

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE  
(PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS an CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR ON 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2005 at  
11.00am**

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**Chairman:** Mr. D. Mahon

**Present:** Mr. G. 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. Nicholas Whyte, 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. Ray Smith, Environmental Protection Agency  
Mr. Peter Hynes, Director of Services, Mayo County Council  
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council Project Manager

**In Attendance:** Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of Project Monitoring Committee, held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were approved, having been proposed by Mr. McDonnell and seconded by Mr. Roche.

**2. Matters arising**

Mr. McDonnell outlined details of recent meeting held with residents of Cloontakilla at which a number of issues were discussed including road works (since completed), provision of lit walkway around the village and concerns regarding number of vehicles using roads. Mr. P. Mahon indicated that he had met these residents recently and clarified the position in relation to their concerns. The residents have now been asked to prepare plans for an enhancement scheme for the village which will be considered as favourably as possible vis-à-vis funding available for projects along the haul route from the terminal site to the peat deposition site. Further meetings will be held with the residents.

**3. Updates:**

**(i) Roadworks / Transportation**

Mr. P. Mahon circulated report outlining progress to date and indicated that the widening and strengthening of relevant roads is effectively complete.

Work is currently underway on the preparation of Safety Audit and it is anticipated that this will be finalised this week.

Superintendent Gill enquired regarding the safety measures/flagmen at junctions on the Haul Road. Regular weekly meetings are held with Mayo County Council and Shell E & P Ireland Limited and it was agreed that Garda representative would be invited to these meetings where road safety issues can be resolved.

Mr. McDonnell requested that manning of junctions along haul road takes place at all times that haulage is being undertaken.

Mr. Strong enquired about road being put in place along conifer plantation adjacent to Bellanaboy Bridge. Mr. Hynes undertook to have this matter examined.

**(ii) Environmental Monitoring Committee**

Mr. Finnegan circulated report, prepared on calendar month basis, and updated the Committee on present position as set out in report. Mr. Roche queried the position regarding fuel storage on site and Mr. Finnegan agreed to revert to next meeting with full details of fuel tanks on site.

Ms. McLaverty outlined the position on geotechnical monitoring and circulated draft report in relation to the Risk Register for January/February 2005 to the meeting. She undertook to have final report submitted to PMC and Planning Authority by the end of this week. It was agreed that a set of geotechnical procedures was needed to be put in place in the event of a major/minor incident. Ms. McLaverty and Mr. Costello undertook to have this provided.

**(iii) Bord na Móna**

Mr. Wynne circulated progress report setting out up to date position on peat deposition site and indicated that it is hoped to be in a position to accept peat on site as soon as canteen facilities are provided. He also circulated large scale aerial photograph of the peat deposition site.

**4. Update on Terminal**

Mr. Costello indicated that movement of peat off site will commence shortly and this work will continue for the next six months. Project Management Limited and Fosker Wheeler have been appointed to manage all construction activities except works being undertaken by Roadbridge Limited.

**5. Court Cases**

Ms. McLaverty outlined position regarding leave hearing for two parties taking place in Commercial Courts in respect of Judicial Review of the planning decision – Martin Harrington and Peter Sweetman. She indicated

that Mr. Sweetman had now withdrawn case against the Environmental Protection Agency. She also indicated that Shell E & P Limited had obtained an Interlocutory Injunction allowing entry onto land in order to carry out works – this case to be heard in full at a later stage.

**6. Any other business**

Mr. McDonnell outlined details of meeting held recently with local community representatives which was also attended by Mr. P. Mahon and Mr. D. Turnbull of Mayo County Council. He indicated that various communities had expressed interest in obtaining funding from the community fund. However Chairman stated that funds would be available for works along the haul route only and requested that these communities (along haul route) would have proposals available by July / August next for evaluation.

Mr. Hynes requested that consideration be given to provision of signage in Irish as part of the Project is being undertaken in a Gaeltacht area,

As the next meeting of the PMC will be held in Aughoose Community Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2005, it was agreed that the Committee members would meet at the site office in Bangor Erris at 10.00am on that date prior to site visit.

This concluded the business of the meeting.