

# **CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT**

## **PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 at 5.30pm in the Park Inn Hotel, Mulranny, Co. Mayo.**

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**Present:**

**Chairman:**

Mr. D. Mahon, County Manager  
Mr. Gerry Costello, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Mr. Brendan Butler, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Mr. Tony Doyle, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Ms. Aoife Reynolds, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Mr. Denis Strong, NPWS, DoEHLG  
Mr. Dick McKeever, Dept. Agriculture, Fisheries & Food  
Mr. Vincent Roche, North Western Regional Fisheries Board  
Garda James Gill, Garda Síochána  
Mr. Seamus Gaughan, Community Representative  
Mr. Kieran Lynn, Mayo County Council  
Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Council  
Mr. Richard Cosgrove, Bórd na Móna

**Apologies:**

Mr. Gerard McDonnell, Community Representative  
Mr. Nicholas Whyte, Community Representative  
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, Dept. CENR  
Mr. Ray Smith, EPA

**In attendance:**

Ms. Susan Shannon, Social Investment Representative, Shell E & P Ireland Limited  
Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

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**1. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Project Monitoring Committee Meeting, held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and already circulated, were approved having been proposed by Mr. Roche and seconded by Mr. Costello.

**2. Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **3. Water Quality – Carrowmore Lake**

Mr. Lynn outlined to the meeting the up to date position in relation to water quality of Carrowmore Lake and he confirmed that the discharge of surface water from the Terminal Site has had no significant impact on the water quality of the Bellanaboy River and Carrowmore Lake. Summaries of the most recent results and Mr. Lynn's report are available on the Mayo County Council website – [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie) Following discussions on the report it was agreed that personnel from the NWRFB, Mayo County Council and SEPIL would meet on site.

### **4. Updates:**

#### **Roadworks/Transportation.**

Mr. Lynn informed the meeting that deliveries of heavy/long loads are continuing.

#### **Bord na Móna**

The report on the Shrahmore Peat Repository, which had already been circulated, was noted. A copy of this report is available on [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie)

### **5. Update on Terminal**

Mr. Butler updated the meeting on the Terminal building as set out in report dated 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 – copy of which is available on [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie) He indicated that the project is two-thirds complete with 950 people employed at present.

### **6. Environmental Issues**

Mr. Doyle outlined to the meeting the current position in respect of environmental issues, as set out in report circulated on the Bellanaboy Bridge Site – copy of which is available on [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie) He indicated that there were no serious matters arising on site during the period covered in the report.

### **7. Community Fund**

The position in relation to the projects being carried out under the Community Fund was outlined, as set out in report prepared by Mr. Lynn – copy of which is available on [www.mayococo.ie](http://www.mayococo.ie).

- ❑ Attawalla – project complete
- ❑ Bellanaboy Community Group Scheme – project complete
- ❑ Glencullen River Scheme – project complete
- ❑ Bangor Angling Scheme –  
Mr. Gaughan indicated that a meeting is being arranged between Mayo County Council and Officers of the Angling Club in order to clarify any outstanding issues.
- ❑ Bellanaboy Village scheme –  
Mr. Costello informed the meeting that this project is still under consideration.

The Chairman outlined details of the recently established North West Mayo Community Forum and indicated that the element relating to socio-economic development of the North West Mayo Region would be undertaken by Mayo County Council as the lead Authority. He also outlined the importance of making this happen quickly, which will give tangible benefit for the community as a whole, and he asked for the co-operation and support of the PMC in this task. This was agreed by each Agency present.

**Address by Social Investment Advisor (SEPIL)**

Ms. Susan Shannon, Social Investment Advisor with SEPIL addressed the meeting and outlined details of social investment by Shell in the Erris region.

She informed the meeting that while investment from the fund does not cover infrastructure in the area, it is hoped it would mirror the investment fund recommended in the Cassells Report and provide sustainable projects. Proposals submitted to SEPIL are evaluated by an Advisory Panel, (which consists of representatives of Mayo County Council, County Enterprise Board, Leader, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Council for the West), and this Panel makes recommendations to the Shell Management Team on projects considered suitable for funding . Ms. Shannon advised the meeting that €1.4m has been committed to social investment in the area since 2006.

**8. Local Issues**

There were no issues raised.

**9. Any other business**

There were no matters raised.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the PMC will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in Castlebar.

This concluded the business of the meeting.