

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
CORK TRAINING CENTRE, ROSSA AVENUE
21st JUNE 2018

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Des O'Grady</i>	<i>Cllr. Sean Martin</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Hegarty</i>	<i>Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Mr. Rob Bateman</i>
<i>Cllr. Christopher O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Mr. Ger Looney</i>
<i>Cllr. Kevin Conway</i>	<i>Mr. Declan O'Leary</i>
<i>Cllr. Gillian Coughlan</i>	<i>Mr. Denis Kirby</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Shields</i>	<i>Ms. Mary O'Grady</i>

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<i>Mr. Ted Owens, CE</i>	<i>Mr. Pat McKelvey, Director of Schools</i>
<i>Mr. John Fitzgibbons, Director of FET</i>	<i>Ms. Clare Creedon (Minute Taker)</i>
<i>Ms. Sheila Quill, Director of OSD</i>	

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting. He took the opportunity to welcome Mr. Denis Kirby to his first ETB meeting.

APOLOGIES

- Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Members Mr. Paudie Palmer, Ms. Louise Sheehan, Ms. Pearl Nolan, Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan, Cllr. Chris O'Leary and Cllr. Kay Dawson.

CONGRATULATIONS

- Congratulations to Cllr. Mick Finn, Youth Officer, Cork ETB on being elected Lord Mayor of Cork. We wish him every success in his role.
- Congratulations to Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy who will be elected as County Mayor tomorrow. We wish him every success in his role.
- Congratulations to the Very Reverend Dr. Tom Canon Deenihan on his pending appointment as Bishop of Meath.
- Congratulations to Ness White on her appointment as General Secretary of ETBI.
- Congratulations to Richard Langford and Peter Murray on their honorary conferring's from UCC.

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Mr. Declan O'Leary, adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on 19th April 2018 (**copies herewith**).

RESERVED ITEMS

Leases/Licences

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin, seconded by Kevin Conway, approved A licence for assignment of a lease between Cork ETB and NICHE Health Project as Hollyhill Knocknaheeny Family Centre Ltd is in liquidation.

Reports/Plans/Policies for approval

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Conway approved the following, as presented:

- The Cork ETB Annual Report 2017
- The Chairman's Report for the year ending 31st December 2017

Section 29 Appeals for noting

- **Permanent Exclusion – 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 exercised fair procedure and due process in arriving at its judgement.
- **Refusal to enrol – Coláiste Treasa**
 - It was the decision of the Section 29 Appeals Board not to uphold the appeal on the basis that there has not been a failure by the college to correctly apply their published and lawful enrolment policy.

Cllr. Mary Hegarty stated that the level of responsibility for BOM members for Section 29 Appeals is immense and stated that schools appear to be failing on applying policies and procedures. Perhaps further training is required. Mr. Pat McKelvey stated that a lot of Section 29 Appeals are being upheld due to technicalities where schools have not applied policies and procedures correctly. He stated that at the Principal's conference in April a session was held for Principals to going through the errors being made by schools in an effort to reduce the number of appeals being upheld. Cllr. Des O'Grady stated that there does appear to be a lack of awareness amongst the schools. Mr. Declan O'Leary stated that there have been lessons to learn from the appeals that have been upheld. What must be kept to the forefront is that fair procedure and due process must be exercised.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Mary Shields approved the adoption of the Executive Report, incorporating the Finance Report and the Capital Report (**copy herewith**).

- **Item 27 – Capital Building Programme** – Cllr. Des O’Grady asked for the CE for an update in relation to the temporary accommodation. The CE stated that he has been advised that the completion date for Coláiste an Chraoibhín and St. Colman’s Community College is September 2019 which is wholly unacceptable. He stated that temporary accommodation in the former Gaelcsoil de hÍde, Fermoy, will be ready in September for the 2018/2019 academic year. He also stated that he is receiving letters from sub-contractors of Sammon Construction who are struggling financially as they have not been paid by Sammon. The application for temporary accommodation for St. Colman’s CC has been approved by the DES.

