

## MINUTES OF MEETING Held on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 In Marshal House, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick

Present:

Cllr. Cathal Crowe, Chairperson,

Ms. Joan Aherne, Deputy Chairperson

Cllr. Maria Byrne Mr. Michael Cregan Cllr. Michael Donegan Ms. Mary Flanagan Cllr. Liam Galvin

Ms. Kate Haran De Parra

Cllr. Michael Hillery Cllr. Mary Howard Cllr. Gabriel Keating Mr. Sean Kennedy Cllr. Ann Norton

Cllr. Richard O'Donoghue Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon Cllr. Elena Secas Cllr. Lisa Marie Sheehy Ms. Mary Margaret Valance

In attendance:

Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive

Ms. Bernadette Cullen, Education Officer

Mr. John O'Connor, Head of Corporate Affairs Ms. Shelagh Graham, Head of Human Resources

Mr. Eamon Murphy, Head of Buildings and Procurement

Ms. Aileen O'Sullivan, Corporate Affairs

Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Corporate Affairs (Recording Secretary)

# 1. Apologies/Condolences

Apologies:

Mr. Donal O'hAiniféin

Mr. Sean McMahon

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following;

- Michael and Margaret Murphy and family on the death of their son, Stuart (Student at Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton).
- Ms. Carmel Stokes Lynch (Colaiste Ide Agus Iosef) on the death of her mother,
   Ms. Sheila Stokes.
- Mr. Damien Carey (Desmond College, Newcastle West) on the death of his mother, Ann.

- Ms. Joanna McInerney (Burren Outdoor Education Centre) on the death of her mother, Mary.
- Ms. Aisling Ryan (Desmond College, Newcastle West) on the death of her father, Patrick.
- Fr. Michael Wall on the death of his mother, Eileen Wall nee Walsh.
- Ms. Patricia Hennessy (Colaiste Ide Agus Iosef) on the death of her Grandfather.
- Dr. Joe O'Connell and Nora (Limerick Education Centre) on the death of his sister in law, Dympna Fallon.
- Ms. Eileen Davern (Colaiste Ide agus Iosef, Abbeyfeale) on the death of her Uncle.
- Family, Community and the Presentation Congregation, on the death of Sr. Anna Lane, Presentation Convent, Hospital.

# 2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Minutes of Meetings held on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Liam Galvin, seconded by Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon.

# 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Ms. Joan Aherne enquired if Members could be supplied with iPads/Tablets. Cllr. Liam Galvin advised that these had been already supplied to Members of Limerick City and County Council and that same was planned for Members of Clare County Council. The Chief Executive advised that he would consult the Finance Officer re same as there are currently no budgets for same.

Cllr. Liam Galvin referred to previous meeting wherein the future of Abbeyfeale Education Centre was discussed and wished to thank Ms. Eimear Brophy, Adult Education Officer, for attending a meeting in the Centre where concern was expressed on the future of the Centre. The CE advised that a contractor has been appointed for the remedial works to the front wall and this was welcomed.

The Chairman referred to previous correspondence from Cllr. Jim Long re possible twinning with a school in China and Ms. Joan Aherne advised that this was discussed at a previous meeting and St. Nessan's was identified as the most appropriate school.

# 4. Correspondence

# DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

CL 0062/2014 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept. 2014	Re: Implementation of Pension Arrangements for Part Time employees as outlined in Circular Letter 25/2008. Noted.
<u>CL 0071/2014</u> October, 2014	Re: Procedures for Suspension and Dismissal of Teachers and Principals. Noted.
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014	Re: Request for Additional Funding for Repairs to Boiler at Colaiste Chiarain, Croom.  Noted.
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014	Re: VEC Scholarship Grant 2014/2015. Noted.
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014	Re: School Meals (Local Projects) Scheme 2014/15 – Desmond College, Newcastlewest. Noted.
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept. 2014	Re: Emergency Works Grant 2014 – Repairs to Internal Wall in Gym - Colaiste Iosaef, Kilmallock. Noted.
8 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014	Re: Notification of a Whole-School Evaluation – Management, Leadership and Learning (WSE-MLL) – Ennistymon Vocational School. Noted.
14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014	Re: Publication of VEC Accounts for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2012.  Noted.
14 <sup>th</sup> October, 2014.	Re: 1 <sup>st</sup> Instalment of the S.S.S.F. for School Year 2014/15. Noted.

