

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (PMC) HELD IN ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CASTLEBAR, ON 17th JANUARY 2007 AT 11.00am.

Chairman: Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager

Present: Mr. Gerry Costello, SEPIL
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Terry Nolan, SEPIL
Mr. Tony Doyle, SEPIL
Mr. Michael Hughes, NWRFB
Mr. Enda McDonagh, Bord na Móna
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative
Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council
Mr. Paddy Mahon, Mayo County Council
Mr. Dick McKeever, Dept. CMNR
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbain, Dept. CMNR
Sergeant James Gill, An Garda Síochana

Apologies: Mr. Denis Strong, National Parks & Wildlife Service
Mr. Vincent Roche, NWRBF

In attendance: Dr. Catherine Farrell, Bord na Móna
Mr. John Coll, Director of Services, Mayo County Council
Mr. Declan Turnbull, Adm. Office, Mayo County Council
Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting, which was held on 6th December 2006, were approved, having been proposed by Ms. McLaverty and seconded by Mr. Hynes.

2. Matters arising

In relation to item No. 8, Mr. Coll, Director of Services, Community and Enterprise Section of Mayo County Council, made a presentation regarding Community representation on the Project Monitoring Committee and explained in detail the methodology used in the selection process. Mr. Coll and Mr. Turnbull undertook to have the process of selection, through the Community Forum, of additional members of the PMC and the EMG finalised as soon as possible.

3. Updates:

Roadworks/Transportation:

Mr. P. Mahon informed the meeting that rehabilitation works as required will be carried out on the haul roads prior to the resumption of peat haulage.

Bord na Móna:

Mr. McDonagh gave a Presentation on the Srahmore Site vis-à-vis the Waste Licence. He also outlined the environmental management system up-date on the Srahmore Peat Repository as set out in report circulated to the meeting.

Dr. Catherine Farrell, Bord na Móna, gave a Presentation on the Srahmore PDA Rehabilitation Plan, which is one of the largest such projects in Europe and she indicated that Bord na Móna is very satisfied with the rehabilitation results.

At the request of the Chairman, Dr. Farrell agreed to also give this Presentation to an Area Meeting of Mayo County Council which will be held in Belmullet shortly. In addition, she undertook to liaise with schools in relation to the project.

4. Update on Terminal

Mr. Costello outlined the up to date position on the installation of the Axonics Units.

In reply to query from Mr. Whyte, Mr. Costello confirmed that additional training programmes will be provided for drivers involved in haulage.

Mr. Doyle outlined the position on the Bellanaboy Bridge Site as set out in report circulated to the meeting.

5. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake

Mr. P. Mahon outlined the current position as set out in report circulated to the meeting. The Chairman requested that results of water quality tests would be circulated to the members of Mayo County Council in the Belmullet Electoral Area.

6. Environmental Issues

In reply to query from Mr. McDonnell regarding peat deposited at the Terminal site, Mr. Costello indicated that the peat is temporarily stored on site for use for landscaping purposes at a later stage.

It was agreed that a presentation on the December 2006/January 2007 Geotechnical Report would be made at the next PMC Meeting.

7. Court Cases

Mr. Nolan informed the meeting that the Court Hearing in relation to the onshore pipeline proceedings commenced this week.

8. Local Issues

Mr. McDonnell undertook to liaise with Mr. John Coll and Mr. Declan Turnbull regarding the making of information on the project available to the local community via community representatives on the PMC.

In reply to request from Mr. Whyte, Mr. Costello undertook to provide the Community representatives on the PMC with further information on the cold venting of gas.

Mr. Costello indicated that prior to peat haulage resuming, advertisements will be placed in the local papers, and information sheets on the Traffic Management Plan will be circulated in order to inform the local community of traffic arrangements. School wardens will also be put in place

9. Any other business

There were no issues arising.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will be held on 21st February 2007.

This concluded the business of the meeting.