

Avoca Project Board Meeting 14th April 2020

Attendance:

Eoin Deegan, Matthew Shaw, Marc Kierans, Paul McDermott, Wayne Cox, Eileen Walsh,
Ross Brady

A. The minutes from the previous meeting of 10th March, 2020 were agreed.

B. Update on Actions from previous meeting

1. Resourcing of a Civil Engineer still ongoing -Technical expert to have the specifications within the next week.

4. CDM contacted regarding the Change Control notices and a revised estimate of the funding requirements was provided.
5. Finance Unit have requested updated estimates of the funding requirement for 2020 by end of this week.
6. Environmental Monitoring Contract to be noted for decision on its extension in June as recommended by Eibhlin Doyle.

C. LTMS Engineering Report

Discussion took place on the Engineering Report dated 8th April prepared by LTMS regarding the ground stability of the 850 Adit and works undertaken to date. The report identified that while the site is currently stable there is a high risk of instability due to adverse weather like heavy rainfall or extended period of dry weather. Based on the Engineering report the Board discussed the possibility of allowing the works to be re-commenced. The Health and Safety issues were discussed and it was highlighted by Paul that further weakness in the adit could cause instability or the potential for landslides. In the circumstances the Board agreed that the works could be allowed to re-commence. The commencement would be subject to the contractors ensuring that they were compliant with Covid 19 instructions.

Eoin Deegan agreed to issue a letter to the contractors stating that they were essential workers, as per the Covid 19 guidance, until the 5th May 2020, the date for which Governments restrictions are in place. The continuation of the project could then be reviewed in accordance with any new Governments instructions that would be in place at that time.

The following issues were to be followed up on by CDM Smith who are managing the project

The Local residents are to be notified in advance of the re-commencement of the works along with the local/relevant Garda stations to be also informed

D. Avoca Maintenance Plan

Eoin Deegan to discuss with Wicklow Co Council and to check if a Meeting could be arranged with them.

	Action from Meeting	Assigned to	Date for completion
1	Prepare specifications to resource a Civil Engineer	Paul McDermott	21/04/2020
2	[REDACTED]	Paul McDermott	24/04/2020
3	Follow up with Finance/Procurement on revised funding requirements for the project	Eileen Walsh/Eoin Deegan	17/04/2020
4	Letter to issue to contractors to allow the re-commencement of the Health and Safety works at the 850 Adit until the 5th May at which time this will be reviewed by the Project Board.	Eoin Deegan	
5	Decision on the extension of the Environmental Monitoring Contract to be made in June	Project Board	June 2020
6	[REDACTED]	Neasa Lehane	On return from leave.
7.	Ensure notification of re-commencement of the project to be given to Local Residents and Garda Stations	CDM/ Paul McDermott	
8	Map to be prepared for OPW relating to the fencing repairs	Paul McDermott	Dependant on Covid Restrictions
9	Letter extending Invasive Species contract to be issued	Ross Brady/ Eoin Deegan	08/05/2020