

# EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

*Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Eastern Health Board held in the Boardroom, St- Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman. on Thursday 2nd March. 1978 at 6.00 p.m.*

**Present:**

Cllr. Mrs. J. Barlow  
 Dr. J. D. Behan  
 Cllr. M. Carroll  
 Cllr. J. Connolly  
 Cllr. O. Cooney  
 Mr. Hugh Corrigan  
 Prof. J. Doyle  
 Cllr. J. During  
 Ald. A. Fitzgerald  
 Cllr. A. Groome  
 Cllr. T. Hand  
 Mr. K. Harrington  
 Cllr. P. Hickey

Ms. Norreen Kearney  
 Cllr. D. Kinsella  
 Deputy Mrs. E. Lemass  
 Deputy T. Leonard  
 Prof. J. McCormick  
 Dr. P. McCarthy  
 Sr. Columba McNamara  
 Dr. A. Meade  
 Deputy C. Murphy  
 Deputy Dr. O'Connell  
 Dr. B. Powell  
 Dr. B. Sheehan  
 Cllr. J. Sweeney

**Apology for Absence: Dr.**

John Walker

in the Chair—Cllr. Patrick Hickey

**Officers in Attendance**

Mr. E. O'Caoimh  
 Mr. J. J. Nolan  
 Mr. F. Donohue  
 Mr. T. Keyes  
 Prof. B. O'Donnell  
 Mr. J. J. Sadlier  
 Mr. F. Elliott  
 Mr. J. Reynolds  
 Mr. R. N. Lamb  
 Prof. Ivor Browne

Chief Executive Officer D/Chief  
 Exective Officer Programme  
 Manager Programme Manager  
 Dublin Medical Officer  
 Technical Services Officer  
 Planning & Eval. Officer  
 Finance Officer Personnel  
 Officer Chief Psychiatrist

Mr. P. J. Swords  
 Mr. J. Clarke  
 Mr. F. McCullough  
 Mr. J. Doyle  
 Mr. H. Dunne  
 Mr. A. O'Brien  
 Mr. T. Barry  
 Mr. A. Duggan  
 Mr. E. Dunphy  
 Mr. M. Cummins  
 Miss K. Dolan  
 Miss B. Kelly

**22/78 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Eastern Health Board held on 2nd February, 1978, having been considered were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr. Sweeney, seconded by Cllr. Carroll.

**23/78****MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF EASTERN HEALTH BOARD HELD ON 23rd February, 1978**

- (a) Sub Committee re St. James's Hospital: confirmed on a proposal by Dr. J. Behan seconded by Dr. P. McCarthy.
- (b) Finance and General Purposes Committee—Family Planning: confirmed on a proposal by Mr. H. Corrigan, seconded by Cllr. D. Kinsella.  
Mr. Nolan in reply to a query on the presentation of the Minutes by Cllr. Mrs. Barlow, explained that the general consensus of opinion of the meeting was that the Eastern Health Board should be involved in advice on Family Planning.
- (c) Finance and General Purposes Committee—Revenue Allocation 1978: confirmed on a proposal by Mr. Corrigan seconded by Cllr. T. Leonard.

**REVENUE ALLOCATION—1978:** In connection with the allocation of £255,000 for Job Creation the Chief Executive Officer informed members that at a meeting between the Secretary of the Department of Health and the Chief Executives of the Health Boards on March 1st the Chief Executive Officers were informed that, for the time being, the number of new jobs proposed for creation should be limited to the numbers originally mentioned by the Department.

The number mentioned for the Eastern Health Board was 'about 90' whereas the schedule before the Board (Appendix C) contained 118 jobs which could have been funded this year by an allocation of £255,000. In the circumstances, he would have to review the schedule.

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1978:** For the information of the members the following memorandum was circulated at the meeting:—

### "CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 1978

Over the period August 1975 to August 1977 the Hospital Planning Office of the Department of Health issued a series of documents setting out guidelines for Health Boards as Building Clients. These documents outlined the procedures to be followed in regard to the setting up of Project and Design Teams including the engagement of Architects and other Consultants (Quantity Surveyors, Engineers etc.) and tendering. It was recommended that there should be an even distribution of work among consultants and where the volume of work justifies the Board should, following public advertisement, set up a panel of firms who are willing to undertake Capital Works. I have followed the guidelines in the Departmental documents.

The applications received in response to public advertisement were assessed by a broadly based interview Board on whose recommendation a panel of six architects has been set up. I propose to engage all the six Architects on the panel for the execution and planning of the 1978 Capital Programme and have so advised the Department of Health.

E. O Caoimh  
Chief Executive Officer"

### 24/78 PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The reports of the following Visiting Committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

- (a) No. 1 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Columcille's Hospital, on 26/1/1978—noted.

Mr. Nolan reminded the members that the meeting with Comhairie representatives at St. ColumciHe's would be held on Friday 3rd March.

- (b) No. 3 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. ita's Hospital, on 15/2/1978—noted.

In reply to questions by Councillor Connolly and Dr. J. O'Connell, concerning the continuing use of temporary buildings at St. ita's Hospital, Mr. Keyes advised the members of the following developments which will alleviate the problem.

- (i) The new 72 bed unit is within weeks of completion.

- (ii) Provision has been made in the 1978 Capital Programme for the conversion of more former staff houses on the estate for use as hostel accommodation for patients.
- (iii) The Department of Health has approved the Board's proposal to provide accommodation at St. Columcille's Hospital for 200 mentally handicapped patients and planning will proceed this this year.

Cllr. Groome stated that he was satisfied, as Chairman of this Visiting Committee, that an honest effort is being made to overcome the accommodation problem at St. Ita's.

