

## MINUTES OF LIMERICK AND CLARE EDUCATION AND TRAINING BOARD

# LCETB BOARD MEETING WAS A HYBRID MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Present:

Cllr. Kieran O'Hanlon, Chairperson

Mr. Michael Cregan Cllr. Michael Donegan Mr. Michael Guilfoyle Ms. Catherine Hehir Cllr. Gabriel Keating

Cllr. Clare Colleran Molloy

Cllr. Ann Norton Mr. Donal ÓhAiniféin Cllr. Elena Secas Cllr. Brigid Teefy Cllr. Paul Murphy

Ms. Elaina Fitzgerald Mr. Mark O'Dea Cllr. John Sheahan

In attendance:

Mr. George O'Callaghan, Chief Executive

Ms. Shelagh Graham, Director of Organisation Support and Development

Mr. Donncha O'Treasaigh, Director of Schools

Mr. Denis O'Brien, Head of Corporate Services & IT

Ms. Aileen O'Sullivan, Recording Secretary, Corporate Services

Ms. Caroline Hayes, Corporate Services

#### 1. For Consideration; Apologies/Condolences

**Apologies:** 

Mr. Sean McMahon

In abstentia:

Cllr. Sarah Kiely

Ms. Marian Petty Ms. Sheila Hickey Cllr. Joe Killeen Cllr. Liam Galvin

#### A Vote of Sympathy was passed to the following:

- Ms. Cliona O'Kelly (College of Further Education and Training, Mulgrave Street) on the death of her husband, Mr. Terry Brown.
- Ms. Dara McMahon (College of Further Education and Training, Croom Campus) on the death of her father, Mr. Frank McMahon.

- Ms. Anne O'Sullivan (Ennistymon Vocational School) on the death of her brother, Mr. William Hillery.
- Ms. Georgina O' Halloran (College of Further Education and Training, Mulgrave Street) on the death of her brother, Mr. Johnny O' Halloran.

## 2. Declaration of Conflict of Interests

All Board Members confirmed no conflict of interest with any Agenda item.

#### 3. For Adoption;

Minutes of Meeting of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Ms. Catherine Hehir.

### 4. For Consideration; Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr. Gabriel Keating advised members that the Kilrush Green Field Gaelscoil site was at planning permission stage and that funds had been released for same. It was noted that there was some planning issue re house adjacent to the Canon's House.

Cllr. Elena Secas was pleased to note that policies were in place for school and that great work was ongoing in this area and paid tribute to the Director of Schools.

The CE advised that the new school in Ennistymon was amalgamating from 1st September but that existing school facilities will be required under the auspices of the new school on 1st September.

#### 5. Governance:

### a. Risk Management

Update on Ukrainian Refugees – the Chief Executive stated that there is nothing more to report from what is included in the CE Report on REALT.

#### 6. Correspondence

### **Department Correspondence**

<u>CL 0019/2023</u> 29 March 2023	Re: Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2025.
<u>CL 0020/2023</u> 30 March 2023	Re: Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Examination in 2025.

## 7. For Consideration; Chief Executive's Report Incorporating;

#### **Community National Schools**

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is supporting its three Community National Schools continues - Mol an Óige CNS, Ennistymon, and Raheen Wood CNS, Scariff and Glenroe CNS with enrolments for the new academic year 2023/2024.

#### **Post Primary Schools**

## **Leaving Certificate Oral & Practical Examinations 2023**

Schools worked very diligently during the first weekend and week of the Easter break to ensure that students in Leaving Certificate could attend oral and practical examinations in a very well organised and safe manner. Students were extremely grateful to their schools for accommodating them.

#### Staffing Allocation & Appeal

Deliberations with the Department of Education are on-going in relation to the initial Staffing Allocation for schools which was received in January 2023.

#### **BD STEM Stars awards**

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Schools Division pioneered a joint collaboration three years ago called BD STEM STARS as an initiative to promote participation in STEM subjects. The project affords students of science subjects the opportunity to show how STEM can be applied to solving real-life health issues. Now in its third year, the initiative is open to all secondary schools in the Mid-West.

BD is a leading global medical technology company with over 70,000 employees worldwide. BD established **Research Centre Ireland (RCI)** Limerick in February 2017 as a global research & development hub.

# Desmond College took top prize at finals held at BD's Research Centre Ireland in Limerick on Thursday, 30 March, 2023: Coláiste Chiaráin came third in the event.

