

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 12th JULY, 2006, AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Mr. Gerry Costello, SEPIL
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Vincent Roche, North Western Regional Fisheries Board
Ms. Carmel Murray, DCMNR
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council
Sergeant James Gill, An Garda Síochana
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service

Apologies Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, DCMNR

In attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2006, and already circulated, were discussed.

In relation to Item No. 6 - Update on Terminal, Mr. Costello requested that the Minutes be amended to read as follows:

“However, tenders submitted by sub Contractors are currently being evaluated in order to be in a position to proceed with the construction of the Terminal Building on the completion of mediation.”

The Minutes were then proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Costello and approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position as set out in report circulated to the meeting and indicated that Mayo County Council's Project Team have continued to monitor the surface waters in and around the Bellanaboy site.

4. Environmental Issues

Mr. P. Mahon informed the meeting of the up to date position on environmental issues as set out in report already circulated. Mr. Costello explained the difficulties being encountered in gaining access to the Terminal Site and explained that it is proposed to commence installation of the Axonics Unit in September. However, Mr. McDonnell requested that the Axonics Unit should be installed as soon as possible rather than wait until September next.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Costello undertook to discuss this matter further with the Shell Management Team.

In response to query raised by Mr. Whyte in relation to Garda assistance at the Terminal Site, Sergeant James Gill indicated that the full co-operation of the Gardaí would be available if and when required.

5. Updates:

▪ Roadworks/Transportation

Mr. P. Mahon indicated that there was no change since the last PMC meeting.

▪ Bord na Móna

Mr. McDonagh outlined the position as set out in Bord na Móna report already circulated. He indicated that natural re-vegetation was occurring and he undertook to provide report for the September Meeting of the PMC on the rehabilitation of the areas affected by peat transportation.

In reply to query from Mr. Strong regarding re-seeding, Mr. McDonagh advised that natural recovery of the area was the preferred option of Bord na Móna.

6. Update on Terminal

Mr. Costello outlined to the meeting that no progress had been made on the Terminal Site since the last meeting. The report on the Site, already circulated by Shell, was noted.

7. Court Cases

Mr. Costello indicated he hoped to have full updated details on Court Cases for the September meeting of the PMC.

8. Local Issues

Mr. McDonnell informed the meeting he had met with the Bangor Angling Club who are currently preparing an application for funding for the pier/pontoon at Carrowmore Lake. A discussion ensued and Mr. Hynes undertook to facilitate a visit by the Club to view similar facilities in Clew Bay.

9. Any other business

There were no matters arising.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held in Castlebar on 20th September 2006 at 11.00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.