The Chairman advised the members that the *ad hoc* committee set up to consider the report of the Chief Psychiatrist—Development of Community Mental Health Services—Planned Evolution, had met eleven times in the previous ten weeks and their completed report was now ready for consideration by the Board. On behalf of the Board he thanked the members and Dr. Behan in particular and also the officers who participated. A special meeting of the Board was arranged for March 15th at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital to consider the report and recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

- (c) No. 4 Visiting Committee meeting held at Daneswood Hostel on 8th February, 1978—noted.
- (d) Community Care Visiting Committee meeting held at Dublin North west area No. 6 on 17/1/1978—noted.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEES

The Minutes of the Meetings of the following Local Health Committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

1. Dublin City Local Health Committee meeting held 14/12/1977—noted.

Mr. Corrigan referred to Alderman Manning's motion—  
"That this committee recommend that the Minister appoints to the Health Education Bureau a representative of the pharmaceutical profession"

and proposed the following motion:—

"That the sense of Report No. 39/1977 be adopted by the Board (re Health Education Committee)."

This proposal was seconded by Dr. B. Powell and carried unanimously.

2. Dublin County Local Health Committee meeting held on 5/12/1977—noted.
3. Dublin County Local Health Committee meeting held on 10/1/1978—noted.
4. Dun Laoghaire Local Health Committee meeting held on 29/11/1977—noted.

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**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO MEATH HOSPITAL BOARD**

On a proposal by Cllr. Carroll seconded by Dr. J. Behan the present Eastern Health Board representatives on the Meath Hospital Board were re-elected en bloc.

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**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES  
MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED**

On a proposal by Mr. Corrigan seconded by Cllr. Connolly. Cllr. M. Carroll was unanimously re-appointed as Eastern Health Board nominee to the Board of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.

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**LANDS AT ST. CLARE'S—Report No. 5/1978**

The following report No. 5/1978 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

"Very Reverend J. Collins, P.P., Grangemore, on behalf of St. Laurence Trust, has been negotiating with the Board and Dublin Corporation for a site fronting on to St Canice's Road, the area of which is approximately 4 acres. It is proposed to build a school and associated facilities for mildly mentally handicapped children on the site. Dublin Corporation presently hold 2.35 acres of this site which they propose to transfer to the Board.

The following is a summary of the position in relation to the lands at St. Clare's:

Lands comprising approximately 95 acres were purchased by the Dublin Board of Assistance in 1947

Disposals and lettings to date are approximately as follows:

<i>Date</i>		<i>Acres</i>
1963-71	St. Michael's House—for school, training shop and development clinic	4¼
1947	Glasnevin Tennis Club	1
1954	Church Authorities — for Church and Schools	4
1954	Associated Properties — Housing Developments	7¼
1964-73	Dublin Corporation—Road widening and housing	23½
	Balance remaining to Eastern Health Board—55Acres	40
	Further applications for land under discussion:	
	Dublin Corporation—for housing and amenities	7¼
	Institute for Industrial Research and Standards	6½
	Glasnevin Lawn Tennis Club	1
	St. Laurence's Trust — for school for mildly mentally handicapped children	4
	St. Michael's House—site for residential chalets	2½
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61¼</b>

Balance of land then remaining to Eastern Health Board, approximately 33¾ Acres

The St. Laurence Trust on whose behalf Fr. Collins is acting, are now in a position to commence building operations and the Department of Education has indicated that they are prepared to approve of the work proceeding immediately on the basis of approval in principle being given to the transfer of the site to the Trust.

Dublin Corporation has confirmed that they have no objection to the Trust entering on that part of the site which is still in their ownership.

The Board's approval in principle is requested to the making available of the area of land in question to the Trust at a nominal yearly rent while the property continues to be used for the purpose stated.

A further report, in conformity with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, will be submitted to the Board when full details of the proposals are available."

On a proposal by Cllr. Connolly seconded by Alderman Fitzgerald the report was unanimously adopted.

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**PROVISION OF SITE FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL IN THE  
GROUNDS OF NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL**

**(REPORT NO. 3/1978).**

The following report No. 3/1978 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

"The Board, at its meeting held on Thursday, 7th July. 1977, adopted Report No. 21/1977 thereby approving in principle the making available of a site in the grounds of Newcastle Hospital to the Co. Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped for the purpose of providing a special school for mentally handicapped children. The hospital grounds have been examined by Officers of the Board of Works (representing the Department of Education) and the Architect representing the Association in consultation with officers of the Board's Technical Services Department and formal application has been received from Rev. R. Jennings, School Manager, for site measuring 2 25 acres approximately, situated on the North Eastern boundary of the property. This site has been agreed by Department of Education and by the Board's Technical Services Officer. Subject to the consent of the Board, I propose to seek the sanction of the Minister for Health to the conveyance of the site as described above to trustees representing the Co. Wicklow Association for the Mentally Handicapped by way of lease for a term of 99 years at a nominal rent.

The lands at Newcastle Hospital are freehold and were transferred by Wicklow Co. Council to the Eastern Health Board on its establishment.

This Report is submitted in conformity with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

Section 83 provides that at the first meeting of the Eastern Health Board held after the expiration of ten clear days from the date of circulation of this report, the Board may resolve that the disposal of this property as proposed shall not be carried out, or that it shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the resolution.

If the Board resolves that the disposal shall not be carried out, it shall not be carried out.

On the other hand, if the Board does not pass a resolution as to the manner in which the disposal shall be carried out, the disposal may, with the consent of the Minister for Health, be carried out in the manner set out above."

On a proposal by Councillor Sweeney, seconded by Cllr. Kinsella the report was unanimously adopted.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Department confirming that it is proposed to have training facilities for nurses in the new hospital at Beaumont was read.

The meeting terminated at 6.50 p.m.

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E. O CAOIMH

Chief Executive Officer.

Signed

Chairman