

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN CUAN NA FARRAIGE, AUGHOOSE, ON 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2005 AT 10.45am.**

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**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. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative  
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Mona  
Mr. Michael Daly, Petroleum Affairs Division, Dept. CMNR  
Mr. Vincent Roche, North Western Regional Fisheries Board  
Mr. Ray Smith, Environmental Protection Agency  
Sergeant Gus Moran,  
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. Donal Wynne, Bord na Mona

**In Attendance:** Mr. Bryan Kennedy, North Western Regional Fisheries Board  
Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2005, which were already circulated, were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Costello and seconded by Mr. Hynes. In relation to Item No. 6 of Minutes of PMC held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005, Mr. Daly pointed out that paragraph 2 should read ...*Mr. Daly indicated that an Objective Study had been carried out and undertook to forward copy of the Study to Mr. McDonnell.....* This amendment was agreed.

**2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3. Environmental Issues**

Mr. Costello outlined the position in relation to water quality as set out in report and graphical data circulated to the meeting. He indicated that peat haulage had ceased on 27<sup>th</sup> May due to water quality on site. This water is currently stored in the

settlement ponds and discussions are taking place with Mayo County Council regarding the exportation of this water from the site. Remedial action is taking place and peat haulage will only recommence when conditions are in accordance with Monitoring Plan.

Mr. Costello informed meeting that RSK Environmental Consultancy are currently on site looking at Environment Management System.

Mr. Kennedy of the North Western Regional Fisheries Board indicated that the Fisheries Board has major concerns with problems that have arisen in relation to water quality and requested that full details of water in temporary pond be forwarded to the NWRFB before being pumped to settlement ponds, and this was agreed.

Mr. McDonnell informed meeting of community unease regarding this matter and Mr. Costello undertook to reassure the local community before recommencement of peat haulage. Chairman undertook to arrange for the daily testing of water in Carrowmore Lake to be carried out and to have the results placed on Mayo County Council's website in order to reassure the public.

Mr. Whyte enquired if any spillage had taken place to the Glenamoy river estuary and it was confirmed that no evidence had been found of any such spillage.

Mr. Finnegan then outlined the position in relation to environmental issues as set out in progress report circulated to the meeting. In relation to incident no. 4, Mr. Finnegan undertook to submit report to Mayo County Council in order to conclude the matter.

In reply to queries raised by Mr. Roche, Mr. Finnegan clarified the position regarding fuel storage on site and it was agreed that arrangements would be made for Mr. Roche and Mr. Kennedy to visit the site in order to view the facilities.

#### **4. Updates:**

##### **(i) Roadworks / Transportation**

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the meeting. Mr. Costello raised the issue of improvements being carried out to Barnatra Road and agreed to consult with Mr. P. Mahon on this matter.

Mr. Whyte indicated that a number of complaints had been received regarding the Derrynameel to Glencastle Road.

Chairman requested that any queries regarding roads be channelled through Mr. P. Mahon.

##### **(ii) Bord na Móna**

Mr. McDonagh outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the meeting, including environmental management system update.

**5. Update on Terminal**

Mr. Costello informed meeting that letter of intent had issued to Project Management Limited which will undertake Civil, Mechanical and Electrical activities including commissioning of plant after the Roadbridge Limited contract is completed. Mr. McDonnell queried the amounts of excavated rock to be transported off-site and was informed by Ms. McLaverty that this is governed by planning permission issued for the project.

**6. Court cases**

Ms. McLaverty indicated that it is hoped to have result of Court cases available at the end of June.

**7. Community Fund**

Mr. Hynes informed meeting that preparatory work is being done on proposals for Community Fund and that draft proposals will be available for the next PMC meeting.

**8. Local issues**

Mr. McDonnell informed meeting he had received queries from residents of Cloontakilla regarding road repairs in the area. Mr. P. Mahon indicated that such repairs are included in the Council's Roadworks Scheme.

Queries were raised regarding level of business being obtained by local business people from staff employed on the Corrib Project and it was agreed that Shell E & P Ireland Limited would have the matter examined.

**9. Any other business**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Project Monitoring Committee would be held in Aughoose on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2005 at 11.00am.

As Mr. McDonnell will not be available to attend the next PMC meeting, Chairman indicated that it was in order for him to have substitute attend.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

