

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings of Monthly Meeting of Eastern Health Board held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Grangegorman, on Thursday 10th April, 1980 at 6 p.m.

PRESENT

Ald. B. Ahern, T.D.,	Mr. K. Harrington
Dr. J. D. Behan	Cllr. P. Hickey P.C.,
Cllr. L. Belton, T.D.	Cllr. F. Hynes
Cllr. D. Browne	Ms. N. Kearney
Cllr. M. Carroll	Cllr. T. Leonard T.D.,
Cllr. J. Connolly P.C.,	Dr. P. McCarthy
Cllr. E. Doyle	Prof. James McCormick
Prof. J. S. Doyle	Sr. Columba McNamara
Cllr. B. J. Durkan	Cllr. E. Stagg
Ald. A. FitzGerald	Cllr. J. Sweeney
Cllr. Mrs. A. Glenn	Cllr. G. Timmins T.D.,
Cllr. A. Groome	Dr. J. Walker
Cllr. T. Hand P.C.,	Cllr Mrs. M. Waugh

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE Mr. H.

Corrigan

IN THE CHAIR Ald. A.

FitzGerald, Chairman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. J. J. Nolan	Mr. P. J. Swords
Mr. F. Donohue	Mr. H. Dunne
Mr. R. N. Lamb	Mr. J. Doyle
Mr. F. J. McCullough	Mr. C. Mansfield
Mr. J. F. Reynolds	Mr. T. McManus
Mr. F. Elliott	Mr. M. Cummins
Mr. P. I. Lyons	Mr. T. Barry
Mr. J. Sadlier	Miss E. Larkin
Prof. B. O'Donnell	Miss B. Kelly
Prof. I. Browne	

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RETIREMENTS

The Chief Executive Officer Mr. Nolan advised the members that Mr. F. Elliott, Planning and Evaluation Officer and Mr. H. Dunne, Senior Administrative Officer, were retiring from the Board's administrative service on the 30th April and this would be their last Board meeting. He paid a warm personal tribute to both of them. He said he wanted to put on record his thanks on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff for all their years of valuable service.

The Chairman associated himself with these remarks and paid a tribute to the enormous contribution by both of these officers. Cllr. Browne also paid tribute to Mr. Elliott and Mr. Dunne and said he hoped that they would continue to be associated with the provision of the health services in some capacity. Cllrs. Carroll and Hickey paid special tribute to Mr. Elliott's association with the Board of James Connolly Memorial Hospital and expressed the hope that Mr. Elliott would continue his association with that hospital. Cllrs. Sweeney, Durkan and Connolly also associated themselves with the previous remarks on behalf of their respective areas and expressed their good wishes.

42/80 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Dr. Behan asked the Chairman to advise members that a meeting of the Medical and Allied Research Committee would be held on the 22nd April at 3 p.m. in the Boardroom, also that the Ad Hoc Committee would meet on Wednesday 30th April at 6 p.m. to receive the draft report. On a proposal by Dr. Behan seconded by Alderman FitzGerald it was agreed that the name of this Committee would be changed to the Psychiatric Services Committee.

The members agreed to a special meeting to consider the Care of the Aged report and this was arranged for Thursday 1st May 1980 at 6 p.m. in the Boardroom. The May monthly meeting was deferred to the 8th May 1980, in Naas as arranged.

Prof. McCormick asked that meetings commence at 6 p.m. sharp in the future and this was agreed.

43/80 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH, 1980

Dr. Behan said he wished it recorded that in referring to the proposed meeting of the Medical and Allied Research Committee mentioned on Page 44 of the Minutes he had asked that the Director of the Psychosomatic Unit withdraw from the meeting after presentation of his report and prior to the report being discussed. On a proposal by Cllr. Durkan seconded by Cllr. Hickey the minutes were noted and adopted.