## ETBI CORRESPONDENCE

2nd October, 2014.

Re: Extraordinary Congress 2014.

On the proposal of the Chairperson, the Members agreed to adjourn for ten minutes to discuss appointment of nominee to Reserve Members Forum.

On resumption of meeting, Cllr. Gabriel Keating, on nomination of Cllr. Liam Galvin was appointed for one year to Reserve Members Forum and it was further agreed that the following Members would each serve for a one year term on the Reserve Members Forum;

Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Cllr. Michael Hillery, Clir. Liam

#### Galvin and Ms. Joan Aherne.

# OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Fr: IPB Insurance 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. Re: Members Dividend Payment 2014 (Particular to

2013 Financial Reporting Period).

Noted.

Fr: SOLAS 6th October, 2014 Re: Trade of Stonecutting and Stonemasonry -

introduction of new standards based apprenticeship

programme.

Noted.

16th October, 2014

Re: Third & Fourth Payment for Training Locally Devised

Assessment Payment PLC Enhanced Capitation Grant

Payment. Noted.

Fr: Joyce Brothers

Weekend 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

Re: Joyce Brothers Weekend - 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

Noted.

Fr: Clare County Council

Re: Local Government Reform Act 2014.

28th October, 2014

Noted.

# **Chief Executive's Report**

#### **Principals Forum Meeting**

The process of developing the strategy statement and developing educational support services for the Limerick and Clare ETB for the next five years commenced at a meeting of Principals which was held on 5th November with a further meeting planned.

# Youthreach Co-ordinators Meeting

A meeting with Youthreach co-ordinators was held on Tuesday 4th November with a focus on developing a regional approach to the development of the programme. Educational planning, challenges and opportunities were considered. already underway to look at relocating the Youthreach programme based in Limerick Youth Service to the St. Enda's Campus for the commencement of the 2015/16 academic year.

#### **Staff Induction**

A staff induction programme was held on Tuesday 13th October in the Strand Hotel for newly appointed staff of LCETB. The induction included presentations by the CE,

HR, Finance, EO and Principal of Castletroy College. Feedback on the session was positive.

# Training for Schools and Youthreach Centres on the New Anti-Bullying Guidelines

Key personnel from schools and Youthreach centres received training in undertaking investigations under the new anti-bullying guidelines on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Mr. Pat Courtney formally of the SPHE national team provided the training. A working group is guiding further training and supports in this area. Resource packs for schools and centres have been distributed.

# Whole School Numeracy - Planning session for Numeracy Link

A session for numeracy link teachers was facilitated by the EO, the Limerick Education Centre and Mr. Jerry McCarthy formally JCSP on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Twenty six schools from the Limerick, Clare area were in attendance. Further sessions are planned.

#### **ETBI Terms of Reference for Youthwork Committee**

ETBI has recently issued terms of reference for the Youthwork Committee. The EO and Youth Officers will be progressing the establishment of a Youthwork Committee shortly. Copies of the terms of reference are available from the Corporate Affairs Department.

## Youth Capital Funding 2014/2015

Dr James Reilly TD, Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, has announced the availability of €.5 million capital fund for small to medium capital grants to youth projects in disadvantaged communities in 2014. Grants will be available for the upgrade or replacement of equipment, for example, computer/software updates, sports equipment, multi-media equipment, furnishing upgrades. Details of the scheme and how to apply are on the Department of Children and Youth Affairs website at <a href="https://www.dcya.gov.ie">www.dcya.gov.ie</a>. (from Monday November 3rd) . The closing date for type one applications is the 14<sup>th</sup> November and for capital applications is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015. An LCETB nominee is required to assess the applications on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm and in this regard it was agreed that Ms. Mary Flanagan would attend.

