

<b>MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF THE</b>
<b>CORK EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD</b>
<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL</b>
<b>17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014</b>

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
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<i>Cllr. Liam Burke</i>	<i>Ms. Norma Murray</i>
<i>Mr. Michael Carey</i>	<i>Cllr. Noel O'Connor</i>
<i>Ms. Josephine Coffey</i>	<i>Ms. Una O'Donnell</i>
<i>Cllr. Jim Corr</i>	<i>Cllr. Tadhg O'Donovan</i>
<i>Cllr. Noel Costello</i>	<i>Cllr. Catherine O'Keefe</i>
<i>Cllr. Humphrey Deegan</i>	<i>Cllr. Aindrias Ó Muimhneacháin</i>
<i>Rev. Dr. Tom Deenihan</i>	<i>Cllr. Niall O'Neill</i>
<i>Cllr. Connie Foley</i>	<i>Cllr. Donal O'Rourke</i>
<i>Cllr. Mary Hegarty</i>	<i>Mr. Sean Roberts</i>
<i>Cllr. Gerry Kelly</i>	<i>Ms. Máire Roycroft</i>
<i>Ms. Helen McGrath</i>	<i>Rev. Canon Salter</i>
<i>Ms. Marie Murphy</i>	<i>Mr. Gerard White</i>

<b>EXECUTIVE &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</b>
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<i>Mr. Ted Owens, CEO</i>	<i>Mr. John O'Regan, PO</i>
<i>Mr. John Fitzgibbons, EO</i>	<i>Ms. Clare Creedon (Minute Taker)</i>
<i>Mr. Martin Hallahan, PO</i>	

<b>WELCOME</b>
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The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and advised members that the Coláiste Choilm "B" football team won the All Ireland Football Championships last Saturday and the Coláiste Ghobnatan "C" football team won the All Ireland Football Championships also last Saturday. The Chairman welcomed both team Captains, Seán O'Donoghue (Coláiste Choilm) and Tomás Ó hÁileasa (Coláiste Ghobnatan) along with their respective Principals, Ms. Michelle Sliney and Breandán Ó Lionáird. The Chairman and the CEO congratulated both teams on their achievements and stated that it was a very proud day for Cork ETB. A presentation was made to both Captains and they were asked to convey the best wishes of the Board to the teams.

<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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- Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received from Board Member Cllr. Tomás O'Brien.

<b>CONDOLENCES</b>
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- ✠ To Cllr. Catherine Clancy, Lord Mayor of Cork and CETB member, and family, on the death of her father Thomas.

✚ To Paudie Palmer, teacher in St. Brogan’s College and family, on the death of his mother Kathleen.

✚ To the family of Tom Bogue, former President of IMPACT, on his death.

✚ To Seamus Buckley, former Principal of St. Fanahan’s College, and family, on the death of his son Conor.

✚ To Ann Corcoran, Director of Adult Education at Cork College of Commerce, and family, on the death of her mother.

✚ To John O’Neill, Director of Services, Cork County Council, and family, on the death of his brother.

✚ To Shane Lehane, teacher in Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa, and family, on the death of his mother.

### CONGRATULATIONS

- To the Coláiste Choilm “B” football team who won the All Ireland Football Championship last Saturday.
- To the Coláiste Ghobnatan “C” football team who won the All Ireland Football Championship last Saturday.

### MINUTES

The Board, on the proposition of Mr. Sean Roberts, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty, adopted the minutes of the previous ETB meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (**copies herewith**).

Cllr. Humphrey Deegan referred to the publication of VEC Accounts and asked the CEO if there was any update in relation to the former County 2011 accounts. The CEO advised that to date he has not received the Section 7 report. He stated that he had spoken to the Office of the C&AG prior to the meeting and had been informed that the report is with the Comptroller and Auditor General himself and CETB will receive same as soon as he has it finalised. Cllr. Deegan stated that the C&AG will only give an oversight into the issues and it is up to the Board or the incoming Board to deal with these issues further. He stated that the members have a responsibility to acknowledge that mistakes were made. The CEO has to accept this liability. The Chairman stated that he was accountable at all times during his tenure as Chairman of CCVEC and indeed CETB. He stated that this meeting would not continue to discuss a report that has not been received yet. The CEO stated that the Executive will do everything possible to ensure that best practice prevails and that all practices, policies and procedures can be held up to scrutiny.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Donal O'Rourke, seconded by Cllr. Noel O'Connor, adopted the DES, ETBI and General Correspondence as presented (**copies herewith**).

