

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 15th FEBRUARY 2006, 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. Conor Murphy, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Leslie Finnegan, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Michael Hughes, NWRFB
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative
Ms. Irene O'Brien, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Sergeant James Gill, An Garda Síochana
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council Project Manager
Mr. Ray Smith, EPA

Apologies Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Michael Daly, Dept. Comm. Marine & Natural Resources
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRFB

In attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 11th January 2006 and already circulated were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Costello and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. **Correspondence**

The Chairman read apologies received from those unable to attend this meeting.

4. **Environmental Issues**

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the meeting. Discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- ◆ Gardai are investigating overtopping incident which took place on 1st February 2006.
- ◆ Developer has been requested to consider installation of smaller holding tanks for treated water before discharge to the site drainage system.
- ◆ Agreement had been reached with the Contractor that a fully automated system be installed that will backwash automatically.

As a result of concerns raised by members of the local community, Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Whyte raised queries regarding delays in installation and commissioning of equipment, and particularly the potential hazard likely to be caused by heavy rainfall.

Mr. Costello informed meeting that it is hoped to have Axonics Unit, which is currently down for upgrade, fully operational within one week.

He also outlined difficulties being encountered on site as a result of presence of “Shell to Sea” Campaigners.

The Chairman, Mr. Mahon informed the meeting that if there is no confirmation within one week that the Axonics equipment is fully operational, he will re-convene this meeting next week (w/c 20th February 2006).

5. **Updates:**

◆ **Roadworks/Transportation**

Mr. P. Mahon updated the meeting on roadworks / transportation as set out in his circulated report.

Mr. McDonnell expressed appreciation of works carried out outside the property of an individual along the haul road - this matter was raised at the last PMC meeting.

◆ **Bord na Móna**

In the absence of Mr. McDonagh, the Chairman read report received from Bord na Móna setting out the Environmental Management System up-date.

6. Update on Terminal

Mr. Finnegan updated the meeting on current environmental position as set out in his report already circulated to the members of the PMC.

This matter was also dealt with under Item 4 above.

7. Court Cases

- ◆ Judicial Review – Martin Harrington-v-An Bord Pleanála and Others:
Mr. Costello informed meeting that as indicated at January 2006 PMC Meeting, this case was heard before Mrs. Justice F. Macken on 20th December 2005 when judgement was reserved.
- ◆ Onshore Pipeline Proceedings – Shell E & P Ireland Limited-v-McGrath and Others:
Mr. Costello indicated that the 8th and 9th February 2006 had been set for Hearing by Ms. Justice M. Leffoy to deal with scope of proceedings, after which the scope of discovery will be dealt with.
- ◆ Peter Sweetman-v-Shell E & P Ireland Limited and Lennon Quarries and TJ Lennon:
This case had been arranged for hearing on 2nd/3rd February 2006. However, the case did not proceed due to non availability of Judge but has been re-scheduled for hearing on 7th/8th March 2006 before Mr. Justice Smyth.

8. Community Fund

Mr. P. Hynes circulated Community Fund Progress Report and discussion ensued. It was agreed to defer the matter for further consideration.

9. Local Issues

Mr. McDonnell brought to the attention of the meeting issues raised by a local individual (name supplied). Mr. Costello informed meeting he had also been contacted by this individual and undertook to follow up on points raised.

10. Any other business

There were no issues arising.

In the event of the meeting not being re-convened next week, it was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will take place on 5th April 2006.

This concluded the business of the meeting.