(a) Matters arising:

In reply to Cllr. Stagg the Chief Executive Officer agreed that the permanency of the posts in Naas Hospital was not dependent on the outcome of the working party and he said he had written again to the Comhairie in the matter. In reply to Cllr. Durkan the Chief Executive Officer said he had written to the Minister and An Comhairie asking them to

meet a deputation as proposed at the last meeting but a reply had not yet been received. The Chairman told Cllr. Durkan that he had raised with the Minister the question of delays in the Social Welfare payments and the Minister had undertaken to have the new Minister for State in the Department examine the matter.

Mr. Nolan told Dr. Behan that the requested report on temporary staff was being prepared. He also advised Dr. Behan that the Local Appointments Commission regularly asked the Chief Executive Officer to suggest the names of of health board personnel who would be available to act on selection panels: interviews for the post of C.E.O. were at present in progress. Dr. Behan said he considered it a point of principal, however, that the board members be represented on an interview panel selecting a Chief Executive Officer for the Board. It was agreed that the Department and the Commission be so informed.

In reply to Cllr. Durkan, Mr. Lyons said that the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board were committed to negotiating with the unions on a national basis the question of rationalisation of pay to the non-nursing health board staff.

44/80 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 27th MARCH, 1980**

Dr. Behan asked that the minute at the bottom of page 58 be amended by adding that he said that the Minister's decision to remove the responsibility for financial allocation to St. Vincent's Hospital, Fairview, from the health board to the board of the hospital was viewed as an act performed by the Minister of the day for narrow sectarian political advantage and was not in the interest of the health services.

The Chairman read to the members his statement to the Minister for Health at the meeting which he and the C.E.O. had with the Minister on 2nd April. In the statement he advised the Minister of the need for additional finance for the development of community services and services for the aged: of the special needs for finance for essential maintenance; of the problems created by the increase in population in the Board's area; of the need to recognise the national character of many of the Board's service and of the need for a bias of revenue and capital allocations in the direction of the health board and away from the voluntary hospitals as the year progressed.

Dr. Behan complimented the Chairman on his statement to the Minister. On a proposal by Cllr. Connolly seconded by Prof. Doyle the minutes were noted and adopted.

45/80 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. Colman's on 26th February, 1980.

On a proposal by Cllr. Sweeney seconded by Cllr. Hynes the report was noted.

Mr. P. J. Swords told the members that the question of the valuation of the land for transfer from the Board to the Wicklow County Council was being dealt with by the Valuer with the County Manager and was proceeding as fast as possible.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On a proposal by Cllr. Sweeney seconded by Cllr. Timmins it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss a visiting committee meeting held at Wicklow Hospital on the previous day.

Cllr. Sweeney told the members that at the last visiting committee meeting at the hospital in October last the Engineering Officer had advised the members that the electrical installation was dangerous and would need to be replaced but nothing has yet been done. In the following discussion to which Cllrs. Hynes, Doyle, Browne, Waugh, Belton, Dr. Walker, Prof. Doyle contributed, the members told of the dangerous condition of the wiring and that they had been told that the £19,000 required to carry out the necessary work was not available.

The C.E.O. agreed that the work was of an urgent nature but said that this expenditure might lead to excess on the allocation. The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Walker, seconded by Cllr. Hynes and agreed:—

"That the Board, conscious of the fact that the electrical work required at Wicklow Hospital may bring total expenditure outside the Minister's allocation under the terms of Section 31, hereby direct that the work be done forthwith."

- (b) No. 1 Visiting Committee meeting at St. Columcille's on 12th March 1980.

On a proposal by Cllr. Sweeney seconded by Cllr. Hand the report was noted.

In reply to Cllr. Sweeney, Mr. Nolan said it was not possible at present to increase the staffing of the intensive care unit but this would be kept under review. Cllr. Durkan said he would like the members to support the view that the Matron's position in the hospital must remain autonomous. Cllrs. Carroll and Hand endorsed this and the C.E.O. said that this was completely in line with the Board's policy regarding the hospital. In reply to Cllr. Durkan's enquiry about consultant staff Mr. Nolan said he had written to the Department of Health for formal approval to the following staff —

2 whole time Surgeons	1 Anaesthetist
2 whole time physicians	1 Radiographer

(c) No. 3 Visiting Committee meeting held at St. Vincent's, Athy on 13th March 1980.