### **DES Correspondence**

**07.03.2014 – Youthreach Mallow Lease** – The CEO stated that the lease would be finalised at today's meeting. Cllr. Noel O'Connor stated that he was delighted this matter had been resolved finally. Cllr. Humphrey Deegan asked the CEO what was the reason that brought the DES to the position to approve the lease. The CEO stated that CETB formally applied to the DES for lease approval having given the assurance that the terms of the lease were as proposed and that no other monies had accrued or were owed. The ETB made the argument that it was better to pay the monies outstanding upfront now and have the matter concluded rather than waiting until 2018 before the property would transfer to ETB ownership.

### **General Correspondence**

**26.03.2014 – Correspondence from Cork County Council regarding LCDC** – The CEO stated that Cork County Council is anxious for senior members of staff to sit on the Board of the LCDC. The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Mary Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Catherine O'Keefe gave approval for the CEO to nominate senior members of staff to the South Cork and West Cork LCDC.

**31.03.2014 – Correspondence from IPB** – The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Noel O'Connor, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty, nominated the Chairman to attend and vote at the 88<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Meeting of the members of the company.

## CEO'S REPORT

The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Tadhg O'Donovan, seconded by Cllr. Noel O'Connor approved the adoption of the CEO's Report, incorporating the Education Report, Finance Report, Human Resources Report and the Capital Report (**copy herewith**).

- **Item 1 – Mannix College, Charleville** – The CEO informed the members that he assured the BOM members and parents that there would be a grace period of 2 years before the school would close, if it is to close. He stated that he has requested the

DES Future Planning section to carry out a viability study on the future of second level education in Charleville. Cllr. Noel O'Connor thanked the CEO for meeting with the BOM. Ms. Helen McGrath asked the CEO what will happen to the music provision should the school close. The CEO responded by stating that the facility will not be lost to Cork ETB. Cllr. Niall O'Neill asked the CEO what, if any initiatives have been undertaken by the school. The CEO stated that the school has now been given the challenge to see what could be done to improve enrolments. Ms. Una O'Donnell stated that some parents believe their children wouldn't have continued in education if it wasn't for Mannix College. The CEO stated that he is not in the business of closing down schools and he is looking at every option available.

- **Item 6 – Membership of the new CETB** – The CEO stated that he received the following clarification from the DES with regard to the cessation of current member's membership. *Section 9(5) is relevant: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, every member of a vocational education committee holding office immediately prior to the establishment day shall on the establishment day become and be a member of the relevant education and training board for a term ending on the date of the next post-election meeting of that board".*

### **Finance Report**

Cllr. Humphrey Deegan referred to DPER Circulars 4/2011 and 13/2011 in relation to the delayed filing of accounts and stated that the CEO may want to look at these Circulars in relation to the 2011 former County Cork VEC accounts. The CEO stated that as far as he is concerned CETB are compliant as the accounts have been submitted to the C&AG

<b>RESERVED ITEMS</b>
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### **Sealing of Documents**

- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Noel O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Michael Carey approved the Wayleave to Cork County Council for the purpose of a storm drain at Kinsale College of Further Education, Bandon Road, Kinsale and to allow Cork County Council authorised servants and agents to enter upon CETB lands for the purpose of laying said storm drain.
- The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Noel O'Connor, seconded by Mr. Sean Roberts, approved the Contract for Sale – the purchase of the Youthreach premises, Ballyellis, Mallow and the Memorandum of agreement between Mallow Credit Union Limited and Cork ETB. Cllr. Humphrey Deegan noted CETB should be cautious with regards to approving the contract of sale in light of the impending

report from the C&AG. He believes the dealings were less than transparent and he is not happy with the arrangements or the cosy relationships that appear to exist. Cllr. Noel O'Connor stated that he stands with his proposal of same and that Cllr. Deegan should keep his interests to the West of Cork. The Chairman stated that this was not the place for the above comments. Every member is expected to behave in a courteous manner. Cllr. Deegan stated that he represents the people of County Cork. The Chairman ruled that the Board has agreed to approve the documents and this stands.

<b>MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES FOR RATIFICATION</b>
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The Board, on the proposition of Cllr. Noel Costello, seconded by Cllr. Mary Hegarty, approved the documents as outlined in the list submitted by the CEO (**copy herewith**).

<b>AOB</b>
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Mr. Michael Carey acknowledged Cllr. Noel O'Connor's recent trip to Bantry and stated that this was an important event for the FE centre in Bantry.

<b>DATE &amp; VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
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The Chairman referred to the May ETB meeting and suggested in light of canvassing for the Local Election that the May meeting be deferred. This was proposed by Cllr. Noel O'Connor and seconded by Cllr. Donal O'Rourke. The Chairman wished all members who are seeking re-election the best of luck on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Chairman*

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_