

Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Luimnigh agus an Chláir
Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board



MINUTES OF MEETING
Held on 16th July, 2013
In Strand Hotel, Limerick

Present:

Ms. Joan Aherne	Cllr. Mike Houlihan	Ms. Sinead Nolan
Cllr. Michael Begley	Mr. Jim Houlihan	Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon
Mr. Tony Brazil	Cllr. Michael Hourigan	Mr. John O'Donnell
Cllr. Tommy Brennan	Mr. Paddy Hourigan	Ms. Catherine O'Farrell
Cllr. Rose Brennan	Cllr. Mary Howard	Mr. Kieran O'Neill
Cllr. Pat Burke	Cllr. Cormac Hurley	Mr. Declan Philips
Cllr. Maria Byrne	Cllr. Mary Jackman	Ms. Catherine Prendiville
Mr. Billy Carmody	Mr. Eddie Keane	Ms. Marinella Raftery
Cllr. Peter Considine	Cllr. Gabriel Keating	Cllr. Damien Riedy
Mr. Micheal Corley	Mr. Sean Kennedy	Ms. Phil Roche
Ms. Mary Flanagan	Ms. Linda Ledger	Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Cllr. Liam Galvin	Cllr. Ian Lynch	Cllr. Eddie Ryan
Mr. Flan Garvey	Cllr. Pat Mc Mahon	Cllr. Michael Sheahan
Cllr. John Gilligan	Cllr. Denis McCarthy	Ms. Catherine Tuohy
Mr. Bernard Hanrahan	Cllr. David Moloney	Cllr. Eddie Wade
Ms. Marian Harnett	Ms. Maoliosa Ní Chléirigh	Cllr. Liam Williams
Cllr. Micheal Hillery		

Apologies:

Cllr. Joe Leddin	Cllr. Jim Long	Ms. Marie Wright McCabe
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In attendance:

Mr. Sean Burke, Chief Executive	Mr. Eamon Murphy, APO
Mr. Paul Patton	Mr. Denis O'Brien, APO
Ms. Bernadette Cullen	Mr. John O'Connor, APO
Mr. Sean Conlon	Ms. Mary Troy, APO
Ms. Shelagh Graham, APO	Ms. Joanne O'Brien, Corporate Services

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1. Introduction and Welcome

The Chief Executive, Sean Burke, in introducing proceedings, stated that he felt honoured to have the privilege of extending a very warm welcome to everybody present on what was a special and historic occasion. He referred to the impressive and well merited tradition of education provision and service to their respective communities that had been created and developed by the VECs of Limerick City, Limerick County and Clare and paid tribute to their respective achievements over the previous eighty three years. He congratulated each VEC Member on becoming Members of the new Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board (LCETB) and on his own behalf and that of Staff, looked forward to working collegially with the Members in continuing to enhance the quality of education and training opportunity throughout the Board's area. He also referred to the potential benefits that an overarching, coordinated strategy and approach can bring from both the planning and service delivery perspectives and he wished each Member well in the new brief. In acknowledgement and appreciation of the achievements of the three VECs over the past eight decades, a presentation was made to each of the three organisations and was accepted by the outgoing Chairperson in respect of each of the three Committees.

2. Message from the Minister

The Chief Executive referred to and read the special message received from the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Ruairi Quinn, dated 1st July, 2013, marking the establishment of the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. The message expressing the Minister's appreciation, congratulations, vision and best wishes for the future, was noted and welcomed by the Meeting. The meeting thanked the Minister for his good wishes.

3. First Meeting, Date and Board Membership

The Board Members noted the provisions with regard to the First Meeting and Board Membership as outlined by the Chief Executive in accordance with the legislation underpinning the matter, in particular Section 9, Subsections 5 and 6 of the Act.

4. (i) Election of Chairperson

In accordance with Schedule 3 of the Act, and following discussion, Cllr. Denis McCarthy was elected Chairperson of the newly formed Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board. Cllr. McCarthy then took the Chair, thanked all Members and wished them well in their endeavours as Members of the new Education and Training Board.

