

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN BREAFFY HOUSE HOTEL, CASTLEBAR ON 6th DECEMBER 2006 AT 11.30am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Terry Nolan, SEPIL
Mr. Tony Doyle, 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. Dick McKeever, DCMNR
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, DCMNR
Sgt. James Gill, Garda Síochana
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative

Apologies: Mr. Ray Smith, EPA

In Attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 8th November 2006, which had been already circulated, were approved, having been proposed by Mr. Hynes and seconded by Ms. McLaverty.

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Update on Terminal

Mr. Nolan outlined the up to date position on the Terminal site and indicated that SEPIL were very pleased with progress made on site in the last month. He indicated that the site of the pipe compound at Rosspoint had been restored to its original state following completion of dismantling and he acknowledged request of community representative, Mr. McDonnell in this matter.

Mr. Nolan thanked Sergeant Gill for the excellent and professional support received from the Garda Síochána at Bellanaboy.

Mr. McDonnell acknowledged and welcomed the progress made to date on the installation of Axonics Unit.

4. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the position in relation to water quality in Carrowmore Lake, as outlined in report circulated to the meeting. He pointed out that the results indicate no adverse impact on the Bellanaboy River or Carrowmore Lake.

5. Environmental issues

Mr. Doyle updated the meeting on environmental issues, as set out in report circulated to the meeting, and indicated that additional monitoring arrangements have also been put in place.

6. Updates:

Roadworks/Transportation:

Mr. P. Mahon indicated that the haulage of materials to the site is continuing, with no major changes taking place.

Bord na Móna:

Mr. McDonagh outlined the up to date position as set out in report circulated to the meeting and indicated that it is proposed to have sixteen personnel resume work at Srahmore in early January 2007. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the natural revegetation taking place on the Srahmore site should be highlighted. It was also agreed that Dr. Catherine Farrell of Bord na Móna would be requested to make a presentation on the regeneration of the site at the next PMC meeting.

In reply to Mr. Whyte, Mr. Roche confirmed that the NWRFB is satisfied with the monitoring of the peat deposition by Bord na Móna.

7. Court Cases

Mr. Nolan informed the meeting that the Court Hearing in relation to the onshore pipeline proceedings has been adjourned until the New Year.

8. Local Issues

Local issues were outlined as follows:

- Mr. McDonnell conveyed Mr. Padraic McGrath's thanks to the PMC for the invitation to join the Committee. However, Mr. McGrath declined the invitation.
- Mr. McDonnell conveyed the thanks of the Community in relation to the cleaning/repairing of signs, which were alluded to at the last meeting of the PMC.
- Mr. McDonnell indicated that a lot of goodwill had been generated in the Community by bonus payments made by Shell to their employees. He requested that local people be employed on site in as far as possible.
- In response to Mr. McDonnell, Mr. P. Mahon indicated that a major upgrade of the peat haulage roads would take place prior to recommencement of haulage, while minor improvements would be carried out in the interim.
- In relation to the Bangor Angling Club Project, Mr. McKeever informed the meeting that the matter had been examined by the DCMNR. In order to progress the project, either a probe survey or a seismic survey in the bay area is required and he stated that these options are currently being considered.

10. Any other business

Mr. Whyte requested that as the project progresses, both he and Mr. McDonnell as community representatives, would be provided with sufficient information to enable them inform the local community on the operations of the terminal.

Mr. Nolan confirmed the assistance of Shell in this matter, with visits to gas terminals, provision of information on their operation, safety standards, etc. to be available, as necessary.

In reply to Mr. Ó hÓbain, the Chairman informed the meeting that as the EMG wishes to have further community representation, Mr. John Coll, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise, Mayo County Council, has been requested to arrange to have two representatives for the EMG and one representative for the PMC elected through the Community Forum process.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will take place on 17th January 2007 in Castlebar.

This concluded the business of the meeting.