillors and was concerned at the increased distance this model created for communities.

Kevin Lang responded that the idea was to strengthen and empower the board by having elected people on EANAB. This would in turn then create a blend of community representatives, elected people and specialists.

Robert Carr added that EANAB needed to be community lead but that by adding in MPs, MSPs and Councillors that this would mean that EANAB would have greater power to influence decision-making within the relevant entities.

It was added that the presence of these representatives might also engender improved conduct at meetings.

Ray Godfree talked of the same pitfalls and pointers that still needed to be addressed in the ideas emanating from the review.

The subject of the comments around upgraded use of social media and the website was a subject that needed further consideration.

Bruce Finlayson asked that the Report emphasise the link of EANAB's annual work plan to the NAP.

Bruce Finlayson had raised the thoughts that there should be a transition period to help the Board through any changes and that this might need some interim support from an outside person. It was agreed Gordon Robertson would investigate finding an independent mediator/facilitator from the Scottish Mediation Network as a potential solution.

Ray Godfree raised the possible benefit of a diagram to illustrate the proposed structure. It was agreed this was a good idea and Ray Godfree would circulate an outline diagram showing the potential structure of EANAB before the next meeting.

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Kevin Lang raised a question about Bruce Finlayson's earlier comment on discussion with others about the structure in the context of the obligation of confidentiality on all EANRP members. Bruce Finlayson responded by saying that this model as proposed had been the subject of discussion outwith the EANRP and it was in that context his comment had been made. He assured the meeting that there had been no breach of the obligation of confidentiality by him.

The next meeting would be scheduled for the end of the week commencing 29th November