

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE
CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD
ZOOM MEETING ONLINE
24th JUNE 2021**

ATTENDANCE

<i>Cllr. Karen Coakley</i>	<i>Cllr. Noel McCarthy</i>
<i>Cllr. Kay Dawson</i>	<i>Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon</i>
<i>Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy</i>	<i>Ms. Maria McGrath</i>
<i>Cllr. James Kennedy</i>	<i>Mr. Rob Bateman</i>
<i>Cllr. Ben Dalton O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Mr. Liam Ahern</i>
<i>Cllr. Sean Martin</i>	<i>Mrs. Mary Hegarty</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond</i>	<i>Ms. Ann Piggott</i>
<i>Cllr. Derry Canty</i>	<i>Mr. Denis Kirby</i>
<i>Cllr. Colette Finn</i>	<i>Mr. Declan O'Leary</i>

EXECUTIVE & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<i>Mr. Denis Leamy, CE</i>	<i>Mr. Enda McWeeney of OSD</i>
<i>Mr. John Fitzgibbons, Director of FET</i>	<i>Ms. Suzanne Mullins, Director of OSD</i>
<i>Mr. Pat McKelvey, Director of Schools</i>	<i>Ms. Clare Creedon (Minute Taker)</i>

WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Noel McCarthy.

CONDOLENCES

† To the family of Mr. Ray Bluett, Caretaker in St. John's College, on his death.

† To Nial Murphy, Principal of MICC, on the death of his aunt.

CONGRATULATIONS

- The Board expressed congratulations to Mrs. Mary Hegarty on her nomination to the Governing Body of MTU.
- The Board expressed congratulations to Cllr. Mary Rose Desmond on her appointment as Deputy Lord Mayor.

MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin seconded by Mrs. Mary Hegarty adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on **27th May 2021 (copy herewith)**,

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were noted.

RESERVED ITEMS

For Approval

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin seconded by Mrs. Mary Hegarty approved the Priorities, Goals and Objectives for new Strategy Statement 2022-2026.
- Following last month's approval, the members of the Board authorise Cork ETB to avail of central treasury services with the National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA).
- The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Denis Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Sean Martin, approved the proposed approach to developing the FET College of the Future.

Approval to enter into a Lease or Licence

- The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Denis Kirby seconded by Cllr. Sean Martin approved an amendment to the new lease between Cork ETB and John McNamara, James McMahan for a premises at Unit, 1-3 Dublin Rd, Ballynamona, Fermoy to house NZEB (Nearly Zero Energy Buildings) Training. The proposed lease is for a period of 5 years from finalisation of negotiations, at a cost of €22,000 per annum plus VAT (VAT was omitted from the original request), plus service charges. DE approval has been sought for the extra rent.
- The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Denis Kirby seconded by Cllr. Sean Martin approved the extension of the lease between Cork ETB and Michael Kidney for Waterpark House which houses Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin for a further 12 months from 01.09.2021, with a break clause at 6 months, for €120,000 per annum.

Sealing of Documents

- The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Denis Kirby seconded by Cllr. Sean Martin approved the placing of the seal to the lease between Cork ETB and Macroom Environmental Industrial Park for Units 2 & 4 of Macroom E Business Centre, Bowl Road, Macroom, which houses PLC classes. The lease will run from 01/09/2020 to 30/08/2022 at a cost of €14,400 plus VAT per month, plus utilities. This was approved by the Board and DES in 2020.

For Noting

- The Board noted the Cork ETB Charter on Dignity and Respect.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Liam Ahern seconded by Mrs. Mary Hegarty approved the Executive report, including the Finance and Capital reports.

- **Item 1 – Carrigaline Community Special School** – Mr. Pat McKelvey advised that as of today there are 26 applications received. Places will be offered in three weeks' time, in line with legislation. The CE advised that there have been numerous meetings with local politicians and the various Ministries.
- **Item 6 – Strategy Statement 2022-2026** – Ms. Suzanne Mullins gave a brief presentation to the Board.
- **Item 8 – Early Warning Report** – Mr. Denis Kirby noted that it is pleased to see this going forward as being highlighted in the Early Warning Report. The CE advised that the report will note that the A&R Committee have raised this concern on a number of occasions.
- **Item 19 – FET College of the Future** – Mr. John Fitzgibbons gave a brief presentation to the Board. Ms. Maura Fitzgibbon stated that it is a very progressive plan for the future, and it isn't unexpected. It makes sense to progress and she has great confidence in Cork ETB to engage with staff. She referred to page 8 and the following sentence and asked for clarification:

CETB also recognizes that these enabling elements will be the focus of national discussions and decisions, and that achieving and implementing these will likely take time. However, it also recognizes that if its ambitions are to be achieved, it cannot wait until everything is agreed and in place to commence the process of developing and implementing its model for the FET College of the Future.

Mr. Fitzgibbons stated that this refers to the national element rather than the local aspect. There is a lot of work required at national level. He noted that if Cork ETB wait for all the funding, resources etc to be in place, the time will have moved on. Ms. Fitzgibbon stated that as a staff member she would like to see consultation from the beginning of the process. She also noted that at a centre management level communication is extremely important and that they are working with CETB Executive.

Mr. Denis Kirby stated that he welcomes this vision, but he does not underestimate the challenges that the ETB will experience and reiterated that communication is crucial.

COMMITTEES

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Sean Martin, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hegarty, approved the following appointments:

- The term of office of the Board of Management of Ballincollig Community School will come to an end in August 2021. The following are agreeable to being re-nominated as Cork ETB nominee to the Board of Management, following Board approval.
 - Mr. Liam Ahern
 - Ms. Una O'Donnell
 - Cllr. Derry Canty
- The term of office of the Board of Management of Bishopstown Community School will come to an end in August 2021. The following are agreeable to being re-nominated/nominated as Cork ETB nominee to the Board of Management, following Board approval.
 - Cllr. Colette Finn
 - Ms. Ann Piggott
 - Ms. Sheila Quill

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Denis Kirby, seconded by Cllr. Kay Dawson adopted the DES and General Correspondence as presented (**copies herewith**).

AOB

Cllr. Karen Coakley noted the exceptional work of the Recruitment Team in Head Office throughout this extremely busy time with interviews. Mrs. Mary Hegarty echoed these sentiments.

DATE & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 23rd September. The location will depend on Government Guidelines with regards to meetings at the time.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SIGNED: _____
Chairman

DATE: _____