# St. Nessan's & Salesians Amalgamation Process

The open night for prospective students and parents for 2015/2016 was held in St. Nessan's on Wednesday 1st October. Over four hundred people were in attendance on the night. The night commenced with an address by the Chief Executive of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, where he outlined the progress towards amalgamating the two schools in 2016/2017. The Education Officer for the Limerick and Clare ETB, who has worked closely with the two schools, presented the school mission and the benefits of the new college for prospective parents. Staffs, students and parents of the two schools have been working on the development of

the new school. Students of the school will benefit from a broader curricular experience.

A detailed presentation was delivered by Mr. Eugene O'Brien, Principal of St. Nessan's Community College on the educational experience that will be available to students and parents. In particular the school's transitioning programme from primary to post-primary, its taster programmes and pastoral care structures offer real support to students during that critical transition between primary and post-primary. This was followed by a tour of the school where teachers and students were available to talk to potential new students as they toured the facility. Staff, students and parents of both schools acted as guides for guests as they toured the school's excellent facilities.

Thomond Community College, the name of the new school following amalgamation, will officially open its doors on the existing and recently developed, state-of-the-art St. Nessan's Campus for the 2016/2017 school year. For 2015/16 the new school will be available as St. Nessan's Community College on the Common Applications System. From 2016/2017 the new name Thomond Community College will come into existence. The patron for the new school will be Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in partnership with the Salesian (Order) Sisters.

Voting on options for the uniform for Thomond Community College took place last week. The options were developed by a task group with parental, staff and student representatives. The crest for the uniform was decided through an open competition. A launch of the college, its new name and uniform is being planned for the near future. A meeting of the steering group was held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

#### **Ennnistymon Vocational School**

Ennistymon Vocational School is the subject of a Whole School Evaluation, Management, Leadership and Learning inspection in the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014. The EO attended the Board presentation on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November.

# **Individual Schools Continuous Professional Development**

A number of staff sessions have been facilitated in schools by in-house personnel and by PDST staff in areas such as Child Protection, Restorative Practices, Student Support Teams, Student Council Training, Intercultural Training and Whole School Strategy to Manage Behaviour. These individual sessions are linked to the overall Teaching and Learning Plan for the Limerick and Clare ETB.

# Further Education and Training Report

LCFE

o The LCFE graduation was held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2014. The graduation is a major event in the College's calendar and congratulations was extended to all graduates, their parents and LCFE staff.

## Abbeyfeale Community Education Centre

o Public Meeting held on 23 Oct. At the meeting, LCETB reiterated that it was committed to maintaining adult education programmes in Abbeyfeale but the upkeep of the building is problematic as there is no capital funding for the FET Sector. The Community suggested some solutions such as applications for funding to Leader and Europe. It was agreed that a community group would form, make representations and make applications for funding. LCETB will work in partnership with all groups on the ground in Abbeyfeale to continue the provision of adult education in line with the FET Strategy.

#### EGF

- o After a very successful intervention from Jan-June 2014 with the ex-Andersen workers, LCETB decided to extend its programme offerings to both groups in Croom and NCW. The second intervention takes place between Aug-Dec 2014. An awards night will be held on 21 Nov 2014 where up to 30 participants will receive QQI Level 5 Major Awards in Business Studies and Healthcare Support.
- The EGF Programme also extends to NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training), young people under 25 years of age. LCETB is currently working with DSP and other agencies to identify appropriate responses.

