

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
CORK TRAINING CENTRE, ROSSA AVENUE
17th SEPTEMBER 2015

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Des O'Grady</i>	<i>Cllr. Mary Shields</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Hegarty</i>	<i>Mr. Paudie Palmer</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon</i>
<i>Cllr. Claire Cullinane</i>	<i>Mr. Sean O'Sullivan</i>
<i>Cllr. Pdraig O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Rev. Dr. Tom Deenihan</i>
<i>Cllr. Margaret Murphy-O'Mahony</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 CE welcomed members to the meeting and advised that Reserved Items would be dealt with later in the meeting as four members would be late arriving.

APOLOGIES

- Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Members, Ms. Biddy McDonagh, Mr. Declan O'Leary, Cllr. Tim Brosnan, Ms. Mary O'Grady, Cllr. Michael Hegarty.

CONDOLENCES

- † To Gerry Kelly, Principal of St. Colman's Community College, on the death of his mother
- † To Oonagh Maher, Guidance Counsellor, on the death of her mother
- † To Brenda O'Sullivan, Staff Officer, Finance Department, on the death of her father
- † To Pat O'Connell, caretaker in Coláiste Choilm, on the death of his mother

CONGRATULATIONS

The CE took the opportunity to express his congratulations to the Principal and staff of Coláiste an Chraoibhín for the manner in which they dealt with the bus crash that took place with students from the college on board.

Cllr. Mary Shields expressed congratulations to the Cork Camogie team on their All-Ireland victory.

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Shields, seconded by Mr. Paudie Palmer, adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on **(copies herewith)**.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ETBI Correspondence

- **19.08.2015 – Correspondence re POR's in Designated Community Colleges –**
The CE referred to this correspondence and advised that he and other ETBs are querying the agreement with the DES's. ETBI have been asked to seek legal advice and this is imminent.

General Correspondence

- **02.09.2015 – Correspondence from Cork City Council referring to the Lord Mayor's visit to China –** The CE provided the Board with some background information in relation to the impending trip. The Board agreed that it was important that the CE travel to Shanghai with the Lord Mayor.

CE'S REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Paudie Palmer, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty approved the adoption of the CE's Report, incorporating the Finance Report and the Capital Report **(copy herewith)**.

- **Item 1 – Carrigwohill CNS –** The CE advised that planning permission to establish pre-fabricated buildings on the grounds of the GAA has been granted within the last week.
- **Item 2 – Teaching Staff Recruitment –** Cllr. Mary Hegarty took the opportunity to acknowledge the work been completed in schools with regards to interviewing etc this summer. The work load was phenomenal and all staff should be commended for this.

Finance Report

Mr. Paudie Palmer expressed his concerns that many schools are struggling currently with the budget cuts and encouraged the CE to meet with Principals regarding same. The CE

advised that a Principal's meeting is scheduled for early in October and budgets are an agenda item. He also stated that he has advised all Principals that if anyone is struggling with the day to day running of the school due to budget cuts, they are to contact him or John Fitzgibbons and the matter will be dealt with.

Cllr. Mary Hegarty referred to the centralisation of procurement and asked if there was any way that CETB could manage to re-instate the ability for schools to be able to purchase supplies from local businesses. She stated that schools rely on many rural businesses to take our students on work experience and to sponsor events in the schools so it would be good if CETB could support them in return. The CE advised that the Government has established a Public Procurement Office and ETB's are obliged to adhere to these guidelines. It is out of CETB's control. This has been debated at length at national level.

Mr. Sean O'Sullivan referred to the Parents Association funds and stated that since these are now being managed centrally, the drive to fund raise is no longer there as there is a fear that the monies will be subsumed and used for other matters and for other schools. After a lengthy discussion, the CE assured members that practice in CETB is that whatever school the money is collected from and lodged is the only school that those monies are used for. Money that is raised locally is spent locally. He noted that it was a recommendation from the C&AG that these monies be held centrally. The monies can be spent at the discretion of the school, once the national procurement guidelines are adhered to. The CE advised that this is good governance for schools and colleges.

Capital Report

Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon referred to the building at Mannix College and asked the CE what will happen to it when the school closes. The CE advised that the building will be retained by CETB and used for Further Education & Training.

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 19th November 2015 at 4.00pm in Cork Training Centre, Rossa Avenue. The Chairperson referred to failure to obtain a quorum and stated that all members were to be contacted after this meeting advising of the date of the next meeting and their availability to attend. Members stated that the quorum of 12 was too high and that ETBI should be made aware and asked to bring to the attention of the DES.

Reserved items were not taken as there was not a quorum for the meeting.

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____