

**Avoca Project Board Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

**Attendance:**

**Eoin Deegan, Paul McDermott, Neasa Lehane, Laurena Leacy and Matthew Shaw**

**A.** The minutes from the previous meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 were agreed.

**B. Update on Actions from previous meeting**

- Comments were provided on the newsletter to residents as required.
- A copy of the Planning Permission was sent to Matthew Shaw as agreed.
- An extension was sought for Planning Permission. The extension has since been granted by Wicklow Co Council (WCC).
- Eoin Deegan held meetings with residents on a number of occasions.

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- The newsletter was updated and was issued to the residents.
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- The central framework register of contractors was checked to find out if Civil Engineering services were available on same. This item has since been superseded by developments.

**850 works (ED)**

The works have been completed along with the final the tidy up. Invoices have been paid apart from the retention amount which not due to be paid until next year. Change Control Notices have been submitted to the Department by the contractor.

**Land registration**

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**Monitoring**

Report 6 has been received in Draft format. It is still to be reviewed by Roger Olsen of CDM Smith before a final draft version can be submitted to the DECC

The reports are currently published on the DECC and Minerals Ireland websites. It was agreed that they would be published on Gov.ie also.

The contract for monitoring the site is due to expire in December 2021. The future monitoring of the site, after current contract expires, should be considered in the overall context of the site responsibilities going forward. In any case it should be examined mid year 2021.

**Invasive Species**

The Invasive Species contract has expired. A report is due to be received from the contractor in the Spring. The infestation is now under control and is reduced to a few seedlings in a reduced number of locations. The report will have to be considered when received and a decision made on any requirement for a new contractor to be appointed. To be considered will be whether to allow the invasive species to gradually return or to keep them under control. In addition consideration must be given to the infestation in the area around Whitebridge. Any new contract will also depend on any overall agreement with WCC.

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## **Invoices**

The invoice for all contract are paid up to date. Land Surveys have been paid their final Invoice. The balance of the funds for the 850 Adit of retention fee for QME (€58k) will be due in 2021.

## **Board 2021 – GSPD**

Responsibility for the Avoca project will go to the GSPD. It was agreed that the board should continue for the moment. Paul McDermott and Neasa Lehane will not longer be on the Board.

Eoin Deegan thanked them both for all their excellent work on this project to date. Both Paul and Neasa are available for advice if required.

## **Action**

- [REDACTED]
2. Neasa Lehane has a list of files which are to be entered on the Division's file register.
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5. A new Board is to be re-convened in Q1 2021.
6. Final draft version of Report 6 to be submitted by CDM Smith.
7. Decision to be taken on requirements for future contract for the treatment of the invasive species.
8. Decision to be made on any requirements on Environmental Monitoring contract to be made mid 2021 in the context of the overall responsibilities of the site.

