

Minutes of monthly Board meeting held in the Woodenbridge Hotel, Avoca, Arklow,
Co. Wicklow on Thursday 14th June 2001 @ 6.00 p.m.

Present

Cllr. Tony Fox, Chairman
Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell
Ald. Senator Joe Doyle
Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne
Cllr. Pat Doran
Cllr. Andrew Doyle

Mr. Paul Ledwidge
Cllr. Laurence Butler
Ms. Noeleen Harvey
Cllr. Maria Corrigan
Mr. John Dolan
Mr. Gerry McGuire
Dr. Bernard Murphy

Apologies

Dr. Ray Hawkins
Ms. Maria Hoban
Ms. Joyce Andrews
Dr. Mick Molloy
Dr. John Fennell
Cllr. Olivia Mitchell T.D.

Officers in attendance

Mr. Michael Lyons, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Cate Hartigan, Asst. Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance
Ms. Anne Marie Donohoe, Communications Department
Mr. John Davis, Board Secretary
Ms. Suzanne Bushnell, PA to Chief Executive

Opening Prayer

[1] Chairman's Business

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of list of deceased (circulated).

- Drew member's attention to revised schedule of visits for June and July 2001.
- Advised members of reports of committees including Standing Committees to be given under Agenda Item 5.
- Advised members to the Special Olympics World Games to be held in Ireland in June 2003. An invitation will be extended to Ms. Fiona O'Loughlin, Host Town Programme Manager, 2003 Special Olympics World Summer Games Ltd, to give a presentation to a future meeting of our Board.

As a gesture of support the Chairman proposed a contribution of £10,000 will be given by our Board to the Special Olympic Committee and advised that a liaison person will be assigned from Headquarters in Bray to link in with Programme Manager and Committee. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Laurence Butler and unanimously agreed.

- Circulated information on disability Federation of Ireland Annual Conference on 22nd June 2001.
- Advised members that the process of replacing Mrs. Joyce Andrews to the Board and to the Board of the Eastern Regional Health Authority has commenced.
- Sent good wishes to Mr. Bob Templeton, Director of Childcare on his departure from the Board on a career break.
- Expressed condolences to Mr. Gavin Maguire, Director of Finance on the death of his father and Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne on the death of her mother.

The Chairman, Chief Executive Officer joined with members in expressing their condolences to both families and on the proposal of Cllr. Laurence Butler and seconded by Cllr. Andrew Doyle the meeting was adjourned for 10 minutes as a mark of respect.

[2] (a) Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Board held on 12th April 2001 and 10th May 2001, having been circulated, were proposed for adoption by Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell and seconded by Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne and agreed.

(b) Matters Arising

No matters arising.

[3] Questions to Chief Executive Officer

Cllr Olivia Mitchell T.D.

“To ask the Chief Executive Officer what plans the Board have to upgrade or relocate the Health Centre in Dundrum in view of its very poor condition and in view of the major construction upheaval in Dundrum.”

Answer

Dundrum Health Centre is included in the Board’s list of priorities for National Development Plan funding for the provision of an extension.

This is required to improve accommodation for existing service delivery and to provide for further developments for the increasing population in the area.

Having regard to the developments in the area including the provision of the new roads, which may restrict to some extent, the provision of an extension, the possibility of relocating is now being actively considered.

Options for leasing additional accommodation are also being considered as a matter of urgency.

[4] Chief Executive Officer Report

The Chief Executive Officers report was circulated (*copy appended to the official minutes*).

The Report dealt with the following items:-

- **Medical cards for persons aged over 70 years**
- **National Drugs Strategy 2001 – 2008**
- **Vaccination and Immunisation updates**
- **Acute Hospitals updates**

Their followed a lengthy debate on the Report to which the following members contributed, Mr. Gerry McGuire, Cllr. Dr. Bill O'Connell, Cllr. Laurence Butler, Mr. John Dolan, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Cllr. Andrew Doyle, Mr. Paul Ledwidge, Cllr. Pat Doran and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied.

The following points were noted.

- Arrangements are been made by the Board to ensure that persons who qualify automatically for a medical card from 1st July 2001 can obtain the card with the minimum of administration.
- National Drug Strategy Document will be examined in detail by the Continuing Care Committee.
- Finance and Property Committee will be kept advised of developments regarding Disposal of Plot of Land at St. Columcille's Hospital
- Discussion Document being prepared by the Board on strategic approach to Acute Care Planning and delivery for the Area. This document will be considered by the Acute and Primary Care Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. Laurence Butler and seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran the Chief Executive's Report was noted.

[5] Report of Standing Committee

Reports on meetings of the following standing committees were unanimously adopted on the proposal of Ald. Sen. Joe Doyle and seconded by Cllr. Andrew Doyle and agreed. *(copy appended to official minutes)*

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| • Acute Services & Primary Care Committee | 18/04/01 |
| • Acute Service & Primary Care Committee | 16/05/01 |
| • Development Review Committee – St. Columcille's | 23/04/01 |
| • Continuing Care Committee | 26/04/01 |
| • Continuing Care Committee | 24/05/01 |
| • Child Care Advisory Committee | 30/04/01 |
| • Protocol Committee | 28/05/01 |

[6] Report on Child Care Services

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Children and Family Services presented a report on Childcare Services (copy attached to official minutes).

The report dealt with the following items:

- Childcare Management Structure
- Child Protection
- Residential Care Services
- Recruitment
- Monitoring
- Inspection and Registration
- Youth Homelessness
- Training and Development
- Children's Rights

The Chairman and members complemented the Asst. chief Executive on this comprehensive report.

In the course of the debate on the report to which the following members contributed, Cllr. Pat Doran, Mr. Paul Ledwidge, Cllr. Andrew Doyle, Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne, Mr. Gerry McGuire, Cllr. Laurence Butler the following points were noted:

- Report will be considered further by the Childcare Advisory Committee
- Recruitment and retention of appropriate qualified and experienced staff continues to be the major issue facing Child Care Services
- Management Consultancy Company engaged by this board welcomed to assist in the developments of a Childcare Strategy.

[7] Notice of Motion

Cllr Jane Dillon Byrne

“That St. Columcille’s Hospital and Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council co-operate to build a sheltered housing project at Loughlinstown (St. Columcille’s Hospital).”

Cllr. Jane Dillon Byrne moved and spoke to the motion and was seconded by Cllr. Pat Doran and agreed. In response the Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Service Delivery agreed in principle with the proposal to develop, jointly with Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council, a sheltered housing scheme on the grounds of St. Columcille’s Hospital. A development plan for the hospital was currently in the process of being formulated and when completed, if there was remaining capacity after making provision for all the major priorities for the hospital, our Board

will work in tandem with the local authority to develop such an initiative. Our Board intends to work with the council to identify opportunities for providing such schemes in our area. The Council draft housing strategy involves provision to work with our Board to develop such proposals and will advise members of progress.

[8] Correspondence

- East Cost Area Health Board consultations on National Health Strategy – circulated
- Disability Federation of Ireland Annual Conference Information leaflet – circulated.
- St. Michael’s House Annual Report 2000 – circulated
- Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse – Interim Report May 2001 – circulated
- National Drug Strategy 2001 – 2008 – Building on Experience – circulated
- Immunisation Uptake Statistics for Ireland – a report by the National Disease Surveillance Centre – May 2001 – circulated.

Meeting concluded 9.30pm

Correct:

MICHAEL LYONS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Signed:

CLLR TONY FOX
CHAIRMAN

DATE