The seeds sown to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects in the Mid-West over recent years are bearing fruit judging by the 2023 BD STEM Stars Awards, Site Lead for BD's Research Centre Ireland (RCI) in Limerick, Sean Wall, has stated.

Commenting after Desmond College took the top honours from this year's awards programme at BD's world-class Research Centre Ireland in Castletroy, Limerick, Site Lead for BD's Research Centre Ireland (RCI) in Limerick, Sean Wall said that the standard of innovation amongst the participating schools was hugely encouraging for STEM related sectors.

The BD 2023 STEM Stars Award, which is supported by Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, is the biggest such awards programme in the region. Some 17 secondary schools from counties Clare, Limerick and Tipperary were welcomed by Mr Wall and his team to the RCI for the finals, creating a chamber of colour, excitement and no shortage of innovation across the day as they presented their individual projects and got tours of the state-of-the-art research centre.

Desmond College took home the coveted BD STEM Stars trophy and €10,000, which will go towards STEM related facilities at their school, for their project.

**Senior R&D Director and Site Lead Mr Wall** said: "The BD STEM Stars Awards are a source of immense pride across the BD network here in Ireland and beyond and the first-hand experience I got today confirmed for me why that is. Primarily, it is a wonderful initiative and effort by the team here at RCI to stage this competition in partnership with Limerick and Clare ETB as there is no small amount of work involved in coordinating a programme like this with schools across the region.

The competition was launched in November, with schools submitting their final entries to BD last month, at which point they were assigned a mentor from the company to support them on the project.

To find out more about the BD STEM Stars programme and participants, visit <a href="https://emea.jobs.bd.com/bd-stem stars">https://emea.jobs.bd.com/bd-stem stars</a>. Participating schools:

Official School Name	Full Address
Mary Immaculate Secondary Schoo	Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare, Clare. V95R2AW
Coláiste Mhuire	College Road, Ennis, ClareV95X683
Colaiste Chiarain	Croom, Co. Limerick, LimerickV35W727
Scoil Pól	Kilfinane, Co. Limerick, Limerick V35YH27
Scoil Mhuire & Íde	Newcastle West, Co. Limerick, Limerick V42RT27
Colaiste Mhichil	Sexton Street, Limerick, Limerick V94NF25
Coláiste Nano Nagle	Sexton Street, Limerick, Limerick V94YW24
Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ	Laurel Hill Secondary School FCJ, South Circular Road, Limerick V94D2Y5
Desmond College	Station Road, Newcastle West, Limerick V42DK84
GAELCHOLÁISTE LUIMNIGH	Meal Sior Anraí, Luimneach, Limerick V94V2Y9
Castletroy College FT	Newtown, Castletroy, Limerick V946D85
Salesian Secondary College	Don Bosco Road, Pallaskenry, Limerick V94WP86
homond Community College	Moylish Park, Moylish, Limerick V94V342
resentation Secondary School	Thurles, Co Tipperary E41DF34
Coláiste Mhuire Co-Ed	Castlemeadows, Thurles, Co Tipperary E41W678
aheen College, Tipperary	Raheen Road, Clonmel, E91HP7
t. Patricks Comprehensive School	Tullyglass, Tullyvarraga, Shannon, Co. Clare

#### **Assistant Principal Seminars**

The Schools' Division will be organising a seminar for Community College Assistant Principals in May 2023 via Zoom.

## Training and supports for post-primary schools

Support seminars and training are planned for post-primary personnel in the following areas;

- Student Support Team Coordinators meeting
- Meeting of Special Education Needs Advisory Group
- Leading Inclusive Learning, Teaching and Assessment (LILTA) meeting
- Transition Year Coordinators
- Guidance Counsellor visit to Raheen campus

LCETB.com provides staff in all Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board Community Colleges, Community National Schools and Community Schools with comprehensive information and resources.

### **Thomond Community College**

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in partnership with social enterprise Living Woodlands, has been busy planting Tiny Forests at some of its ETB schools. Limerick brothers Colm and John Galvin set up 'Living Woodlands' to help create community woodlands as a way of tackling climate change and protecting native Irish biodiversity. They do this by helping organisations and communities to provide natural spaces, creating tiny forests in urban areas. The very first of these Tiny Forest projects was created by Living Woodlands at Tait House, back in the spring of 2022.

