

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
CORK TRAINING CENTRE, ROSSA AVENUE
21st JANUARY 2016

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Des O'Grady</i>	<i>Mr. Paudie Palmer</i>
<i>Cllr. Michael Hegarty</i>	<i>Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Mr. Sean O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Cllr. Christopher O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Ms. Louise Sheehan</i>
<i>Cllr. Tim Brosnan</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Tom Deenihan</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Shields</i>	<i>Mr. Declan O'Leary</i>
<i>Cllr. Chris O'Leary</i>	<i>Ms. Mary O'Grady</i>

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<i>Mr. Ted Owens, CE</i>	<i>Mr. John Fitzgibbons, EO</i>
<i>Mr. Martin Hallahan, PO</i>	<i>Ms. Clare Creedon (Minute Taker)</i>

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of 2016. The CE took the opportunity to welcome Ms. Louise Sheehan to the Board, as replacement for Ms. Una O'Donnell, Parent Nominee.

APOLOGIES

- Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Members, Cllr. Mary Hegarty, Cllr. Claire Cullinane, Cllr. Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony, Cllr. Laura McGonigle, Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan and Ms. Gillian Keating.

CONDOLENCES

- † To the family of Conor O'Leary, Leaving Certificate student at Glanmire Community College, on his death
- † To Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan, Vice-Chair, and family, on the death of his father
- † To Maeve Flavin, Secretary in St. Aidan's CC, on the death of her mother
- † To Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy, Chairman, and family on the death of his father

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to all students that took part and to the students from Coláiste Choilm, St. Brogan's College and Schull Community College on coming Highly Commended at the BT Young Scientist Competition 2016.

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Tim Brosnan, seconded by Mr. Paudie Palmer, adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on **19th November 2015** (copy herewith).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Paudie Palmer, seconded by Rev. Dr. Tom Deenihan, adopted the DES, ETBI, SOLAS and General Correspondence as presented (copies herewith).

DES Correspondence

- **23.11.2015 – Sanction for leases** – Cllr. Des O’Grady asked if all leases that were submitted have been sanctioned. The CE stated that HQ did an extensive audit on leases and all 24 that were submitted to the DES were approved.

ETBI Correspondence

- **23.11.2015 – ETBI Legal brief regarding withdrawing from classes in religious education** – Cllr. Des O’Grady asked if a copy of the brief could be forwarded to members. Mr. Declan O’Leary queried as to whether there were figures available regarding how many students in CETB schools that opt out of religious education. John Fitzgibbons advised that it is a relatively small number. The Board requested that figures would be requested from the schools. John advised that he would write to all schools and request the information for the next Board meeting.
- **17.12.2015 – ETBI Brief regarding a MOU and SLA with SOLAS** – Cllr. Chris O’Leary stated that he would have concerns with regards to the apprenticeships and consideration being given to the level of entry being changed to a requirement of Leaving Certificate. John Fitzgibbons stated that currently it is still the Junior Certificate is the entry requirement. There is no proposal to change the entry point for the trade apprenticeships. The case being made is for the Leaving Certificate to be the entry requirement for some new proposed professional apprenticeships. After some discussion, the CE stated that CETB will monitor this issue closely.

CE’S REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Chris O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Paudie Palmer approved the adoption of the CEO’s Report, incorporating the Education Report, Finance Report and the Capital Report (copy herewith).

- **Item 7 – PLC Review** – Cllr. Tim Brosnan referred to a recent Board of Management meeting that took place in St. John’s College and advised that the BOM felt that the ESRI should be invited to the colleges to meet the staff and the students so they can get an understanding of the way the colleges are run and not confine themselves to a desk review of the PLC sector. The CE stated that the ESRI pride themselves as one of the premier research groups and that their work would involve more than a desk review and he will indeed invite them to come visit the large PLC colleges in Cork.
- **Item 11 – Carrigtwohill Community College** – The CE informed the Board that he has insisted to the DES that CETB want to be involved with regards to the planning process. Cork ETB has been kept on the side-line regarding the permanent build and associated land acquisition. Cork County Council has given permission for the school to be housed in an excellent building in Fota Business Park temporarily. This building will need some re-designing carried out and a complete fit-out. John Fitzgibbons advised that the building is of a very high quality, 2 storeys high and currently has clear floor space. CETB will also be able to accommodate specialist classrooms within this building, a social area for students and disability access is already in situ. Cllr. Des O’Grady asked what the length of the lease would be and the CE confirmed that it would be for two years with an option to renew/extend. Cllr. Michael Hegarty stated that he appreciated the update from the CE and was delighted with regards to the developments for the temporary building but expressed his concerns with regards to the possible site for the permanent build. He stated that he would have concerns with regards to flooding issues on the land.
- **Item 12 – Coláiste Mhuire, Buttevant** – Mr. Seán O’Sullivan took the opportunity to thank the CE and Martin Hallahan for their commitment and work that went into the new building for Coláiste Mhuire. He stated that it is a fantastic, modern piece of infrastructure that he hopes will become a template for future developments. The CE stated that it would be good to hold the March ETB meeting in Coláiste Mhuire to give Board members the opportunity to see the new facility first hand.

Building Report

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Chris O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Seán O’Sullivan, approved the request from NDFFA to cede a portion of the site to Cork County Council for the public road/footpaths.

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Chris O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Paudie Palmer, approved the request to cede a small portion of the site to Cork County Council for road widening/footpaths.

Cllr. Des O’Grady referred to the School Building Programme 2016-2021 and stated that Coachford College has been identified for an extension. However, the BOM have contacted the CE to express the need for a new school building, not just an extension. Martin Hallahan stated that he has contacted the DES and clarified that they are on the building programme list but the details have not been finalised as of yet. They have yet to commence the process of defining actual needs for schools. The CE stated that the BOM had written to him and he will be in contact with them shortly.

COMMITTEES

Board of Management Nominees

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Paudie Palmer, seconded by Cllr. Tim Brosnan approved the following members on the BOM of Coláiste Daibhád:

- Pól Ó Ruiséal
- Máiread Ní Mhaoiléoin
- Mathias Jauch

RESERVED ITEMS

Sealing of Documents

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Chris O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Declan O’Leary, approved the lease between CETB and Hollyhill Knocknaheeny Cork Family Centre.
- The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Paudie Palmer, seconded by Cllr. Tim Brosnan, approved the license between CETB and Brendan & Ann O’Callaghan for Unit 4, Fermoy Enterprise Park, to house Youthreach Fermoy for 3 years from 1st September 2015.
- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Chris O’Leary, seconded by Mr. Seán O’Sullivan, approved the Wayleave Agreement between John Deane and John Ruane and Cork ETB in relation to lands at Carrigaline.

Appointment of NALA Nominee

- The Board, on the proposition of Ms. Mary O’Grady, seconded by Mr. Declan O’Leary, approved the appointment of Ms. Pearl Nolan, in replacement of Ms. Bidy McDonagh.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR CONFIRMING

The Board, noted the documents as outlined in the list submitted by the CE (**copy herewith**).

AOB

The Board agreed the following dates for the remainder of 2016:

March 24th

May 19th

June 23rd

September 15th

November 17th

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 24th March 2016 in Coláiste Mhuire, Buttevant, Co. Cork.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____