

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
CORK TRAINING CENTRE, ROSSA AVENUE
18TH JANUARY 2018

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Des O'Grady</i>	<i>Cllr. Sean Martin</i>
<i>Cllr. Kay Dawson</i>	<i>Cllr. Chris O'Leary</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Hegarty</i>	<i>Mr. Paudie Palmer</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon</i>
<i>Cllr. Christopher O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Mr. Ger Looney</i>
<i>Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Mr. Rob Bateman</i>
<i>Cllr. Kevin Conway</i>	<i>Mr. Declan O'Leary</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Shields</i>	<i>Ms. Louise Sheehan</i>
<i>Cllr. Gillian Coughlan</i>	

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<i>Mr. Ted Owens, Chief Executive</i>	<i>Ms. Suzanne Mullins, Director of O.S.D</i>
<i>Mr. John Fitzgibbons, Director of FET</i>	<i>Ms. Clare Creedon (Secretary to the Board)</i>
<i>Mr. Pat McKelvey, Director of Schools</i>	

WELCOME

The CE welcomed members to the meeting and advised members that he had invited BTYSTE 2018 winner Simon Meehan from Coláiste Choilm, along with his teacher Karina Lyne and Principal Michelle Sliney. He stated that CETB are so proud of Simon's tremendous achievement and congratulate Ms. Lyne and Ms. Sliney. Ms. Sliney stated that Simon has an incredible talent and he has won the heart of the nation. She stated that Simon is a kind and gentle young man and is extremely popular with the staff of Coláiste Choilm and his peers. Ms. Sliney thanked Ms. Lyne for all her hard work and support she has given Simon and all the students. She is creative and innovative and committed. Ms. Lyne stated that Simon made her job very easy as he had so much work and research done when he came to her. Simon stated that the staff of Coláiste Choilm have inspired him and have given him the roots to grow and develop into the future.

The CE welcomed Cllr. Sean Martin to the Board, as replacement for Cllr. Tim Brosnan.

APOLOGIES

- Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Members, Cllr. Laura McGonigle, Ms. Pearl Nolan and Ms. Mary O'Grady.

CONDOLENCES

- † To the family of Tadhg Ó Conaill, former Deputy Principal of Coláiste Ghobnatan, on his death
- † To the family of Brian Young, Transition Year student in Schull Community College, on his death
- † To Ms. Frances Moynihan, DP in Millstreet Community School, on the death of her mother

✚ To Minister Seán Sherlock and family on the death of his mother

✚ To Michael Crowley FET Co-Ordinator and Danny Crowley, YR Co-Ordinator on the death of their father

✚ To the family of Kieran Lyons, former CEO of City of Waterford VEC, on his death

✚ To the family of Mattie Murphy, former Science teacher in Coláiste Treasa, on his death

CONGRATULATIONS

➤ Congratulations to all students from the following schools who won prizes at this years

BTYSTE:

- Coláiste Choilm
- Coláiste Treasa
- Schull Community College
- St. Brogan's College
- Clonakilty Community College
- Glanmire Community College

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Kevin Conway, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty, adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on **16th November 2017 (copy herewith)**.

RESERVED ITEMS

Leases/Licences

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Shields, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty, approved the leases/licences as follows:

- A lease between Cork ETB and Con & Anne O'Leary for a building at Bandon Commercial Centre, to be used by Bandon Youthreach. It measures 686 sq metres. The initial lease will run from 1st June. 2015 to 31st May, 2020 and will cost €64,000.00 pa. DES sanction has been received.
- A lease between Cork ETB and Michael Prendergast for a building at the Q Centre, Mallow to be used by North Cork Adult Literacy. It measures 558 sq metres. The initial lease will run from 1st June. 2015 to 31st May, 2020 will cost €60,000.00 pa. DES sanction has been received.
- A licence between Cork ETB and Findlater House Ltd. for a building at South Terrace, Cork to be used by St. John's Central College whilst works are going on at the College. It measures 468 sq metres. The licence will run from 1st September, 2017 to 1st June 2018. The cost will be €55,000.00 pa.
- A lease between Cork ETB and Noel O'Herlihy for a Lease on Westside Business Park, Model Farm Road to be used as a Training Centre. The initial lease will be for 10 years from 1st June, 2017 and will cost €203,000.00 pa. The building measures 1418 sq metres. DES sanction has been received.

- Carrigaline Education Campus, Ardnacloghy – purchase of the site and general conditions of sale. A request from the Vendor seeking formal confirmation that CETB will not invoke Clause 15 of the Sale Agreement in the future. DES approval for CETB to issue formal confirmation to the Vendor has been received.