Thomond Community College enlisted the help of Living Woodlands earlier this month funded by Irish Cement. Teachers, students, and volunteers helped to plant 900 native Irish trees including oak, alder, hazel, and birch; with this Tiny Forest designed to grow up to 10 times faster than other tree-planting initiatives. This, in turn, will help turn the waste ground at the back of the school into a vibrant ecosystem, encouraging wildlife including insects, birds, and other species in an urban space. Thanks to its new lease of life, the outdoor space can also then be used by students which will support their learning and encourage more understanding of biodiversity and environmental issues in their area. To find out more about Tiny Forests and the impact they are making, check out www.livingwoodlands.com.

#### Parent & Guardian Webinar

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board's Schools Division is delighted to organise a special Webinar for parents/guardians of children in Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board schools with Dr. Maureen Griffin, 24 April at 8.00 pm via Zoom.

Dr. Maureen Griffin B.A. M.A. Ph.D., a forensic psychologist will provide very helpful information and advice to parents and guardians on the risks of the internet and social media. Maureen specialises in online offending and recognises the need for education/training for children and those responsible for their care and protection.

Since its foundation in 2010, Maureen has visited over 750 primary and secondary schools across Ireland; worked with organisations responsible for the care and protection of children; provided training in relation to online offending behaviours for those working with offenders and delivered lectures on Forensic Psychology and Criminal Behaviour Courses in Universities across Ireland.

Dr. Maureen Griffin, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. holds an honours degree in Applied Psychology, a Masters in Forensic Psychology and a Ph.D. in Applied (Forensic) Psychology (specifically in the area of Sex Offender Assessment).

Maureen has delivered lectures in the areas of abnormal psychology, mental health and crime, sexual offenders, online internet solicitation and risk assessment on Forensic Psychology, Criminal Behaviour &

Criminalistics courses in Universities across Ireland. Maureen has also delivered guest lectures on Detective and Sergeant Training Courses in An Garda Síochána and on National and International Military Police Courses with the Irish Defence Forces.

Maureen has visited over 700 schools (primary & post primary) across Ireland speaking with students, staff, BOM members and parents regarding issues around social media, cyber-bullying and internet and mobile phone safety. Maureen has also delivered presentations around social media and child protection for the HSE, Brothers of Charity, NEPS, Gardaí and the NAPD. Maureen has presented at the ILSA Conference, CESIT Conference, 4th Biennial Child Protection & Welfare Social Work Conference, UCC, Guidance Counsellors Conference and Youth Mental Health Conferences across Ireland. Maureen's primary research interests are in the area of hebephiliac sexual offenders, specifically focusing on the role of the Internet in the online solicitation of minors and the utility of implicit measurement techniques in the risk appraisal of sexual offenders. Maureen has analysed online grooming cases from America, identifying patterns of behaviour and escalation in risk of contact offending. Maureen has also worked with offenders in Irish prisons testing the efficacy of implicit measurement techniques in assessing risk.

## **ETBI Summer School for Middle Leaders**

The Schools' Division is leading the planning for the second ETBI Summer School for Middle Leaders, to be held in the University of Limerick from Wednesday to Friday, 21/22/23 June 2023. The theme for the Summer School, Supporting Middle Leaders: Nurturing Leadership for a Changing World will be opened by Chief Executive of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board, Mr. <u>George O'Callaghan</u>. The aims of this special summer school are:

- To support middle leaders in their professional leadership journey
- To support middle leaders in reflecting about themselves as leaders in educational settings
- To offer a deeper understanding of leadership in a school setting
- To promote discussion and debate about relevant areas of education in Ireland
- To provide opportunities for networking among middle leaders.

The event will also include a presentation and discussion with Dr. Harold Hislop, former Chief Inspector with the Department of Education.

## Youth Work

Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board is looking forward to launching the Limerick and Clare Youth Work Plan 2023 – 2026 in Glór, Co. Clare, Ennis on Wednesday 19th April at 4pm.