On a proposal by Cllr. Stagg and seconded by Cllr. Durkan the report was noted.

In reply to Cllr. Stagg and Cllr. Durkan's enquiries about joint geriatric services for Naas and Athy with St. James's Hospital, Mr. Nolan said that as the two Geriatricians at St. James's Hospital and the two at James Connolly Memorial Hospital are not health board staff he can only request their co-operation in the provision of services for Kildare. He had made a case for 10 Geriatricians to cope with the workload in the Eastern Health Board area—to date 5 had been authorised. He hoped that if approval could be got to the appointment of additional staff to St James's Hospital the provision of some service to Kildare could be arranged. Mr. P. J. Swords said that while it may not be possible to provide extra staff at the hospital the full complement of existing employment would be maintained to the maximum extent possible.

(d) Community Care Visiting Committee meeting at Area 4 (Millbrook Lawn) on 22nd January 1980.

On a proposal by Cllr. Dukan seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Waugh the report was noted.

Cllrs. Durkan, Hynes and Doyle drew attention to the totally inadequate security provision at the site of the Health Centre and the grave danger of vandalism. Mr. Donohue said that the Board's original proposals were for a two-storey building because of the limitations of the site but the Department approved a single storey building which now occupies the total site and leaves no provision for a fence. It is intended to install roller shutters at the entrances. Dr. Walker suggested that the County Council be asked to relocate a footpath which passes by the Health Centre and it was agreed that Cllr. Hickey would enquire about this.

Mr. Donohue listed difficulties that have arisen because of the delay in provision of telephone services for this and other Health Centres. The Chairman told members that the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs had already been asked to receive a deputation in this matter as agreed at the previous meeting. Prof. Doyle and Prof. McCormick asked that provisions be made in Health Centres for a general practitioner to participate. Mr. Donohue said that the Board is making provision in the newer Health Centres for general practitioner facilities and has initiated talks with some GPs as to how they would participate. He pointed out that the Board, however, is committed to a policy of group practice in such situations. He said he would prepare a position paper on the subject and present it to a later meeting.

Prof. Doyle suggested that in advance of the provision of a new hospital at Tallaght consideration be given to the inclusion of medical and surgical out-patient sessions in Tallaght area where the consultant would move out, in advance of the Hospital being built to provide services there. Mr. Nolan said that discussions had been initiated in 1979 with the Meath and Adelaide Hospitals with this in view.

(e) Community Care Visiting Committee meeting held in Area 6 on 26th February, 1980.

On a proposal by Cilir. Doyle seconded by Cilir. Mrs. Glenn the report was noted.

In reply to Cilir. Doyle, Mr. Sadlier said that the new tender for Blanchardstown Health Centre was with the Department but had not yet been approved. Also that while he appreciated that the engineering areas would best be co-terminus with Community Care areas the present geographical areas were historically based and redrawing boundaries would mean considerable negotiations with staff but it is being considered.

In relation to the social work service Mr. Donohue told Cilir. Doyle that plans for the reorganisation of the service were being discussed at present.

The Chairman said he considered that the Director of Community Care in an area should be provided with the medical history of families being re-housed into that area on medical grounds and he asked the Dublin Medical Officer if this information could be made available. Prof. O'Donnell explained the present system and said it should be feasible to provide this information.

Mr. Donohue said he would arrange for a report on this matter to the next meeting.

At this point the members agreed to defer item (4) to later in the meeting.

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QUESTIONS

On a proposal by Cllr. Connolly seconded by Alderman FitzGerald it was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer answer the questions lodged.

Question (1) Cllr. J. Connolly.

"Will the Manager give the full list of voluntary organisations who have applied for grants and assistance in 1980."