Mr. Declan O’Leary sought clarification in relation to what Clause 15 referred to and the CE advised that it related to the diversion of a 100KV line but this diversion is not required now.

Section 29 Appeals for noting

- **Refusal to enrol – St. Aidan’s Community College**
 - It was the decision of the Section 29 Appeals Board not to uphold the appeal on the basis that the College had observed fair and reasonable procedures in dealing with this case.
- **Permanent Exclusion – St. Aidan’s Community College**
 - It was the decision of the Section 29 Appeals Board to uphold the appeal on the basis that the College had not observed fair and reasonable procedures in dealing with this case.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Pdraig O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Christopher O’Sullivan approved the adoption of the Executive Report, incorporating the Finance Report and the Capital Report (**copy herewith**).

- **Item 5 – Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin Temporary Accommodation** – Mr. Rob Bateman referred to the planning application that was submitted and asked the CE for an update as he had heard a rumour that the planning application was rejected and needs to re-submitted. There appeared to be issues regarding an under payment and parking spaces. He advised Mr. Bateman that he would look into this matter and revert to him in a matter of days.
- **Item 9 – PLC Review** – John Fitzgibbons referred to the PLC Review that was launched recently. The review referred to the acknowledgeable weaknesses in the PLC structure. However, it highlighted the positive and significant contribution PLC can make to the older generation and the younger generation in terms of creating pathways to Higher Education. The review noted that the linkages with the world of work need to be developed. SOLAS have issued a response document and the next stage is to establish an oversight Committee to oversee the implementation of the recommendations. Cllr. Christopher O’Sullivan stated that the review reiterates how important it is to prepare a marketing plan for the PLC sector and highlight the colleges and courses as much as possible. John Fitzgibbons advised that this is a work in progress at the moment.

Maura Fitzgibbon noted that in her opinion there is a lack of awareness at career guidance level. Students are being directed into courses and colleges that are not suitable for them. This area needs to be look at. The CE advised that John Fitzgibbons and Pat McKelvey brought al guidance counsellors together recently to give them more insight into what CETB has to offer on the PLC side. They felt this was a very worthwhile exercise.

Cllr. Chris O’Leary asked the CE for an update in relation to Education Together in Nagle Community College. The CE advised that a planning objection has been lodged in relation to the planned site in Nemo Rangers. Cllr. O’Leary stated that this is a concern from the BOM of Nagle Community College. The CE advised that he will be in contact with the BOM.

Cllr. Des O’Grady asked the CE how many Educate Together students are currently enrolled and the figure for incoming first year students. Pat McKelvey advised that the figure is approximately 120 students. Cllr. O’Grady asked if Educate Together been advised that they may not be able to remain in Nagle Community College for 2018/2019. The CE advised that he will need to speak to the DES but noted that students cannot be left without teaching facilities. The CE will keep the Board informed.

COMMITTEES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Mary Shields, approved the following:

- Following the resignation of Mr. Dan O’Sullivan as Teacher nominee on the BOM of Glanmire Community College, Mr. Tom Pittam was nominated to the BOM, following Board Approval.
- Following the resignation of Very Reverend Dr. Tom Canon Deenihan, as CETB nominee on the BOM of Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, Mr. James B. McCarthy was nominated to the BOM, following Board Approval.
- Following the resignation of Cllr. Tim Brosnan, Mr. Paddy Browne will replace him as CETB nominee on the CETB Youth Committee, following Board Approval

The Board noted the reports from the Audit and Finance Committees on activities through 2017 and thanked members of the Committee for their work in this regards.

John Fitzgibbons advised that he has spoken to Ms. Ger Canning regarding the regional Boards and they are seeking suitable nominees to bring to the Board. Mr. Paudie Palmer advised he would be interested in sitting on the South Cork Regional Board.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES CONFIRMATION

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Pdraig O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Chris O’Leary, confirmed the documents as outlined in the list submitted by the CE (**copy herewith**).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Christopher O’Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Conway, adopted the DES, ETBI, SOLAS and General Correspondence as presented (**copies herewith**).

AOB

The schedule of dates for 2018 were agreed as follows:

- 22nd March 2018
- 19th April 2018
- 21st June 2018
- 20th September 2018 (this date may change depending on the ETBI Annual Conference)
- 22nd November 2018

Mr. Rob Bateman queried the length of time between the approval of a grant for local youth clubs and the actual payment date of same. The CE advised that he will look into this matter and speak to the Youth Officer.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____