## **Further Education and Training Report (FET)**

## College of FET, Mulgrave Street and Kilmallock Road Campuses

- Lifelong Learning Week: From Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, College of FET staff at both the Mulgrave Street and Kilmallock Road Campuses delivered a host of events as part of the Limerick Lifelong Learning week. Events ranged across such diverse areas as dementia support, career development, nutrition, radio skills and a host of informative topics. These were all welcomed and well received by local community groups. The Fresh Film Festival under the guidance of Jayne Foley, Art teacher, Mulgrave Street Campus, hosted a career in Film workshop for over 150 post-primary students, a significant success.
- Campus Open Days: Both Kilmallock Road and Mulgrave Street Campuses held open days for community groups and local citizens in March. These events were successful allowing people the opportunity to view campus facilities and learning more about the courses on offer. Teaching staff and current learners were on hand to provide information to prospective learners, parents and

guidance counsellors. The Open Day featured an exciting Visual Arts Exhibition (Art and Design, Fashion, and Photography), Learner Demonstrations, Campus tours and Guidance briefings on course offerings and opportunities. It is hoped this additional interest will lead to an increased enrolment in 2023.

- 2023 2024 Prospectus: The 2023 2024 prospectus was launched in March and for the first time the prospectus includes all full-time provision at both the Kilmallock Road and Mulgrave Street Campuses. The prospectus details an interesting, viable and exciting range of courses ranging from QQI Level 3 to Level 6. It includes relevant course details along with an extensive offering of supports that ensure to reduce educational barriers and enhance ETB course provision.
- Work Experience: Youthreach LCA1 & LCA 2 work experience placements took place from 13th March – 24th March 2023;
- Curriculum: Staff preparations around QQI at Level 3 for Campus, meetings held with staff and a meeting held with QQI Officer and line manager to progress same;
- Progression: On site taster sessions for learners attending the Campus took place since the last reporting period. Learners intending to progress next year in Further Education have been supported to make applications and enrol;
- Learner Mentor Initiative (LMI): Evaluation to take place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, by CEIP evaluator.

# College of FET, Kilmallock Town & Cappamore Campuses

- East County Limerick Part-time Provision is delivering 98 courses across campuses (Kilmallock Town Campus/Cappamore Campus) and partner locations in the county. These range from Core Skills, VESD, Community Education & ESOL;
- 19 learners achieved certification under the QQI April 2023 run for submission in Healthcare Support and 7 learners achieved certification through RPL in Healthcare Support for Minor and Major awards;
- College of FET, Cappamore Campus hosted a Tea/Coffee morning as part of ETB Day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. The Campus welcomed over 50 learners who shared their experiences of the positive aspects of participating in Lifelong Learning within the Campus. Learner's work was displayed and the feedback was extremely positive. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Healthcare Support Level 5 learners organised a coffee morning in aid of Barnados and successfully raised €954.
- Both College of FET, Cappamore Campus and College of FET, Kilmallock Town Campus participated in Lifelong Learning week events to include open course participation on two evenings, an open pyrography class and open forge event.

## College of FET, Ennistymon Campus

- Two work placement days were organised on textiles as part of work experience. Learners visited the courthouse gallery exhibition, 'A camel is a horse made by a committee', with two participating artists, to explore group shows. This lead to an active exercise on democratic approaches to partnerships and insights into how committees work;
- Some learners engaged in local St. Patrick's Day events doing face painting with local children.

## College of FET, Ennis Campus

- Ennis Campus is introducing a new Sales apprenticeship commencing October 2023 in association with MSLETB.
- RPL will be part of full-time provision from Sept 23.
- RPL pilot project underway with Childcare Committee in Limerick and Clare and Ukrainian applicants exploring the potential of gaining certification in Early Learning and Care Childcare Award.

- Our Positive Mental Health Amber flag team organised a St Patrick's Day event with a siege of Ennis in the canteen. Promptly followed by a break dance from one of our ESOL learners who is an Olympic hopeful.
- A successful Open Evening took place in Ennis Campus on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.
- Ennis Campus hosted a Healthcare recruitment fair on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in collaboration with DSP. 20 employers met potential candidates in Ennis Campus on the day.

## College of FET, Raheen Campus

### Local Training Initiatives

**FAI:** Work Experience completed by the group with FAI Development Officers with Primary Schools in Corbally with over 50 primary schools attending.

## Specialist Training Providers

A very successful open day was held in conjunction with Limerick Lifelong Learning on 28th March. This has resulted in 16 students who will be completing their LCA this year skill sampling during the Easter Holidays. Other visitors included Enable Ireland (Staff and Clients), HSE Occupational Therapists and TUSLA staff.