# Adult Education Guidance & Information Service (AEGIS)

 AEGIS has commenced a service from the FET Office, Cecil St. This is being developed in partnership with INTREO where case officers will now have the opportunity to directly refer clients to Cecil St. to acquire direct information on various FET Programmes and Services.

# • FET Strategic Planning

- Following the launch of the SOLAS FET Strategy 2014-19, LCETB has put in place a planning process to develop an LCETB FET Strategic Plan that will be the operational implementation of the SOLAS FET Strategy 2014-19.
- o The first FET Strategic Planning Day took place recently with the second Strategic Planning Day scheduled for 19th November, 2014.

## Hospitality Education & Training Centre

- o LCETB has re-opened the former Fáilte Ireland Training Centre, Roxboro, as the Hospitality Education & Training Centre.
- o Currently, there are 32 Trainees over three skill areas Culinary, Restaurant and Bar.
- o Three trainees have already received direct employment in the local hotel industry.

## **Partnerships**

#### Music Generation

- Music Generation
  - National Conference held on 13-14 Oct 2014.
  - The DES has announced that they will provide funding to MEPs post the three years of philanthropic funding. This announcement will provide a level of sustainability to the project; however, each MEP will have to raise matched funding.
- Music Generation Limerick City
  - 'Music Gen Express' has toured several communities.
  - Limerick Voices Live a multi-stage, multi-genre, multi-media sequence of personal performances, presented by Music Generation Limerick City's ground-breaking song-writing project – will take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 8:00pm in the Limerick School of Art and Design.

The project was launched in July and has involved established songwriters working with young people throughout the city, providing techniques, tools, ideas, inspiration and a platform to express themselves. The initial phase has been the creation of an original body of work to be both recorded and performed live on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm at Limerick School of Art and Design.

- The wider aim and legacy is to create a culture of song-writing, creativity and self-expression that Music Generation Limerick City is fostering in all its programmes. A key part of the project is the Music Gen Express a converted double decker bus which contains field studio, workshop and performance space and listening suite. The bus has enabled the artists to conduct workshops at different locations throughout the city and created a unique creative environment that both the teens and the tutors have made their own.
- A core team of local artists have driven the project, selected on the basis of track record and their ability to engage and inspire. All the musicians are locally based, with a national profile. They include members of Windings, Protobaby, the Brad Pitt Light Orchestra, My Name is John and God Knows and a range of solo artists. In addition, guest musicians have been brought in to share their stories. These include the Delorentos and Noel Hogan, guitarist and songwriter of the Cranberries.

- The project has also been a flagship for the power of music as a means of inclusion - young people from all parts of the city have come together to share experiences and collaborate creatively.
- o Music Generation Clare (MGC)
  - The launch of MGC took place on 08<sup>th</sup> Nov '14. This was an astounding success and well done to the coordinating team and to all musicians who partook.

## Youth Guarantee Initiatives

On 11/11/2014, the Tánaiste and Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton T.D., announced a range of initiatives to deliver on commitments in the Youth Guarantee (YG) and made a call to the heads of some of the top companies in Ireland to work with the government to tackle the problem of youth-unemployment.

The aim of the EU-wide Guarantee is to provide young people under the age of 25 with a good quality offer of employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within a short time of becoming unemployed.

The Tánaiste will soon issue a call seeking expressions of interest from organisations right across the private, public, voluntary and community sectors wishing to participate in a new Youth Development Internship initiative to deliver developmental internships to 1,500 disadvantaged young people between the ages of 18-24.

The Tánaiste also announced that the Jobs Plus scheme has been revised to reduce the qualifying period for those aged under 25 from 12 months to 4 months in respect of young people who are at risk of becoming long term unemployed. Young people will be provided with certification that they qualify for the subsidy and will be in a position to use this certification in job applications with employers.

Also announced today is the Experience Your Europe (EYE) programme with places for 250 participants. This programme prepares and supports young people in securing training or employment in Europe for at least 12 months so that they return with the necessary language skills and experience to avail of employment opportunities in Ireland. Irish employers will be asked to sponsor this programme by providing employment for the participants on their return.

