

CORRIB GAS DEVELOPMENT

ON-SHORE PIPELINE PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the On-shore pipeline Project Monitoring Committee Meeting held on 25th May 2011 in Áras an Chontae, Castlebar, at 11.00am.

Present: Mr. Peter Hynes, Mayo County Manager (Chairman)
Mr. Padraic Walsh, M.C.C.
Ms. Agnes McLaverty, SEPIL
Mr. Gerry Campbell, SEPIL
Ms. Aoife Reynolds, SEPIL
Mr. Eamon Kelly, SEPIL
Mr. Ciarán Ó hÓbáin, DCENR
Mr. Denis Strong, N.P.W.S.
Mr. Micheal Healy, Glenamoy Community Angling Association
Mr. Philip Irwin, Glenamoy Angling Club
Mr. Kieran Moran, Kilcommon GAA Club
Mr. John Conneely, IFI
Mr. Richard Cosgrove, Bord na Móna

In attendance: Ms. Muriel Finnerty, Mayo County Council

The Chairman, Mr. Hynes, welcomed everybody to the first meeting of the Onshore Pipeline Project Monitoring Committee Meeting and outlined the aegis under which the Committee was set up.

1. Introductions

As there was no representative from the Foreshore Section of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government on the Committee, it was agreed to co-opt Mr. D. McKeever. Mr. McKeever then joined the meeting. A report on the selection process for Community Representatives was circulated to the meeting and the Chairman indicated that three of the four nominees were present. However, the fourth nominee had declined to join the Committee for the moment pending further clarification.

2. Role of Committee

The Chairman outlined the role of the Committee as set out in Condition 14 of planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanála for the project.

3. Modus Operandi

Mr. Moran suggested that pollution of the Glenamoy River and environmental issues would be pertinent to discussions.

Mr. Healy suggested that there should be a channel for communication and information available to local representatives on the Committee and it was agreed that any issues arising could be discussed at the PMC Meetings.

Mr. Campbell informed the meeting that plans were underway to start construction work before the end of June next as key Contractors have been appointed.

Mr. Ó hÓbáin indicated that the Department is establishing a committee similar to the onshore pipeline PMC which would be an advisory and communications forum in order to bring together the different Bodies involved and also that the current pipeline EMG will be subsumed into this Monitoring Committee.

Mr. McKeever outlined to the meeting that the Foreshore Licence necessitates that a further Committee be established.

4. Topics for Consideration

Mr. Irwin highlighted the need for local people to be employed by Security Firms working locally and Mr. Campbell undertook to ensure that this happened in as far as possible.

5. Other Issues

Mr. Hynes requested that SEPIL would set out a point of contact for the Local Community Representatives.

He also suggested that the community representatives would be facilitated with site visits as required and he requested the undertaker to have proposals for the next meeting in this regard.

6. Schedule of Meetings

It was agreed that the next meeting of the On-Shore Pipeline PMC would take place on 24th June 2011 at 10.00am in Castlebar.

As Mr. Strong will no longer be attending meetings of the PMC, he thanked all the members of the Committee for their support over the past several years and he wished the project well in the future. On behalf of SEPIL Ms. McLaverty thanked Mr. Strong for his contribution to the Committee, as did Mr. Hynes on behalf of the Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting.