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Bord Coiréachtaí agus Oiliúna  
Limerick agus an Clár  
Limerick and Clare  
Education and Training Board

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2014**  
**In Strand Hotel, Limerick**

**Present:**

Cllr. Denis McCarthy, Chairperson  
Cllr. Tommy Brennan, Vice Chairperson

Cllr. Michael Begley	Mr. Paddy Hourigan	Mr. John O'Donnell
Cllr. Pat Burke	Cllr. Mary Howard	Ms. Catherine O'Farrell
Mr. Billy Carmody	Cllr. Mary Jackman	Mr. Declan Philips
Cllr. Peter Considine	Mr. Eddie Keane	Ms. Catherine Prendiville
Mr. Micheal Corley	Cllr. Gabriel Keating	Cllr. Damien Riedy
Cllr. Cathal Crowe	Mr. Sean Kennedy	Ms. Phil Roche
Cllr. Liam Galvin	Ms. Linda Ledger	Cllr. P.J. Ryan
Mr. Flan Garvey	Cllr. Ian Lynch	Cllr. Michael Sheahan
Cllr. John Gilligan	Cllr. Jim Long	Cllr. Eddie Wade
Mr. Bernard Hanrahan	Cllr. Pat Mc Mahon	Ms. Marie Wright
Ms. Marian Harnett	Cllr. David Moloney	
Cllr. Mike Houlihan	Ms. Maoliosa Ní Chléirigh	
Cllr. Paddy Hourigan		

**Apologies:**

Ms. Joan Aherne	Cllr. Rose Brennan	Mr. Tony Brazil
Cllr. Maria Byrne	Ms. Mary Flanagan	Cllr. Michael Hillery
Mr. Jim Houlihan	Cllr. Cormac Hurley	Cllr. Joe Leddin
Cllr. Jim Lynch	Cllr. Orla McLoughlin	Cllr. Sean McLoughlin
Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon	Cllr. Eddie Ryan	Ms. Catherine Touhy
		Cllr. Liam Williams

**In attendance:**

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

## **1. Apologies/Condolences**

Votes of Sympathy were passed to the following;

- Mr. Tony Burke and Family on the Death of Ms. Marie Burke (Staff Member Burren Outdoor Education Centre).
- Ms. Mary Brennan (Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale), on the death of her aunt, Ms. Mary Foley.
- Ms. Kathleen Kingston (Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale), on the death of her father, Mr. Sean Fennessy.
- Ms. Margaret Rush (Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh), on the death of her brother, Mr. Michael Kiely
- Ms. Geraldine Wallace and Ms. Patricia Quaide (Castletroy College), on the death of their Aunt.
- Ms. Liz Cregans (Desmond College, Newcastlewest), on the death of her aunt, Ms. Margaret Cahir
- Ms. Aoife Culhane (Desmond College, Newcastlewest) on the death of her Grandmother, Mrs. Kathleen Culhane and Grandfather, Mr. James Stack.
- Ms. Mary Chesser, Scariff Community College, on the death of her mother, Mrs. Bridie Coghlan.
- Mr. Liam Coyle, Scariff Community College, on the death of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Coyle.
- Ms. Denise Glass, Scariff Community College, on the death of her father, Mr. Dan Larkin.
- Mr. Declan Glynn, TUI, on the death of his mother, Ms. Anna Glynn.
- To the Cuddy family on the death of Matthew Cuddy, of Mr. John Cuddy and Partners.
- Mr. Kevin Cusack, Principal, Colaiste na Trocaire, on the death of his cousin, Mr. Ryan Cusack.
- Ms. Mary Flynn, Colaiste na Trocaire, on the death of her aunt, Ms. EB Seymour.

## **2. Minutes of Previous Meetings of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board**

Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, already circulated, were confirmed and signed on the proposal of Cllr. Tommy Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Mike Houlihan.

## **3. Matters arising from the Minutes**

Ms. Catherine O'Farrell asked for minute to reflect her apologies for December Meeting.

Ms. Mary Flanagan requested that the minute re 'Helping Parents support their children in School' be amended as following; Members noted that a seminar "Working in Partnership, Helping Parents support their children in School," was organised in order to promote improved integration between Community Education and HSCL Staff in Schools. This event was organised across the new LCETB and involved DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in School) schools and the adult literacy service and Limerick City Community Education.

## **4. Correspondence**

### **4.1 Department of Education & Skills**

Circular Letter  
0001/2014  
January, 2014

Re: Combined Post-Graduate Diploma Programme of Continuing Professional Development for Teachers involved in Learning Support and Special Education – 2014/2015.  
Noted.

Circular Letter  
0002/2014  
January, 2014

Re: Post-Graduate Certificate/Diploma Programme of Continuing Professional Development for Teachers working with Students with Special Educational Needs (Autistic Spectrum Disorders).  
Noted.

Circular Letter  
0003/2014  
January, 2014

Re: Graduate Certificate in the Education of Students with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) for teachers working with Students with ASDs in Special Schools, Special Classes or as Resource Teachers in mainstream Primary and Post-Primary.  
Noted.

Circular Letter  
0004/2014  
January, 2014

Re: Limited alleviation of moratorium on filling posts of responsibility at Assistant Principal level for the duration of the Haddington Road Agreement.  
Welcomed.

<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0005/2014</u> 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Implementation of the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 – 2016 (Haddington Road Agreement) and the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act 2013 –Teachers. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0006/2014</u> 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 – 2016 (Haddington Road Agreement) Supervision and Substitution Scheme. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0008/2014</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Revised Annual Leave Arrangements for Staff Employed by Education and Training Boards other than Teachers, Tutors, SNAs and Youthreach Resource Persons. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0010/2014</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Revised Annual Leave Arrangements for Clerical Officers and Caretakers employed in National Schools under the 1978/79 Scheme and Clerical Officers employed in Post Primary Schools under the 1978 Scheme. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0011/2014</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Application of sections 2.24 and 2.25 of the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 – 2016 (Haddington Road Agreement)-Caretakers and Secretaries. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0013/2014</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Application of sections 2.24 and 2.25 of the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 – 2016 (Haddington Road Agreement) – Education and Training Boards. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0014/2014</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Application of sections 2.24 and 2.25 of the Public Service Stability Agreement 2013 – 2016 (Haddington Road Agreement) - Special Needs Assistants. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Circular Letter</u> <u>0016/2014</u> 21st February, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Standardisation of the School Year in respect of Primary &amp; Post-Primary Schools for the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17. Noted.</p>
<p>16th December, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Traveller Pupil Grant 2013/2014. Noted.</p>
<p>16th December, 2013</p>	<p>Re: Special Class Grant 2013/2014. Noted.</p>

- 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 Re: Desmond College, Newcastle West ASD Class.  
Noted.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 Re: Development of Post Primary schooling for Limerick City and the Areas of Pallaskenry and Croom for the period 2014 to 2024.
- 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 Re: Funding for Works at Limerick and Clare ETB Headquarters at Marshal House, Dooradoyle Road.  
Welcomed.
- 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 Re: Extension of Rental Period for Temporary Accommodation at Colaiste Iosaef, Kilmallock.  
Welcomed.
- 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 Re: Establishment of Office of Government Procurement (OGP).  
Noted.
- 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014 Re: Request for Funding to Repairs for Existing Fire Alarm Under Emergency Works Scheme for St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe.  
Welcomed.
- 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 Re: Computer Equipment Grant Ennistymon Vocational School.  
Noted.

#### **4.2 Education and Training Boards Ireland**

- 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 Re: Invoice for Annual Subscription 2014.  
Approved for payment.

#### **4.3 Other Correspondence**

- Fr: Department of Transport Tourism and Sport  
23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013 Re: 2012 Sports Capital Programme for Burren Outdoor Education Centre – request for further information.  
Noted.
- Fr: Data Protection Commissioner  
31<sup>st</sup> December, 2013 Re: Annual Continuance of Registration.  
The Board noted that this had been completed and returned.
- Fr: Department of Health  
6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 Re: Governance of Interim funded Drugs Task Force Projects.  
Noted.

<p><u>Fr: Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources</u> 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: National Rollout of 100mbit/s High Speed Schools Network. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Fr: SOLAS</u> 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: FET Funding 2014 First instalment- Business Continuity. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Fr: ESRI</u> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Quarterly Economic Commentary Winter, 2013. Noted.</p>
<p><u>Fr: Irish Independent</u> 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Records of Payments made to Members of VEC's for 2012 and 2013. Members noted that the LCETB does not come under the Freedom of Information Act and is not legally obliged to give that information. Following discussion, it was agreed not to furnish same.</p>
<p><u>Fr: LIT</u> 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Student Nomination to the LIT Governing Body for 2013/2014. On the proposal of Cllr. Jim Long, seconded by Cllr. Peter Considine, Mr. Chris Walsh was appointed as Student Male Nomination to the LIT Governing Body for 2013/2014.</p>
<p><u>Fr: Department of Children and Youth Affairs</u> 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Special Projects for Youth Allocation Co. Limerick Area. Noted.</p>
<p>5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.</p>	<p>Re: Special Projects for Youth and Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund 1 &amp; 2 Allocations Limerick City of Limerick Area. Noted.</p>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Special Projects for Youth Allocation Co. Limerick Area. Noted.</p>
<p>13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014</p>	<p>Re: Special Projects for Youth and Young Peoples Facilities and Services Fund 1 &amp; 2 Allocations Limerick City of Limerick Area. Noted.</p>
<p>13th February, 2014</p>	<p>Re: First Instalment of Current Funding 2014 Noted.</p>
<p><u>Fr: Limerick Learning Region</u> 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.</p>	<p>Re: Funding request for the Limerick Lifelong Learning Festival 2014. Agreed.</p>

Fr: Office of  
Government  
Procurement  
6<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Re: Receipt of Signed Data Sharing Agreement.  
Noted.

Fr: ESRI  
14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Re: Publication Research Strategy 2014-2018.  
Noted.

Fr: Irish Public  
Bodies  
17<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Re: Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Limited – Annual General Meeting, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 – request for Nominee.  
Cllr. Tommy Brennan was unanimously agreed as the Board's nominee on the proposal of Cllr. Peter Considine, seconded by Cllr. Gabriel Keating.

Fr: City of Dublin  
Service Board  
19<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Re: NQSF Update for the Department of Children and Youth Affairs.  
Noted.

Fr: Professional  
Development  
Service for  
Teachers  
21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014

Re: Professional Development Service for Teachers Seminar scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> March in Clare Education Centre.  
Noted.

Fr: National Parents  
Council  
21<sup>st</sup> February, 2014

Re: Affiliation Payment Fee 2013/2014.  
Approved for payment on the proposal of Mr. Flan Garvey, seconded by Cllr. Mary Jackman.

Fr: Clare Music  
Education  
Partnership  
25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

Re: Music Generation Clare, Music Education Partnership.  
The Board reiterated its commitment as partners in the Music Education Partnership and paid tribute to all involved in the delivery of music education programmes in Clare. The Board also reaffirmed its commitment to providing the funding to which it was committed as part of the application process.

## **5. Chief Executive's Report**

### **St. Nessan's & Salesian Amalgamation Process**

Members noted that two further meetings of the steering group have been held and a number of sub-group meetings were also held. The CE stated that the Salesian stakeholders have also visited the state of the art facilities in St. Nessan's Campus. The Board was pleased to note that a task group, with representatives of all partners from both schools, is starting the process of designing a new uniform for the school. A draft vision and values document for the new school is also at an advanced stage of development. The Board was also pleased to note that a conjoint staff day, with the staff from the two schools will take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Principals' Forum Meetings**

The CE advised that a number of meetings with the Principals of LCETB schools had taken place and informed Members that these forum meetings are an opportunity for Principals to network and share expertise and commence the process of integrated educational planning. Members noted that areas addressed included educational planning, health and safety, development of an ICT plan and the development of responsive human resource supports and that further meetings are planned. Members welcomed these developments.

### **Meeting with Youth Officers**

The Board was informed that meetings have been held with the Youth Officers within the LCETB. The CE advised that the Youth Officers have conducted a Strengths, Challenges Opportunities and Threats analysis and have identified the following Priorities for the Development of the Youth Function:

- Consideration of representation on various structures
- How the local youth grant scheme will be managed going forward
- Appropriate reserved committee structure
- Access to a youth budget for each operational area

In addition to above, the Board noted that Raheen and Castletroy have been identified as areas which require youth supports. The Board and CE paid tribute to all involved in the work to date.



## **Consolidation of the Limerick and Clare ETB**

Members were pleased to note that administrative staff from Limerick City and Clare have relocated to Marshal House since early January. It was noted that the five administrative pillars are now operational with one administrative department, the Capital and Procurement Division. based in Ennis. The CE advised that the Athenaeum Building is established as a Further Education and Training Hub given its close proximity to the Department of Social Protection and discussions are ongoing regarding the complementary range of services that will operate from this strategic location.

## **Report Configuration and Development of Post-Primary Schooling for Limerick City 2014-2024**

Members were briefed in relation to the study into the configuration and development of post- primary schooling for Limerick City 2014-2020 and it was noted that the relevant LCETB schools involved in the CAS were making submissions.

Following a comprehensive discussion wherein Members outlined their concerns in relation to the current Common Applications System, it was agreed, that the Board would establish a working group that, taking cognisance of the concerns expressed, would look at and consider the current system. It was agreed that the following Members, Cllr. Jim Long, Cllr. Cathal Crowe, Cllr. Michael Sheahan, Cllr. Michael Begley, Cllr. Mary Jackman and Ms. Linda Ledger. would work with the Education Officer on the working group

## **Limerick and Clare ETB and SOLAS**

The Board was pleased to note that a number of task groups have been established covering the following areas, Training, Human Resources, ICT and Finance with joint membership from ETB and SOLAS to ensure a seamless transition of SOLAS to LCETB. The date of the expected integration is currently estimated to be late May or early June.

## **Visit of Minister of State for Tourism and Sport to Burren Outdoor Education Centre**

Members were pleased to note the planned visit of the Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, Mr. Michael Ring and Deputy Breen on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to the Burren Outdoor Education Centre.

## **Gaelach/Gaelcholaiste**

Cllr. Flan Garvey requested the support for the establishment of a stand-alone Gaelcholáiste in Ennis. He thanked the CE for the opportunity to raise the matter and for his work to date on the matter and urged Members to support an application for the school. Following discussion on same, Members unanimously agreed for the CE to pursue this matter.

## **In-Committee Matter**

The Board was briefed with regard to an industrial relations matter at Choláiste Chiaráin In this regard, as such matters are not reserved functions, it was noted that the matter was being addressed by the CE and HR Manager, who were engaged with the relevant parties and that every effort was being made to resolve the situation and to ensure that there would be no disruption to educational provision.

It was agreed by the Board that should further meetings on this matter be required, that the Local Area Committee involved would address the matter.

## **Agreements**

On the proposal of Cllr Mary Jackman, seconded by Cllr Michael Houlihan, the following agreements were approved for signing by the Chairperson;

- County Board GAA - use of Neville Park in Rathkeale for schools
- SLA HSE - Re Service Level Agreement and use of premises

## **SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Board noted the following outstanding achievements and congratulated all involved;