Some of the initiatives planned under the YG required primary legislation to allow positive discrimination on age grounds in the provision of employment services and supports. This legislation is now in place to allow for the earlier and more intensive engagement of young people in Intreo.

# Reports from Schools & Centres

## High Achiever: Maths & Science in the Junior Certificate 2014

On the basis of her high achievements in Maths & Science in the Junior Cert 2014, Róisín Duggan-McSweeney was invited to participate in the Irish EU Science Olympiad in DCU on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Róisin was also invited to participate in the Irish Bebras Computing contest in November. Róisín achieved 11 'A' grades in her Junior Cert 2014.

## **Limerick Writers Competition**

Congratulations to Lucy Ward, 6<sup>th</sup> year, who came second in the post-primary category in one of Limerick's biggest ever writing competitions. Prizes were awarded by the competition's judge, Joseph O'Connor, at a ceremony in Plassey House in the University of Limerick in October. The short story competition was part of the new schools category in the Going for Gold initiative where students were invited to write a short story with the theme 'How would you make Limerick a better place?'

## Féilte: Festival of Education in Learning & Teaching Excellence

On Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>, World Teachers' day, Principal Norma O'Brien and teachers Lorraine O'Loughlin and Máire O'Brien attended Féilte, the Festival of Education in Learning & Teaching Excellence in the RDS, Dublin. Coláiste Mhuire was invited to Féilte to showcase our Learning Schools 5 Project, Connecting Our Classrooms. With changes to Junior Cycle education and the current discourse around education focussing on skills and methodologies, the primary objective of the LSP5 study was to embed critical thinking theory and skills in the delivery of lessons using group work methodologies across the school. The first aim of the project was to assist our teachers to teach critical thinking skills by providing them with innovative teaching ideas, resources, methodologies and strategies, in particular group work, for delivering lessons at all levels but particularly for the new Junior Cycle Student Award. Secondly, the project was created to assist and inform the development of our whole school Teaching and Learning Policy. The most important aim of the project was to promote the development of students' confidence in selfevaluation, emphasising their values and views by allowing them the opportunity to form independent judgements. We also want to help students to communicate as objectively as possible with their own perceptions and views on particular topics. Critical thinking permits students to become accustomed to associating successful learning with reflection on learning. There was a considerable amount of interest in the project at Féilte with Irish Times education columnist Joe Humphries tweeting that he "loved Colaiste Mhuire's programme on Critical Thinking". Maire O'Brien and Lorraine O'Loughlin also discussed the project with Minister Jan O'Sullivan who commented on their work during her address at Féilte. Máire & Lorraine are now working with Dr Joe O'Connell of the Limerick Education Centre to produce a publication of their work as a resource for all schools.

#### Principal visits China

Principals Norma O'Brien and Brendan Burke travelled to China during the mid-term break as part of an educational delegation organised by the Confucius Institute in

UCC. The delegation visited Beijing & Shanghai. Activities included a visit to the University in Shanghai where the delegation toured the campus and met with a group of Irish students studying Business, Arts & Chinese in UCC. These students must spend a year of their course living in China. The delegation also visited a number of schools and met with Minister Jan O'Sullivan at Shibei Junior High School in Shanghai. Minister O'Sullivan spoke of the introduction of a Short Course in the new Junior Cycle Student Award on Chinese Language & Culture and Coláiste Mhuire intends to continue its collaboration with the Confucius Institute in order to provide this Short Course to incoming 1<sup>st</sup> years.

## St John Bosco Community College

For the first time in its participation in the Young Scientist Exhibition, the school has had two of its projects accepted in this year's exhibition.

#### ICT/MIS

A tender for the supply of a mobile phone service for LCETB was recently completed and O2 was successful. This service has been rolled out across the organisation and will incorporate both Limerick and Shannon Training Centres so that LCETB will have one sole mobile phone supplier in the future.

