

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

Project Monitoring Committee

Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 17th June 2009 at the Terminal Site, Bellanaboy, County Mayo.

Present: Mr. Brendan Butler, SEPIL
Ms. Aoife Reynolds, SEPIL
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Padraic Walsh, Mayo County Council
Mr. Michael Hughes, NWRFB
Mr. Ray Smith, EPA
Mr. Seamus Gaughan, Community Representative
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, DCENR

Apologies: Mr. Gerry Costello, SEPIL
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Tony Doyle, SEPIL
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Richard Cosgrove, Bord na Móna
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRFB
Mr. Denis Strong, NPWS, DoEHLG

In attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

As the Chairman, Mr. D. Mahon, was unavoidably absent, his apologies were tendered to the Committee by Mr. P. Hynes who then chaired the meeting.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 15th April 2009 and already circulated to the Members, were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Ó hÓbáin and seconded by Mr. Gaughan.

2. Matters arising

Mr. Hynes informed the meeting that the vacancy on the PMC, caused by the resignation of Mr. Nicholas Whyte, would be filled by Mr. Chris Tallott, the next alternate Community Representative. Mr. Tallot had agreed to participate on the PMC and will attend at the next meeting.

3. **Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake**

Mr. Walsh indicated that the Council is continuing to monitor the surface waters in and around the Bellanaboy site and outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the Members – copy of which, together with analysis results, is available on the Mayo County Council website – www.mayococo.ie

4. **Updates:**

▪ **Roadworks/Transportation**

Mr. Walsh outlined the position on roadworks/transportation, indicating that deliveries of abnormal loads have been completed and that works on the R314 and L1202 are substantially completed.

▪ **Bord na Móna**

The position on the Shrahmore Peat Repository is set out in the Bord na Móna report circulated to the Members – copy of which is available on www.mayococo.ie

In response to query raised by Mr. Gaughan regarding future employment prospects on the peat deposition site, the meeting was informed that this project is dependent on the outcome of the Bord Pleanala Oral Hearing currently underway.

5. **Update on Terminal**

Mr. Butler informed the meeting on the up to date position in respect of works undertaken and also the outlook from June 2009 onwards on the Terminal, as set out in report circulated to the meeting – copy of which is available on www.mayococo.ie He indicated that the project is 80% complete at present while it is hoped to commence backgasing in quarter two of 2010.

In relation to the downstream gas pipeline, Mr. Butler indicated that pipeline is now completed, apart from a 10m section at Bellacorick, which is it hoped will be undertaken shortly.

6. **Environmental Issues**

Ms. Reynolds outlined the position in relation to environmental issues at the Terminal, as set out in report circulated – copy of which is available on www.mayococo.ie

In reply to query raised by Mr. Smith regarding material lodging in probes, Ms. Reynolds indicated that this is due to the low water level in drains caused by the dry weather. However, these probes are cleaned daily.

In reply to query on the Axionics Unit, Ms. Reynolds informed the meeting that this is being used for the construction phase only, and that an ESMIL Unit which will provide ultra filtration of water will be provided on completion of the construction phase.

7. Community Fund

Mr. Walsh outlined details of the Bellanaboy Village Scheme indicating that it is proposed to provide new footpaths and public lighting from the terminal gate to Bellanaboy Bridge on the R314 at an estimated cost of €400,000.

He indicated that this project could be submitted to the North West Mayo Forum for consideration under the Corrib Gas Erris Development Fund.

All other projects undertaken under aegis of this Fund have now been completed, i.e.

- Bellanaboy Footpath along the L1204
- Attawalla Village Footpath
- Upgrade Glencullen River
- Bangor Angling Scheme

8. Local Issues

There were no issues for discussion.

9. Any other business

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held in Castlebar on 15th July 2009.

This concluded the business of the meeting.