<b>Castletroy College</b>	<b>Irish Technology Leadership Group (ITLG)</b> Members noted that Shannon Airport hosted the Irish Technology Leadership Group (ITLG), attended by investors, John Hartnett and Craig Barrett (INTEL), Irish "Dragons" Barry O'Sullivan, Peter Casey, Gavin Duffy and Sean O'Sullivan, staff and students of LIT. in which econdary school students competed for an array of the latest technology gadgets and cash prizes. With more than 700 students from all over Ireland gathered to promote their inventions and solutions for how we will live, work, play, learn, shop and travel in 2064. The team from Castletroy College in Limerick took first prize for their entry, "How we will live in 2064", one idea of which was how we create a new water-energy hybrid to deal with third world water shortages globally in 2064. Their success was rewarded by a range of prizes including the latest in technology gadgets, school prizes and flights to
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	<p>California on the new Aer Lingus Shannon – San Francisco route.</p> <p>Congratulations to Jenny Akhaga, Ryan Harney, Jack English, Danielle Mitchell, Emma Grace, Aine Mooney and Mark Long on winning the inaugural ITLG 2014 Young Innovators award, Mr. Pat Donoghue, LIT Mentor, Ms. Jude O'Flynn Murphy, TY Co-ordinator and Ms. Robyn Cunneen (UL Co-op student).</p> <p><b>Senior Cup Rugby</b></p> <p>The senior rugby team outplayed a much fancied Rockwell College side 20-13 to get their SEAT Munster Schools Senior Cup campaign off to a winning start at Clanwilliam FC.</p> <p><b>Camogie</b></p> <p>Castletroy College U16½ Camogie team are through to the North Munster Final.</p>
<p><b>Colaiste Chiaráin, Croom</b></p>	<p><b>Scifest</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Conor Foy, Sappho, who has been selected to take part in the ISEF international science fair in Los Angeles next May.</p> <p>Conor was invited to attend by the sponsors INTEL as a result of his participation in the Scifest national finals last November. Conor came Second in that competition but his project is of such high quality the judges have decided he should accompany the winning project to Los Angeles.</p> <p><b>Educator of Excellence Award (BT Young Scientist)</b></p> <p>Ms. Edel Farrell, was awarded the prestigious Analog Educator of Excellence award. These awards are presented to the teachers whose commitment and encouragement has consistently enabled their students to participate successfully in the following subject areas for the purpose of the exhibition: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Technology and Computing.</p> <p><b>Musical</b></p> <p>Congratulations to the Cast, Crew and Production Team on four outstanding performances of this year's Musical 'We Will Rock You!' which ran for four nights in the Limetree Theatre</p>
<p><b>Ennistymon Vocational School</b></p>	<p>Congratulations were extended to Ryan Morgan former student, of Ennistymon Vocational School, and to his teachers and parents on Ryan being awarded an Ernest Walton Stem Bursary by the DES. He is currently studying Engineering at UL.</p>

<p><b>Ennis Community College</b></p>	<p>Ennis Community College is celebrating 75 years in Education. Various initiatives are being planned for same and the Board will be updated in due course.</p>
<p><b>Desmond College, Newcastle West</b></p>	<p><b>Young Scientist Competition</b>  This year the Young Scientist Competition celebrates its 50th birthday. On 6th Jan Desmond College celebrated its involvement in the competition with the launch of a celebratory publication.</p> <p><b>Desmond Factor</b>  Desmond Factor took place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January and an excellent night of entertainment for all ensued</p> <p><b>BT Young Scientist Business Bootcamp</b>  Sean Duffy &amp; Warren Gleeson of Desmond College, Newcastle West have been selected for the UCD Nova Business Boot Camp.</p> <p>The BT Young Scientist Business Bootcamp was established in 2010 by BT and is delivered jointly with the Office of the Vice-President for Innovation on an annual basis. The Bootcamp, which take place at NovaUCD in March 2014, assists students in bridging the gap between education and business, a challenge that Ireland needs to overcome to achieve its goal of developing an innovative economy and generating employment.</p> <p>On the final day of the BT Young Scientist Business Bootcamp, each team will present their business plans to a judging panel. Summer placements at NUI Galway, University College Dublin (UCD), and University of Ulster will be available for the winners.</p>
<p><b>Hazelwood College</b></p>	<p>Irish Wheelchair Rugby star, Derek Murphy was recently presented with a commemorative cup, on foot of his exceptional achievements in the European Wheelchair Rugby Championships, which took place in France last summer, by Hazelwood Gaelige teacher and former International Ladies' Rugby teammate, Ms Louise Beamish. Derek was part of the Irish Wheelchair Rugby team that secured third place in the competition. Congratulations to him and all his teammates on an excellent result from all at Hazelwood College.</p>
<p><b>St. Nessian's Community College</b></p>	<p><b>First Irish Students to Launch Experiment into Space !</b>  A group of 4 secondary school students from Limerick are set to be the first Irish teenagers to launch their science experiment to be conducted in space. The lucky transition year students from St. Nessian's Community College in Limerick were announced as winners of 'The Only Way is Up' competition run by The Irish Centre for Composites Research (IComp) at the University of Limerick, through its partnership with NanoRacks LLC. The</p>

competition, which is the first of its kind in Ireland, gave students across the country the opportunity to submit experiments to be flown to, and carried out on, the International Space Station.

The winning project will investigate the effects that microgravity has on the solidification of reinforced concrete and will spend 30 days orbiting the Earth. Their teacher, Gavin Doyle, stated that "it is a great honour for St. Nessan's Community College to be representing Ireland in space exploration and it will give the students involved a once-in-a-lifetime experience".