In terms of an electronic communications system, a Sharepoint tender was completed and Endeavour was the successful tenderer. The new communications platform has been built and is ready for testing. This will give LCETB a secure place to store, organise, share, and access information from almost any device. The roll out of the new domain (@lcetb.ie) is continuing and this will ensure the consolidation of a single ICT structure for the organisation.

#### **Human Resources**

Since the last Board meeting a total of twenty two teacher appointments have been made throughout second level schools, with a significant number of pending posts which will arise due to a requirement to provide maternity cover.

Limerick School of Music has been restructured with a view to strengthening the management team and is reflective of the success of the service this school provides for the musical community. A Deputy Principal has been appointed with plans to appoint two additional Assistant Principals from within the existing teaching cohort of the School.

### **Corporate Affairs**

### **Training for Board Members**

Preparations are being made with regard to training for Members of the Board. A vital aspect of the training will be knowledge of and adherence to the Code of Governance for ETBs which will set out the framework within which Members of the Board will be required to discharge their role, duties and responsibilities. The Code of Governance which is currently in draft is not available as it is not yet a working document. When the final version of the Code of Governance is issued by the Department, training for Board Members will take place and I expect that to happen relatively soon. Following a query on appointments to Boards, the CE advised that a meeting would be convened as soon as Regulations were received. Following a query on Board of Management for Hospital Resource Centre, the CE advised that this would be looked at in the context of services provided at the Centre.

#### Audit/Finance Committees

The provisions of the ETB Act 2013 (Section 45) provide for the establishment by the Board of a Finance Committee and an Audit Committee including the appointment of the members of both committees as well as the chairpersons. The final version of the regulations governing how these committees are to be constituted has not as yet been published by the Department of Education and Skills and therefore the Board is not in a position at this time to proceed with the establishment of these committees.

#### Freedom of Information Act

The enactment of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 has extended the scope of the legislation to ETBs for the first time. As ETBs were not comprehended under the previous act, the application of the act has, in this instance, been deferred for six months and the act will only apply to ETBs from April 2015. From then, ETBs will be required to furnish information to persons who submit FOI requests where there is no legal or other substantial impediment to the release of such information. It will not be deemed to be a valid request and ETBs will not be required to comply where it is for information on a school's state examination results and where such information could be used for comparison purposes or for the compilation of "league tables". In preparation for the implementation date, a policy and procedure and a publication scheme will be prepared for adoption during the coming months so that LCETB will be compliant with the act.

#### **Protected Disclosures Act 2014**

Another piece of legislation which will have implications for ETBs is the Protected Disclosure Act 2014. This act which became law on 15<sup>th</sup> July, protects staff and employees who make protected disclosures, (whistleblowers) from penalisation of any kind as a result of their making a disclosure. A policy on protected disclosures is being drafted and when completed it will be submitted to the Board for consideration and adoption.

Project Description	Current Status
EMERGENCY WORKS:	
Colaiste Chiarain, Croom - Replacement windows to improve various Prefab Classrooms	Project Complete
Colaiste Chiarain, Croom - Repairs to the two Main Boilers	Project Completed in September 2014
St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe - Repairs to Fire Alarm	Fire Alarm upgraded to appropriate standard
Scariff CC - Defects & Repairs	Work Complete
Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale - Roof Repairs to PE Hall Rooflights	Contractor commencing on site this week
Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale - Electrical Repairs	DES approval received for necessary repairs to Metalwork Room
LCAES - Fire Alarm	Tender Report under consideration
LCFE - Sewer and Drains	Consultant appointed and project to be advertised on eTenders
Colaiste Iosaef, Kilmallock PE Hall Wall	Consultant seeking tenders for works
Limerick City Youthreach - Dust Extraction system	Emergency Works application lodged
Ennis Community College - Electrical Repairs/Alarm	Tenders for Consultants being finalised