## Inter-Campus Football Tournament

Raheen Campus entered two teams in the inaugural ETB Inter-campus Football Tournament on Thursday, 30th March 2023. Multiple teams were entered from across our various campuses. Raheen "Black Team" won the third place play off and Raheen "Red team" won the full competition. The Cup is being engraved at the moment and will be then kept in show in the Raheen Learning Hub for the year.

## College of FET, NZEB Centre of Excellence, LEDP Campus

• The first instance of the NZEB Fundamental Awareness Course was delivered to learners on 28<sup>th</sup> April at the NZEB and Retrofit Centre of Excellence that recently opened in Limerick. On this 1-day programme, participants discover the principles and practices of Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) and explore NZEB principles, building physics, fabric and services, renewable energy, photovoltaics, smart metering and more. On completing this fully-funded programme, participants are awarded Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) Fundamental Awareness (City & Guilds Assured) accreditation. The Campus will offer training to approximately 1,500 learners annually supporting our national climate and housing retrofit targets. This denotes a significant investment by the Department and SOLAS and the new Centre of Excellence will offer amongst others, courses in NZEB, Retrofitting, and Solar Panel Installation.

## College of FET, Moyross Youth Academy

• A group of learners went on a trip to the OETC, Kilfinane, on March 13<sup>th</sup> last. Learners and Instructors were brought to the Ballyhoura Mountains and were given a thorough lesson on how to use a mountain bike. Our guide went through the different parts of the bike and explained the importance of gear use and how to best grip the brakes and handle-bars for optimum results. Following some practice runs, the group were brought to the cycling trail and headed off for a morning of biking. Anyone who felt uncomfortable with cycling on this challenging terrain was free to enjoy the surroundings of the Ballyhoura Mountains. However, every learner took part in the biking session and enjoyed the experience. Following a hearty lunch, the group enjoyed a competitive game of dodge ball followed by some indoor wall climbing. These activities encourage team-work, operating outside of one's comfort zone, learning how to carry yourself in unfamiliar environments and fostering self-confidence.

## College of FET, Shannon Campus

#### SST:

- We are currently recruiting for Garden Design for Kilrush Campus for a May start and numbers at this point in time look promising.
- We are currently recruiting for a Nail and Beauty course in Kilrush Campus, over the summer months. This is the first time that a City and Guilds certified course of this nature will be offered in Kilrush. This course is a joint venture between Shannon Campus and Kilrush Campus to provide a progression path to Youthreach learners.
- At the end of Q1 we have registered 791 learners across all provision apart from apprenticeship.
   This includes 108 learners on F-Gas, 148 learners on Welding courses and 96 learners on Aircraft courses.

#### Traineeship:

- Recruitment is on-going for two Aircraft Maintenance Technician courses, specifically requested by Ryan Air-PAM and Atlantic Aviation Group. These courses will commence in June.
- At a recent presentation of certificates by IAC, it was mentioned that over half the team leaders on the production floor have come through the Aircraft Spray Painting Traineeship.
- At the end of Q3 we have registered 60 learners across various Traineeship courses.

## Apprenticeship:

 A full schedule of Craft Phase 2 apprenticeship is now scheduled for 2023. Emergency provision still applies to Plumbing and Electrical courses.

## **FET Pathways from School**

- To date we have provided 3 x 2-week taster courses for TY students from Ennistymon Community College, with very positive results. Learners who attended the courses have indicated that the courses have helped them choose a career path and source work experience for the summer months.
- We have registered 73 learners on Barista Training, run in conjunction with the Hospitality Campus.

#### **Outdoor Education & Training**

- Life Safety Systems upgrade in OETC, Kilfinane, is completed
- OETC service continues to work with post primary (TYs) and FET (VTOS, Youth Provision)
- OETC service offering adventure skills and wellbeing for ETB staff during the summer.

#### **Support Services**

## **Professional Development**

- The third iteration of Introduction to Recognition of Prior Learning is concluding for Mentors and Assessors Training. There were 18 participants including 6 staff from DDLETB, MSLETB and GRETB;
- 15 participants will be attending a pilot offering of Quality Matters 2 day Trauma Informed Practice Training. The intention is to give staff the tools to better understand trauma and give skills to better deal with challenging behaviours;
- Since January 11 staff have participated on Erasmus mobilities with a further 6 people due to go
  out in the coming weeks. The College of FET has also been included as a partner in two Erasmus
  KA2 applications.