Cllr. O’Grady referred to Coláiste and Gaelcholáiste Choilm and stated that there are a cohort of people in Ballincollig who would like to see the Gaelcholáiste as stand alone. The CE stated that the preferred option for all involved in the school would be to increase the capacity of the Gaelcholáiste on the existing site. A firm of Architects are currently looking at this.

- **Item 28 – The Crawford Art Gallery** – Cllr. Mary Hegarty asked to CE if there was a timeframe with regards to drawn down the funding for the Gallery. The CE provided the members with a background to the Crawford Art Gallery building. He advised that €23 million has been made available to the Gallery. However, he has advised them that no funding can be spent until the transfer of the building takes place. He advised that talks are on-going with the OPW but this will be a lengthy and costly exercise.

COMMITTEES

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Ms. Mary P’Grady, approved the appointment of Tomás Ó hÉalaithe as the male Parent Nominee, to the BOM of Coláiste Ghobnatan.
- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Sean Martin, approved the nomination of Mr. Mick Hackett as TUSLA nominee to the BOM of Coláiste Árd Álainn following the resignation of Mark McGranaghan.
- Mr. Ger Looney expressed his interest to sit on the Crèche Steering Group, following the request for a nominee. The Board agreed to his nomination.

- The term of office of Ballincollig Community School will expire shortly. The current CETB nominees are willing to remain as BOM members for the next term. The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Ms. Mary O’Grady approved the nomination of the following:
 - Ms. Una O’Donnell
 - Mr. Liam Ahern
 - Mr. Paudie Palmer
- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin, seconded by Cllr. Des O’Grady approved the nomination of Cormac Ó hAodha to the BOM of the Ionad Cultúrtha, as a Community nominee.
- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Des O’Grady, seconded by Cllr. Kevin Conway approved the appointment of the CE as a Director, to the Board of Cork Sports Partnership.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES CONFIRMATION
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The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Shields, seconded by Cllr. Christopher O’Sullivan, confirmed the documents as outlined in the list submitted by the CE (**copy herewith**).

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Mary Shields, adopted the DES, ETBI, SOLAS and General Correspondence as presented (**copies herewith**).

DES Correspondence

Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon requested an update in relation to BTEI. The CE advised that sanction has been received from the DES to hire two temporary Grade III staff members to assist the pensions team to expedite the BTEI conversion calculations at a faster pace.

ETBI Correspondence

The following expressed interest in attending the ETBI Annual Conference, along with the Chairman, CE and Directors:

- Cllr. Mary Shields
- Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon
- Cllr. Mary Hegarty

General Correspondence

- **21.05.2018** – The Board approved the nomination of Cllr. Sean Martin to the Foyer Management Committee as CETB nominee.
- **21.05.2018** – The Board agreed that the CE could seek an interested party to be Cork ETB nominee to the Cork City Traveller Visibility Group.

- **Correspondence from Department of Children and Youth Affairs** – Mr. Declan O’Leary stated that the youth sector funding is down significantly and he hopes that the ETB sector will be to the forefront in advocacy in returning the funding levels to what they were in previous years. The CE agreed with Mr. O’Leary and stated that CETB was hopeful now with two Youth Officers to get involved in the formulation of policy rather than just being a conduit for funding.
- **09.05.2018** – Cllr. Kevin Conway referred to the correspondence from the CIF and stated that the lack of apprenticeship schemes is a serious issue going forward. Mr. John Fitzgibbons stated that an apprentice can only be trained when an employer employs them. The funding and the willingness is there to deliver on these. However, they are rising at a much slower lever than the predicted need. The CE stated that CETB would be delighted to engage with the Committee that is working on the National Development Plan in this regard.
- **Correspondence from the Estates Department of the HSE** – The CE advised members that were happy with the proposal made by the HSE and that the Licence Agreement between Cork ETB and the HSE would be brought to the Board when finalised.

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 4.30pm.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____