(ii) Election of Deputy Chairperson (if decided by Board)

In accordance with Schedule 3, 4 (1) of the Act, the Board decided to elect a Deputy Chairperson, and in this regard Cllr. Tommy Brennan was elected.

5. Regulation of Business of an Education and Training Board

The Board Members noted the provisions with regard to the regulation of business of an Education and Training Board as outlined by the Chief Executive in accordance with the legislation underpinning the matter.

6. Reserved Functions and Executive Functions

The Board Members noted the provisions with regard to Reserved Functions and Executive Functions as outlined by the Chief Executive in accordance with the legislation underpinning the matter, in particular Sections 12 and 13 respectively.

7. Committees

- The Board Members noted the provisions with regard to the establishment of Committees, as outlined by the Chief Executive, in accordance with the legislation as per Section 44 of the Act. In this regard, it was noted, inter alia, the provision in relation to the continuation of Boards of Management.
- The Board also noted and was pleased, as directed by the Minister in correspondence dated 1st July, 2013, and in accordance with Section 44 (7), (8) and (9), of the Act, to establish a City of Limerick Committee, a County Limerick Committee and a County Clare Committee in absolute accordance with the Minister's direction as specified in the aforementioned correspondence.
- In the context of Section 44, the Board decided to establish a Standing Orders Committee to advise and make recommendations to the Board as appropriate. The Board appointed the following Members to the Standing Orders Committee; Cllr. Michael Begley, Cllr. Maria Byrne, Cllr. Michael Hourigan, Cllr. Gabriel Keating, Cllr. Damien Riedy and Cllr. Eddie Ryan. The Chairperson would also be a member of the Committee.

- In the context of Section 45 of the Act, it was noted that further guidance from the Department of Education and Skills was awaited pending the establishment of new Finance and Audit Committees.

8. Condolences

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following;

- Ms. Edel Farrell (Coláiste Chiaráin, Croom) on the death of her father, Mr. Michael Nash.
- Ms. Siobhan O'Brien (Limerick City Adult Education Service) on the death of her father, Mr. John Looby.
- Mr. Patrick Douglas and Ms. Marie Killeen and family on the tragic death (as a result of a swimming accident) of their son, Joseph Killeen (former student in St. Nessan's Community College).
- Mr. Pat and Kay Tracy and the Tracy family on the recent death of Mrs. Mary Tracy (Caherconlish).
- The O'Connor family (Dromina) on the tragic death of Mr. John O'Connor (as a result of a road accident). Mr. O'Connor's son is a student in Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, and also to Cllr. Mike Houlihan, a cousin of the late Mr. O'Connor.
- Cllr. Denis McCarthy (Chairperson LCETB) on the death of his brother Pa-Joe McCarthy.
- Mrs. Christina Faulkner on the tragic death of her daughter Katie Faulkner, (student of St. Nessan's Community College).

9. A.O.B with the permission of the Cathaoirleach

Warmest best wishes were extended by the Chief Executive to the Senior and Under 21 hurlers of Clare and Senior and Minor hurlers of Limerick in their forthcoming endeavours.

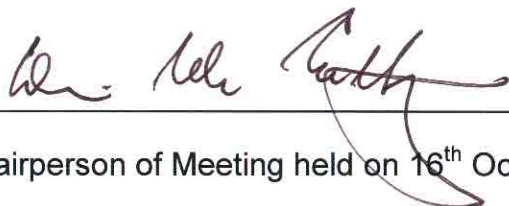
The following schedule of Board Meetings was advised to Members;

- Wednesday, 16th October, 2013
- Wednesday, 11th December, 2013
- Wednesday, 12th February, 2014
- Wednesday, 9th April, 2014
- Wednesday, 11th June, 2014.

Next Meeting Fixed for Wednesday, 16th October, 2013, at 4.30 p.m.

Signed) SEAN BURKE,
Chief Executive.

Signed:



Chairperson of Meeting held on 16th October, 2013.