

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 20th SEPTEMBER, 2006, AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Mr. Gerry Costello, SEPIL
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Tony Doyle, SEPIL
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Ms. Carmel Murray, DCMNR
Mr. Dick Mc Keever, 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
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRFB
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 12th July 2006, and already circulated, were discussed.

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

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Report on Arbitration by Mr. Peter Cassells

The publication of the Arbitrator's "*Report and Recommendations from Mediation*" and the recommendations which it contained dealing with nine areas which need to be addressed to allow the project to proceed in partnership with the local community was broadly welcomed.

Mr. Mc Donnell brought up the issue of local community involvement in the PMC. Following discussion it was agreed that this issue would be addressed as a separate item on the agenda of the next PMC meeting.

4. 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 has continued to monitor the surface waters in and around the Bellanaboy site. The monitoring confirms that discharge from the Terminal site has had no adverse impact on the water quality of the Bellanaboy River and Carrowmore Lake or on the quality of drinking water produced at the Erris Regional Water Supply Scheme at Barnatra.

5. Environmental Issues

Mr. P. Mahon informed the meeting of the up to date position on environmental issues as set out in report circulated to the meeting. Mr. Costello informed the meeting of the intention to resume work on the Terminal site in the near future, subject to safe access being secured. Initial works would involve the installation of the larger Axonics unit and preparatory civil engineering works for the Terminal itself. Mr. McDonnell pointed out that the scale and nature of the demonstration at the site entrance posed considerable difficulties for the local community representatives on the PMC when visiting the site .

Mr. Hynes asked for the number of local employees expected to be working at the site. Mr. Costello indicated that an initial workforce of 60 employees was planned with approximately half being from Erris.

6. 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 also circulated a report outlining the level of natural re-vegetation that has occurred at the site over the previous twelve months. The rate of natural regeneration is faster than expected.

7. Update on Terminal

Mr. Costello outlined to the meeting that work was expected to resume at the Terminal Site in the near future subject to safe access being secured. The report on the Site, already circulated by Mr. Doyle, was noted. Mr. Costello circulated copies of a Shell newsletter which was recently distributed in the Kilcommon area outlining Shell's programme at the Bellanaboy site as well as other issues relating to the upstream pipeline.

8. Court Cases

Mr. Costello provided the meeting with updated details on the relevant Court Cases.

9. Local Issues

There were no matters arising.

10. Any other business

There were no matters arising.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held in Castlebar on 11th October 2006 at 11.00am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.