

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 26th October 2005 AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

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. Vincent Roche, NWRFB
Mr. Bryan Kennedy, NWRFB
Mr. Ray Smith, EPA
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Sergeant James Gill, An Garda Síochana
Mr. Michael Daly, Dept. CMNR
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council Project Engineer
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Gerard Mc Donnell, Community Representative

Apologies: Mr Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2005, and already circulated, were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Costello and seconded by Mr. Hynes.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3 : Correspondence

Correspondence from the Shell to Sea group concerning environmental issues at the Bellanaboy site was noted and would be discussed later.

4. Environmental issues:

Mr. P. Mahon circulated a report concerning access to the Bellanaboy site and environmental issues therein.

The report confirmed the presence of cloudy water in the terminal footprint and the overflowing of this liquid into the site drainage system. The report confirmed that sufficient dilution in the site drainage system was ensuring that the cloudy water was

not causing pollution. Concerns raised by the Shell to Sea group regarding lime / cement in the water and the presence of diesel on the site surface were dealt with in the report. Mayo County Council were satisfied that the cloudy water was runoff from the mineral soil and not lime/ cement . Mayo County Council had monitored the site on a regular basis for the previous two weeks and had not discovered any quantities of diesel on the site surface.

Mr. R. Smith suggested that a monitoring regime for diesel spillage be put in place on site.

Mr. B. Kennedy suggested that a diesel like film on the site surface may be a naturally occurring feature of bog water.

Mr. G. Mc Donnell stressed the urgency of the installation of the water treatment units. Mr. L. Finnegan informed the meeting that these would be in place and commissioned by the end of November.

The chairman informed the meeting that the Shell to Sea letter had been acknowledged by Mayo County Council.

Mr. L. Finnegan circulated an environmental report and a photographic report. The chairman queried the situation concerning access to the site. Mr G. Costello informed the meeting that Shell E&P Ireland (SEPIL) were communicating with Mr. Ed. Moran, representing the protestors, on a daily basis and that access to the site had normalised. SEPIL had facilitated regular visits to the site by the protestors and were considering extending an invitation to other locals to visit the site. Mr Costello informed the meeting that works other than environmental works would not recommence until 2006 and that peat excavation would not resume until Spring 2006.

Mr. D. Strong questioned the make up of the white water in the photographic report. Ms. A. Mc Lavery pointed out that this was the runoff from the mineral soils.

5. Updates:

- **Roadworks / Transportation**

Mr. P. Mahon circulated report setting out current position on roads and transportation.. Mr. Hynes informed the meeting that a meeting would be held in the near future between Mayo County Council and SEPIL to resolve the issues dealt with in the report..

- **Bord na Móna**

Bord na Móna Environmental Management System up-date (14/09/05) together with fortnightly progress report were circulated to the meeting by Mr. E. Mc Donagh. An issue concerning conflicting results of suspended solids was the subject of discussion with the EPA.

6. Update on Terminal

Mr. G. Costello informed the meeting that the geotechnical condition and the environmental condition of the site is being monitored daily. Also the application for the Integrated Pollution Control Licence was progressing with the EPA, the contract with Roadbridge Ltd. was in suspension and Project Management Limited were preparing documents for the various construction and commissioning contracts for the terminal site.

Mr D. Strong queried the intended location for unused mineral soil. Mr. P. Mahon confirmed that Mayo County Council had granted two permits for the disposal of mineral soil, at Glencastle and Tristia. Ms A. Mc Lavery informed the meeting that the issue was being reviewed by SEPIL.

7. Court Cases

Mr. G. Costello updated the meeting on the various court cases relating to the project.

8. Community Fund

Mr. P. Hynes informed the meeting that draft proposals for disbursing the community fund will be presented to the next meeting of the PMC. Mr. G. Mc Donnell expressed the view that funds relating to the 113,000 tonnes of peat already transported be spent on community projects as soon as possible. The chairman expected that the proposals for how the fund will be managed will be presented at the next PMC.

9. Local Issues

The establishment of the Pro Erris Gas Group was noted. Mr. G. Mc Donnell expressed concern that a mediator be appointed as soon as possible to deal with the upstream pipeline. Mr. M. Daly informed the meeting that an appointment was imminent.

10. Any Other Business

There was nothing discussed under this item.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will take place on 23rd November 2005.

This concluded the business of the meeting.