

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR ON 10th MAY 2006, AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Gerry Costello, SEPIL
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRFB
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative

Apologies: Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

In Attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 5th April 2006 and already circulated were proposed by Mr. Costello, seconded by Mr. Hynes and approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position in relation to water quality in Carrowmore Lake as set out in his report circulated to the meeting and indicated that the results show an improvement in the quality of the water.

Mr. Roche informed the meeting of excellent fishing in the lake at present which is indicative of the water quality. He undertook to provide, at the request of Mr. Hynes, an updated aquatic report for the Mayo County Council Belmullet Area Meeting.

4. Environmental Issues

Ms. McLaverty outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the meeting. She also showed some water samples, taken before and after treatment, from the footprint of the Terminal Site and also from the site discharge point.

5. Updates:

- **Roadworks/Transportation**

Mr. P. Mahon outlined details of accommodation works and road repair works currently being carried out by the Council in the area.

- **Bord na Móna**

Mr. McDonagh outlined the position regarding environmental monitoring, indicating no non compliance being recorded.

6. Update on Terminal

Mr. Costello informed the meeting that the Contractor is retained to recommence work as soon as is feasible, bearing in mind the current mediation process. He also indicated that Shell is prepared to look at alternative routes, which must, however, be practical. Mr. Costello undertook to have discussions with members of the PMC on the matter.

7. Court Cases

Mr. Costello outlined the position in relation to Court Cases:

- **Judicial Review – Martin Harrington-v-An Bord Pleanála and Others:**
The issue of costs of currently being dealt with.
- **Onshore Pipeline Proceedings:**
Mr. Costello informed the meeting that the application to the High Court for discovery of documents for the hearing of proceedings linked to the construction of the gas pipeline is being heard this week by Ms. Justice Mary Leffoy. However, it is not expected that the Hearing will take place before October next.
- **Peter Sweetman-v-Shell E & P Ireland Limited and Lennon quarries and TJ Lennon:**
Mr. Costello informed the meeting that this case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

8. Local Issues

Mr. McDonnell welcomed the publication of the Advantica Report and indicated that it was well received. He also indicated that the apologies issued by Shell to the local community were appreciated.

9. Any other business

There were no matters arising.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held on 14th June 2006 at 11.00am in Castlebar.

This concluded the business of the meeting.