

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 11th October 2006 AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Mr. Gerry Costello, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Tony Doyle, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRFB
Mr. Ray Smith, EPA
Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbain, Dept. CMNR
Mr. R. McKeever, 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
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

Apologies: Ms. Agnes McLaverty, Shell E & P Ireland Ltd.

In Attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. D. Mahon, welcomed Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbain, who has replaced Mr. Michael Daly on the PMC, to the meeting.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 20th September 2006, and already circulated, were proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Costello and approved.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update on Terminal

Mr. Costello informed the meeting that no construction activities had been carried out on site during the month of September. He outlined the current position as set out in report dated 11th October 2006, which was circulated to the meeting.

Mr. Doyle outlined the environmental position, details of which were included in report circulated to the meeting.

Discussion took place on installation of Axonics Unit and Mr. Costello indicated that the installation timescale would be approximately three months. However, this would be dependent on access to the site. In the meantime, the existing Axonics Unit continues to operate.

4. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position as set out in report circulated. He pointed out that no results were available at SP1 and the Axonics Water Treatment Units due to difficulties in gaining access to the site.

In reply to query from Mr. Smith, Mr. Roche indicated that the NWRFB did not have any concerns in relation to the impact of total and dissolved aluminium levels from the Fisheries Board point of view.

A discussion took place on overtopping of holding ponds and the possibility of pumping water from the lower to upper ponds. Mr. Costello undertook to discuss this matter with the Site Team and he also undertook to have a detailed programme of work on site prepared for the next PMC Meeting.

5. Environmental Issues

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the up to date position in relation to environmental issues at the Bellanaboy Site, as set out in his report circulated for the meeting.

6. Updates

- Roadworks / Transportation
Mr. Mahon informed the meeting that a Road Survey on the main haul roads had been carried out recently. He also indicated that haulage of materials to the site had recommenced since 3rd October 2006.
- Bord na Móna
Mr. McDonagh updated the meeting on the environmental monitoring of the Shrahmore Peat Repository as set out in report circulated for the meeting.

7. Court Cases

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

- Judicial Review – Martin Harrington-v-An Bord Pleanala and Others
- Peter Sweetman S.160 proceedings

▪ **Onshore Pipeline Proceedings**

This case was in Court for mention on 28th September 2006 for the purposes of case management. Counsel for SEPIL explained the developments that had occurred since the case was last in Court – in summary that following the issue of Mr. Cassells' Mediation Report, SEPIL had decided to modify the route of the onshore pipeline to address the issue of proximity to housing, that on this basis SEPIL's claim was now redundant and that it therefore intended to discontinue its claim. Discussions had taken place with the legal representatives of the six defendants, who have all made counterclaims, but no agreement had yet been reached in relation to the settlement of the proceedings. After hearing from Counsel representing all the defendants, Judge Laffoy ordered that SEPIL issue a motion to discontinue its claim which would be heard in Court towards the end of October, depending on Court and Counsels' availability. The issue of discovery would be dealt with at the same time.

8. Local Issues

Mr. McDonnell raised the following issues:

- The difficult position of residents of Bellanaboy and other villages in the area vis-à-vis protests at entrance to Terminal Site.
- The employment of more local people on site.
- He enquired as to when SEPIL propose to commence Community Initiatives?
- Pipeline route modification.

Mr. Costello undertook to have these issues examined.

9. Cassells Report

Discussion took place on the Report and the following was agreed:

- To prepare summary for local newspapers of the issues discussed at each PMC Meeting.
- It was proposed by Mr. McDonnell, seconded by Mr. Whyte and resolved that Mr. Pdraig McGrath, Rossport be invited to join the Project Monitoring Committee as a community representative.
- The Chairman agreed to meet with a deputation from the Ballinaboy / Leenamore Residents' Group – Mr. McDonnell undertook to follow up this matter.
- A separate PMC e-mail address and postal address to be set up to facilitate submissions, queries, etc. from the public.

10. Any other business

Mr. McDonnell indicated that report would be available from Bangor Angling Club for the next PMC Meeting on a breakwater pier at Carrowmore Lake.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held on 8th November 2006 at 11.00am in Castlebar.

This concluded the business of the meeting.