

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE
(PMC) held in Áras an Chontae, Castlebar on 9th February 2005 at 11.00am.**

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Ms. Catriona Morrison, Project Manager, Corrib Terminal
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Leslie Finnegan, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Ray Smyth, EPA
Mr. Donal Wynne, Bord Na Mona
Mr. Michael Daly, Petroleum Affairs Division, Dept. CMNR
Mr. Vincent Roche, North Western Regional Fisheries Board
Sergeant Gus Moran
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council Project Manager
Mr. P. Hynes, Director of Services, Mayo County Council

In attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

Apologies: Mr. Gerry Costello, Shell E & P
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

At the outset, the Chairman, Mr. D. Mahon, indicated that Mr. Nicholas Whyte had informed him of his inability to attend today's meeting. He stated that constructive meetings with both Mayo County Council and Shell had been held recently and very good lines of communication had been established.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee (already circulated) held on 13th January 2005 were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Daly and seconded by Mr. Hynes.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update

(i) Roadworks:

Mr. P. Mahon circulated report outlining progress to date on roads and transportation. Copy of update published recently in local press, was also circulated and it was agreed that updated information should be published regularly. (Mr. P. Mahon acknowledged the excellent co-operation received from the North Western Regional Fisheries Board in agreeing programme of works on various bridges. Mr. Roche also acknowledged the excellent co-operation received from the Council staff in this regard.)

The Chairman suggested and it was agreed that notice boards be provided at the beginning and end of the roadworks, informing people who use the road of the current position and to have these notice boards updated in line with progress being made.

Mr. P. Mahon pointed out that progress meetings were being held in Belmullet at 12.00noon each Friday and it was agreed that a Garda representative would be invited to these meetings from now on.

Mr. McDonnell expressed appreciation on his own behalf and on behalf of Mr. Whyte in relation to standards being maintained on the roads in the vicinity of the development. However, he expressed concern in regard to road in the vicinity of Barretts Quarry. Mr. P. Mahon undertook to contact the quarry proprietors and request them to improve conditions.

Garda Gus Moran emphasised the need for proper road cleaning.

(ii) Environmental Monitoring Programme

Ms. C. Morrison circulated progress photographs and outlined current position:

- Work in progress on access road
- Terminal site cleared of shrubs
- Tree protection fencing in place
- In process of construction of office compound / administration area
- Installed environmental monitoring equipment
- Construction of settlement ponds
- Perimeter sheet piling
- Hope to mobilise on-shore pipeline site later this month and to commence peat haulage in late April.

Mr. Finnegan circulated progress report on environmental issues and indicated that the environmental monitoring programme was up and running.

- Mr. Strong requested that map be made available for the next PMC meeting showing sampling locations. This was agreed.
- Mr. Donal Wynne, Bord na Móna, clarified that monitoring of the Shramore Peat deposition site is the responsibility of Bord na Mona under planning permission issued.
- It was requested that “follow on” reports be provided to the PMC at it’s meetings in relation to any environmental incidents that occur with a “close off” report in each case.
- Mr. Strong requested that any tree removal be carried out where possible before the 1st March next and Ms. McLaverty indicated that this was in hand.
- Mr. Hynes indicated that environmental information and summary of results are being placed on Mayo County Council’s website and that the information will be updated weekly.

Mr. Wynne circulated Environmental Management System up date and progress report on the Shrahmore Site.

The Chairman requested that an overview map of the terminal site be made available.

5. Court Cases

Ms. McLaverty updated meeting indicating that the two applications for judicial review in the High Court had been moved to the Commercial Court. Case listed for mention on 21st February when it is hoped to have date for leave hearing in Commercial Court.

6. Any other business

Mr. McDonnell pointed out that there was considerable anger in the Rossport area and also in the Glengad area in relation to health and safety aspects of the Gas Refinery proposed for the area. Ms. McLaverty clarified the position and indicated that this issue is subject to a separate consent process. Part of the project involves the laying of pipeline in private lands to which most people were agreeable to grant wayleaves. Those who were not in agreement were subject to Compulsory Purchase Order which has now been finalised.

Mr. Daly indicated that an Objection Study had been carried out and undertook to forward copy of the Study to Mr. McDonnell. He further indicated that no objectors

took up offer of meeting with the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in order to address problems.

Mr. McDonnell pointed out that the community representatives on the PMC hoped to hold meeting with local community shortly to update them on issues of concern.

Mr. Hynes stated that some representations had been received from public representatives and these had been forwarded to the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

Chairman requested Mr. Daly to circulate all relevant information available (Parliamentary Questions, etc.) in order that everyone would be informed of up to date position.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will take place on 9th March 2005 in Áras an Chontae, Castlebar and that the April meeting be held in Aughoose.

This concluded the business of the meeting.