#### **Active Inclusion**

## Pathways to FET

- The FET Strategy (2020 2024) identifies creating pathways as one of the three strategic priorities for the FET sector in Ireland. As part of the College of FET, the provision of structured pathways and transitioning opportunities for post-primary learners to participate in and experience FET is a priority for Limerick and Clare ETB.
- In March 2022, the AISS Pathways programme was developed as an active response to FET'S public sector and human rights duty to improve access to education and progression opportunities for excluded groups. Our focus is on people who fall within the nine grounds and socio economic disadvantage. To date this programme has specifically supported Younger ESOL and Migrant Post Primary Learners who cannot progress to PLC if they don't have a B" Level of English, Younger Post Primary Traveller and Roma learners who are falling out of school and not progressing to FET and Traveller and Roma Learners not engaging with FET.
- Over the past year, the pathways programme has implemented a range of activities and interventions for post-primary learners. These include:
  - General Pathways (English Language Support, Maths Support, Career Preparation and ICT support)
  - o Sectoral Specific Pathways Programmes (Hospitality, Music and Outdoor Education)
  - Taster Workshops (Beauty therapy and Hairdressing)
  - o Summer Provision Programme.
  - One-to-one mentoring and guidance for disadvantaged students to provide academic and emotional support.
  - Referral to other support services as needed.
- We have successfully provided support to a significant number of learners who would not
  otherwise progress into FET or HE. We will continue to work to simplify the pathway from school
  to further education by working with schools in the region to identify learner needs and adjust
  our FET offering accordingly.

# Information, Recruitment & Guidance (Emma Maher) Can you put in two lines for this?

- EESS Guidance Counsellor collaborated with Senior Training Advisor to deliver a presentation to a post-primary school re FET Opportunities and Apprenticeships.
- EESS Guidance Counsellor engaged with post-Primary schools across the mid-west region to display and deliver iPad to winners of Explore Engineering Competition.
- EESS Guidance Counsellor engaged with Skills to Advance groups to provide information on the Guidance Service available through Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board.
- EESS FET Manager Presented to Institute of Guidance Counsellors (IGC) Conference in ATU Sligo (Institute of Technology, Sligo).

## **Enterprise Engagement**

- Sales Apprenticeship-\_EESS made links with SME and MNC's for upcoming sales apprenticeship commencing September 2023.
- Equine Programme\_new Level 3 'Pathways to working with horses', will be rolled out for September 2023. Targeted at young people across the city, programme is cross-sectoral, and classes will be held in various locations across regeneration communities.
- Personal Development Limerick Pilot Programme recruitment for coordinator will begin
  when phase 2 is actioned. The pilot programme will commence in September 2023 and support
  participants' pre- and post-addiction treatment.
- **Biopharma**-EESS attended announcement of new Eli Lily Plant by Enterprise Minister Simon Coveney. The construction of the new 500,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility is at IDA's Business

Park in Raheen. The plant will employ c.300 people in engineering, scientific and operational roles.

- SOLAS and EESS have actioned a new Skills to Advance Environmental Sustainability QQI Level 4 and 5 Programme with 100 available places.
- EESS participated in the launch of Limerick Learning Festival in City Hall. EESS attended and participated in Johnson & Johnson at the launch of the National Survey of Apprenticeship Employers.

## 8. For Adoption:

- a) Finance Report Period Ending March, 2023 Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. Elena Secas
- b) Report from Finance Committee Meeting held on 27/02/2023 Adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gabriel Keating, seconded by Cllr. John Sheehan.

#### 9. For Noting:

a) Report from the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting held on 23/02/2023

## 10. For Appointment Board Nominees to:

- a) St. Michael's Community College, Kiamichi
- b) Coláiste na Trócaire, Rathkeale (2 vacancies)
- c) Hazelwood College, Dromcollogher

On the proposal of Ms. Catherine Hehir, seconded by Cllr. Ann Norton, Mr. Michael Guilfoyle was appointed to the Board of Management of Colaiste Na Trocaire, Rathkeale.

Members were asked to send in nominees for the next meeting. The CE advised that vacancies can also be filled by non-members of the Board.

### 11. AOB

**Next Meeting:** 

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2023.

George O'Callaghan Chief Executive.

Signed:

Chairperson of Meeting held on 23rd May, 2023