The microgravity experiment is scheduled to blast off on the Orbital Sciences Orb-2 mission to the ISS from NASA Wallops this coming May. The space experiment will be returned to the students post spaceflight and will allow them to directly compare the results to a ground controlled experiment.

The competition is co-ordinated by Dr. Norah Patten, Communications and Outreach manager for the Irish Centre for Composites Research (IComp) at the University of Limerick. Dr. Patten said: "Space provides an ideal platform to foster interest and enthusiasm in young minds in Ireland. This project has allowed Irish students the opportunity to develop an actual space experiment and for the first time launch it to the space station. It is a clear indication of where space is at – through our partnership with NanoRacks LLC, Irish students can finally put their research into space."

The project was selected by a team of international judges from a number of projects from all over Ireland and Dr. Patten explains "the creativity and thought process from the students was incredible – they did a great job and should be very proud. This project has opened space up to Irish students; it has allowed them an opportunity to develop and create real space research and will hopefully encourage more young students in Ireland toward this fascinating area". A YouTube channel 'Ireland's first secondary school experiment in space' has been created to allow the public follow this project as it evolves. You can also follow the four lads journey on twitter (@SpaceCowboysIRE) and on their blog (spacecowboybuilders.blogspot.ie), in which they will be providing updates and photos of their progression.

'The Only Way is Up' is funded by Science Foundation Ireland Discover Science and Engineering, the Irish Centre for Composites Research (IComp) and the Faculty of Science and Engineering at the University of Limerick. It is enabled through a partnership with NanoRacks LLC and is supported by the National Centre for Excellence in Maths and Science Teaching and Learning (NCE-MSTL) and the Materials and Surface Science Institute (MSSI).

<p><b>Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh</b></p>	<p>Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh pupils came second in the recent ITLG Young Innovators event at Shannon Airport, coming a very close second to the worthy winners, Castletroy College.</p> <p>Students from Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh participated in Scléip is a national talent competition catering specifically for Irish-medium and Gaeltacht post-primary schools.</p> <p>The Schools Senior Debaters have succeeded in three rounds to date and are making excellent progress in the Concern Debating competition. The Gael Linn debating team were the top Gaelcholáiste team, outside of the Gaeltacht schools to qualify in this completion.</p> <p>The First Year Hockey team had an outstanding year in the First Year league. It was noted that this was a wonderful achievement given that Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh has no purpose built sports facilities available to its students.</p>
<p><b>St. Anne's Community College, Killaloe.</b></p>	<p>Congratulations to Eimhear Lynch, Leaving Cert Student, on her success in the County Clare final and the Regional Final of the Soroptomist Public Speaking competition. She is now one of eight students who will take part in the Soroptomist National Final in Public Speaking in March.</p> <p>Members noted also that the U16 Boys and U14 Girls Badminton teams have qualified to represent Munster in the All Ireland Competition in March.</p>
<p><b>Colaiste na Trocaire, Rathkeale</b></p>	<p><b>Fine Dine</b></p> <p>Members were pleased to note that Katie Shire, a second year student, has qualified for the final of the 'Fine Dine With Me' cookery competition which will be held next May. Students who entered the competition had to prepare a favourite restaurant meal and make it a healthy option.</p>

## BT YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION 2014

<b><u>Colaiste Mhuire, Askeaton</u></b>	
<b>Student:</b>	Conor Daly
<b>Year:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Can alternate feeds change the production of hens eggs"?
<b>Category:</b>	Junior Biological and Ecological Sciences
<b>Award:</b>	Highly Commended
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Susan Burke
<b><u>Castletroy College</u></b>	
<b>Student:</b>	Andreea Slavescu and Orla Keaveney.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"A quantitative comparative analysis of the nutritional components of Equine and Bovine Meat".
<b>Category:</b>	Biological & Ecological Intermediate Group.
<b>Award:</b>	Highly Commended.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Linda Hannon.
<b><u>Colaiste Chiaráin, Croom</u></b>	
<b>Student:</b>	Kalin Foy
<b>Year:</b>	2nd Year
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Buzz alarm for the Hearing Impaired".
<b>Category:</b>	Junior individual technology
<b>Award:</b>	Ei Electronics Special Award and Display Award.
<b>Student:</b>	Tiernan O 'Rourke,
<b>Year:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> year,
<b>Title of Project :</b>	Autonomous motion tracking tripod (A.M.M.T.)
<b>Category:</b>	Intermediate individual in technology.
<b>Award:</b>	Highly commended
<b>Student:</b>	Athene Storey Cosgrave,
<b>Year:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> year
<b>Title of Project :</b>	An APP to identify Irish wildflowers.
<b>Category:</b>	Junior individual technology.
<b>Award:</b>	Third in category
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Edel Farrell