#### **DEVOLVED PROJECTS:**

Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton - New Entrance

Colaiste Chiarain, Croom - New School Development

Project Complete

Since the last ETB meeting, Members were advised that the CE and Buildings Officer have had several meetings with Head of Design Team and Planning Consultant. CE and Buildings Officer met with County Manager. considered all aspects of the matter and on the basis of the best professional advice received, it is proposed to submit a request by both ETB Members and Executive directly to the County Manager for a variation to the Croom LAP. This is a reserved decision of the Local Authority to be considered in the first instance by the Local Electoral A review of the LAP is due in 2015. Our advice is that the proposed school site will have to be zoned with the consequential re-zoning of lands currently zoned 'Educational.' Discussions have taken place with the HSE in the context of developing an alternative entrance to the site in order to exclude that portion of the site that is in the flood zone from the planning application. Discussions are ongoing with other parties relevant to pursuing this strategy. A report is being prepared which will directly address, inter alia, the urgent need for a school of this size in Croom, the reasons why the proposed site is the most suitable and the reasons put forward by An Bord Pleanala for refusing permission.

Colaiste Iosaef, Kilmallock - Stand-alone Extension

St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe - Stand-alone Extension

Planning Application Lodged and decision due before the end of the month

Stage 1 Approved - DT working on the preparation of Stage 2A Report and Planning Application. This project includes the development of a full-sized PE Hall

St. Patrick's Comprehensive School, Shannon - Stand-alone Extension

Planning application lodged and Request for Further Information received. A response to the RFI is being submitted this week

Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher - Stand-alone Extension

Formal approval for increase in project scope and budget from DES is anticipated shortly

Ennis Community College - Stand-alone Extension

Stage 1 Approved - DT working on the preparation of Stage 2A Report and Planning Application. This project includes the development of a three storey extension together with a full-sized PE Hall.

The CE advised that whilst enrolment numbers were encouraging in the College, that an Aonad would be the most viable option for the College.

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point – Extension

Design Team have been appointed

Desmond College, Newcastlewest -Development of new stand-alone dedicated ASD facilty

Design Team Appointed this week with first Client/Design Team meeting to take place

Sacred Heart National School, Monaleen

Awaiting DES Clarification

#### **SUMMER WORKS:**

St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe - Roof Repairs

This will resolve ongoing problems with leaks to the roof extension

Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton - Roof Repairs

Works have commenced to resolve ongoing leaks and to prevent any future ingress by birds into the roof space as has happened previously

Ennis Community College - Gas Works

The work to convert the heating system from oil to gas is now complete and should result in much greater efficiency and cost savings for the school

Kilmihil C.C. - Electrical Works

The final phase of this work, in accordance with regulations will be completed over the Christmas period

Limerick Training Centre Roof and High Level Glazing	Tender Report has issued
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CNC Lathe	Supplier appointed
New Gas Installation	Tender Report has issued
Other Projects	
Kilkee	Works have re-commenced on site.
SERC	Works complete, Funding application submitted to DES.
LEDP	Draft Licence agreed
Abbeyfeale Education Centre	Contractor has been appointed to resolve the water leak. Tenders have been received to carry out the essential works to the car park and entrance area with the necessary works to proceed immediately. The CE highlighted again that the Centre was currently operating at a loss and that further options for education provision within the centre were being explored and again outlined to Members that Further Education Centres are required to be self-financing.
Temporary Accommodation Colaiste Chiarain, Croom - 2 General Classrooms	Tenders for work being finalised by Consultant
Ennistymon Vocational School - Replacement Classroom	Tender documentation has issued. Programme is that works will commence in mid-December for completion by the

#### 12. AOB

Date for next meeting to be advised following publication of Regulations.

(Signed) GEORGE O'CALLAGHAN, Chief Executive

Signed:

Chairperson of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015.

end of January