

# Community meeting

## Meeting minutes

Port of Auckland, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 5:30pm-7pm

TIMING	AGENDA ITEM	OWNER
5:30pm	Welcome	Julie Wagener
5:35pm	General business update	Roger Gray
6:00pm	Infrastructure & Sustainability update	Alistair Kirk

6:30pm	Any other business	Roger Gray
6:45pm	Close	Roger Gray

Name	Organisation
Roger Gray	Port of Auckland
Alistair Kirk	Port of Auckland
Andrew Clark	Port of Auckland
Julie Wagener	Port of Auckland
Shelley Ashdown	Port of Auckland
Gayle Bennett	Local resident
Susan Geerlings	Local resident
Luke Niue	Local resident

Bill Endean	Local resident
Tim Coffey	Local resident (online)
Paul McCluckie	Local resident (online)

### **General Business Update: Roger Gray, CEO**

- Financial year update: Half Year budget was \$65 million NPAT; projected Half Year budget was \$42 million NPAT - \$15 million ahead of budget at half. Continuing to track above budget in January and February.
- Announced to market expecting a FY end final result of \$75-\$80 million; may have to revise this figure up if strong monthly results continue.
- Port volumes: good consistent volumes through container terminal. Bulk continues to be strong with the resurgence of coal arriving at port. Forecast for next six months, another half a million tonnes at least. Cement holding stable, structural steel down; cars are down 40% reflecting the economy but hope it will pick up next year.
- Cruise numbers are down about 10%, passengers numbers are holding at 335,000 for the season due to ships being fuller than expected.
- Safety: the number and severity of injuries continues to drop. The injuries are now more strains and sprains from lashings on ships rather than anything more serious.
- Cultural: MUNZ Collective agreement is currently being voted on with negotiations going well. Tripartite agreement with Auckland Council: working group is formed and met recently to discuss future plans for the port.
- Infrastructure: Fast Track application submitted and gone through first stage; currently in second stage; third stage to go and hope to have approval by 30<sup>th</sup> June. Construction to start soon after that.
- Community: Tipene scholarships and Pasifika scholarship as part of Māori and Pacific engagement programmes.

### **Infrastructure & Sustainability update: Alistair Kirk, General Manager Infrastructure**

- General update:
  - Going out to tender for Bledisloe North construction.
  - Solar panel installation: nearing completion with last panels going on car handling facility; objective is to have 20% of future energy sourced from solar.

- Temporary engineering workshop almost finished.
- Works ongoing in truck area: improving security; reducing backlogs and putting in toilets for drivers.

#### Other business

- Noise: since 1<sup>st</sup> January, had around five complaints around ship noise; and two complaints around other noise (offloading of material on Marsden; and general noise from port).
- Alistair Kirk response:
  - Continuing to work with the shipping lines and other ports on the low frequency noise from ships. Five vessels that call into port that do have a low score and therefore considered, noisy.
  - Shipping lines have been engaging with the port and starting to see genuine attempt to solve but head offices put certain ships onto runs but they are being proactive.
  - Further monitoring on first-time callers which passed.
  - Notify residents of the five known noisy ships.
  - Dialogue with Maritime New Zealand on noise standards across port has stalled but will keep progressing.
- Question from resident about noise standards and why POAL won't ban noisy ships
- Roger response:
  - Commerce Commission has deemed noise standards across country's ports 'cartel behaviour' so port has stepped away from it for now.
  - We are working to work collaboratively rather than banning a ship. Made very good progress with shipping lines. Striking balance between community and commercial considerations.
- Alistair response:
  - Unitary Plan sets out the noise limits the port has to comply with. Under the RMA international aircraft and ships are exempt from noise and emissions standards.
  - Due to the proactive work POAL doing with shipping lines, number of complaints has dropped significantly and number of noisy ships also dropped; heading in right direction.
  - Maritime NZ is the regulator in this space so liaising with MNZ on noise standards.
  - Age of ships coming to this country is getting newer.

- Question from resident about loud sirens on straddles waking up residents:
  - Siren sound on cranes has been dialled back
  - ACTION POINT: Alistair will check with Environment & Sustainability team on noise of sirens.
  
- Question from resident about ship emissions:
  - New Zealand has signed up to MARPOL 6 which stipulates low sulphur of fuel but no rules of how a ship burns a fuel and how efficiently it is burnt
  - ACTION POINT COMPLETED: Julie sent photo of emissions from Scotland to Alistair and Roger

#### Other business

- Half marathon on 6<sup>th</sup> April (Tamaki Drive closed)
- Pedestrian crossing on Gladstone Road being installed
- KiwiRail Block of Line from 12-24 April.
- Digital upgrades to our terminal operating system which means port shut down for 48 hours during upgrade over 11-13 April

Meeting closed.

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