<b><u>Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher</u></b>	
<b>Student:</b>	Michael Keyes
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"An investigation into and visualisation of atomic structure using gaming software".
<b>Category:</b>	Senior, Chemical, Physical and Mathematical
<b>Award:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
<b>Student:</b>	Laoise Bennis
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"To design and manufacture a useful device to aid in the transportation of an Irish Harp".
<b>Category:</b>	Intermediate Technology.
<b>Award:</b>	Father Tom Burke Memorial Award.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Michelle Herbert.
<b><u>Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh</u></b>	
<b>Student:</b>	Jack O Callaghan
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Learn to Juggle, Juggle to Learn".
<b>Category:</b>	Social and Behavioural.
<b>Award:</b>	First place in category and highly commended.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Niamh de Búrca.
<b>Students:</b>	Eibhlín Halpin and Eoin Jardine
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Na héifeachtaí diúltacha a bhíonn ag díothacht codlata agus imscrúdú ar na modhanna ailternacha a n-úsáidtear chun na héifeachtaí seo a laghdú".
<b>Category:</b>	Social and Behavioural.
<b>Award:</b>	Highly commended.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Clodagh Ní Chróinín.
<b>Students:</b>	Karl English and Matthew O'Dwyer.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Radió bunúsach don triú Domhanda".
<b>Category:</b>	Technology.
<b>Award:</b>	Interview with the President of Ireland.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Niamh de Búrca.
<b>Students:</b>	Daragh Exton and Matt Lucey.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"The vibe of the Hive".
<b>Category:</b>	Biological and Ecological.
<b>Award:</b>	Research Award - Best combined Project and Highly commended.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Ms. Claire Ní hAinle.



<b><u>St. Nessan's Community College</u></b>	
<b>Student Year:</b>	Jason Hannan. Transition Year.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Does an Apple a day keep the doctor away"?
<b>Award:</b>	Intermediate Highly Commended.
<b>Teacher involved:</b>	Gavin Doyle.
<b><u>Desmond College, Newcastle West</u></b>	
<b>Students:</b>	Sean Duffy & Warren Gleeson.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"A method of deterring/ detecting the tampering of drinks".
<b>Category:</b>	Senior Technology.
<b>Award:</b>	Highly Commended.
<b>Student:</b>	Aoife King.
<b>Title of Project :</b>	"Mayan Mathematics - So right yet so wrong"
<b>Category:</b>	Senior Mathematical, Physical Chemical.
<b>Award:</b>	Display Award.
<b>Teacher:</b>	Mr. Donal Enright.

## **6. Committee Reports:**

### **6.1 Local Area Committees**

On the proposal of Cllr. Tommy Brennan, seconded by Cllr. Peter Considine, the minutes from the three Local Area Committee Meetings held in November, 2013 were unanimously confirmed.

### **6.2 Boards of Management**

The following Minutes were confirmed by the Board on the proposal of Cllr. Michael Sheahan, seconded by Cllr. Tommy Brennan;

- Ennistymon Vocational School, held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013
- Ennistymon Vocational School, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013
- Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2013
- Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher, held on 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

## **7. Finance Committee Report**

On the proposal of Cllr. Pat Burke, seconded by Cllr. Michael Sheahan, minute from the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, was noted.

**8. Audit Committee Report**

On the proposal of Cllr. Peter Considine, seconded by Cllr. Liam Galvin, minute from the Audit Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, was noted.

**9. AOB with the permission of the Chairperson**

Next Meeting Fixed for Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. Members agreed the earlier time of 10 a.m. for commencement of meeting to be held in Limerick Strand Hotel.

(Signed) SEAN BURKE,  
Chief Executive.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. M. C.', is written over a horizontal line.

Chairperson of meeting held on 9th April, 2014.