

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

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon

Present: Mr. Gerry Costello, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Leslie Finnegan, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Donal Wynne, Bord Na Mona
Mr. Michael Daly, Petroleum Affairs Division, Dept. CMNR
Mr. Vincent Roche, North Western Regional Fisheries Board
Superintendent James Gill, Bangor Erris
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Mr. Peter Hynes, Director of Services, Mayo County Council
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council Project Manager

Apologies: Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

In Attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

At the commencement, Mr. D. Mahon, Chairman, stated that Mr. Nicholas Whyte had informed him of his inability to attend today's meeting.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee held on 9th February 2005 were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Hynes and seconded by Mr. Strong.

2. Matters arising

It was agreed that the April Meeting of the PMC should be held in Castlebar and that the May Meeting would be held in Aughoose.

3. **Updates:**

(i) **Roadworks:**

Mr. P. Mahon circulated report on Roads and Transportation and outlined progress to date.

Mr. McDonnell raised the question of improvements to dangerous bend on L1024 and it was indicated that improvement measures had been undertaken at this location.

- (ii) Mr. D. Wynne circulated Environmental Management System up-date and also report setting out progress on Srahmore site. He indicated that it is hoped to commence peat haulage by 20th April, despite being currently 7 to 10 days behind schedule.

Committee members requested large-scale copy of map showing layout of Peat Transfer Station and Mr. Wynne undertook to have this provided.

(iii) **Environmental Monitoring Programme**

Mr. Finnegan circulated progress report on the Bellanaboy Bridge Site and outlined to the Meeting the current position including status of recorded incidents on site.

4. **Update on Terminal**

Mr. Costello circulated document (maps) to the meeting and outlined progress as detailed in document. He undertook to revert to Mr. McDonnell with details of peat quantities on temporary construction facility.

5. **Court Cases**

Ms. McLaverty informed meeting that the date given in the High Court for leave hearing is 12th April 2005 at which Judge will decide whether applicants will be given leave for Judicial Review.

6. **Meeting with Cloontakilla Residents**

Mr. McDonnell outlined details of meeting with Cloontakilla Residents, including issues raised regarding condition of roads, bridges, increased traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles. Signage on roads was considered a major factor and it was agreed that signs should be put in place indicating appropriate roads to be used by heavy goods vehicles. Garda Gill raised the question of empty lorries using unauthorised side roads when returning to Lennon's quarry and Mr. P. Mahon clarified that the use of these roads was agreed with Mayo County Council until such time as the main haul roads are completed.

7. Any other business

Mr. McDonnell informed meeting that both he and Mr. Whyte will be holding meetings with local community groups, commencing on 14th March next. (Initially only community groups involved in the selection of community representatives will be involved). Issues likely to be raised will include funding for amenities. Chairman outlined the position vis-à-vis funding as set out in Condition no. 42 of planning permission issued in respect of this project. Funding will be available to a value of €450k approximately (i.e. €1 per tonne) for projects along haul route from terminal site to peat deposition site only. It was agreed that Community Groups along the haul route should arrange to have plans prepared for improvement projects which could be funded out of the €450k which will be available.

Mr. McDonnell undertook to contact communities, encourage them to have plans formulated, and that he will have tentative plans available for next PMC meeting.

He also informed meeting that he had arranged press releases to local newspapers in order to inform local communities of up to date position on the project, appropriate facility for enquiries, complaints, etc.

It was agreed that the next PMC meeting will be held in Castlebar on 13th April 2005.

This concluded the business of the meeting.