Answer:

Donnybrook Social Service Council
 National Association of Widows
 Department of Social Science,
 St. Teresa's Day Centre, Seville Place
 Drumcondra Old Folks Association
 Mount St. Day Centre for the Handicapped
 Council for Co-ordination of Social Services Edenmore —
 Killester — Raheny
 Rehabilitation Institute for Naas Community Workshop
 Irish Wheelchair Association Christ the King Day Centre,
 Cabra Social Service (Tenements) Co. Ltd.
 Dublin Call and Care Service St.
 Gabriels Meals Service, Clontarf
 St. Fintan's Day Care Centre, Deansgrange
 St. Vincent de Paul Night Shelter, Back Lane I.S.P.C.C.
 Donnycarney Social Service Council Sancta Maria Day Centre,
 Cabra Central Remedial Clinic
 Fr. Laurence Memorial Family Community Centre, Keeper
 Road Finglas
 Council of Social Services Terenure —
 Thursday Luncheon Club Crumlin Social Service Centre, Armagh
 Road Day Centre for Handicapped, Park House, StiMorgan
 Voluntary Service International Our Lady's Home, Henrietta Street
 St. Vincent's Day Centre, Henrietta Street Spina Bifida Association
 National Association for the Deaf Shankill Old Folks Association
 Sevenoaks Day Centre, Ballyfermot Irish Women's Aid Ballinteer
 Community School Cherish Ltd.

Skerries Day Centre
 National Council for the Blind
 Our Lady's Convent, Sean McDermott Street
 Ally
 Loughshinny 'Over 65' Club
 High Park Convent
 Little Sisters of the Assumption
 Ballygall Community Services
 Milltown Social Service Centre
 Lourdes Day Centre, Sean McDermott St.
 Trust
 Order of Malta, Clyde Road Day Centre
 Coeliac Society of Ireland
 Pollen Counting Service, c/o Botany Dept., T.C.D.
 Beechpark, Stillorgan for Nursing Aides
 St. Mary's Cabra for Nursing Aides
 St. Louise's — Tutor Course

Hostels and Services for Travelling Children Don Bosco
 House Homeless Girls, Sherrard House Hope
 Los Angeles Sarsfield
 House Ontario Tce.
 St. Mary's Day Centre, Townsend St.
 Night Shelter, Townsend St.
 St. Columba's, Gt Strand St. Trudder House

and organisations operating Day Nurseries at:

Ballyfermot
 Ballymun
 Bonnybrook
 Bray
 Civics Institute
 Darndale Dun Laoire
 Edenmore
 Finglas
 Grange/ Kildonagh,
 Henrietta St.
 Hollylands, R athfarnham
 Kilbarrack/Foxfield
 Kilcullen
 Killester
 Kilmore West
 Liberty Creche, Meath St.
 Monkstown
 North William St.
 Sevenoaks, Ballyfermot
 Killinarden
 Naas

**Arklow
 Neilstown
 Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children — General
 and Social Work services.**

**Coolock Community Law Centre.
 St. Francis Xavier Social Service Centre, Sherrard Street
 St. Mary's Old Folks Club, Ballyfermot
 Arklow Geriatrics Association
 Blessington and District Senior Citizens Association
 Bray Old Folks Association
 Clonmore Senior Citizens Association
 Greystones and Delgany Old Folks Association
 Knockananna Care of the Aged Association
 Parkbridge Muintir na Tire
 Rathdrum Senior Citizens Association
 Wicklow Meals-on-Wheels Committee
 Aughrim I.C. A. Guild
 Tinahely I.C.A. Guild
 Avoca I.C.A. Guild
 Dunganstown I.C.A. Guild
 Enniskerry Meals-on-Wheels Committee
 Kiltegan Care of the Aged Committee
 Rathdangan Senior Citizens Committee
 Baltinglass Senior Citizens Committee
 Dunlavin St. Vincent de Paul Society
 Athy & District Care of Aged Committee
 Maynooth Old Folks Committee
 Newbridge Association for Care of Elderly
 Monasterevin Old Folks Committee
 Naas District Care of Aged Committee
 Castledermot Community Services Committee
 Celbridge Community Consultative Council
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Leixlip
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Kilcullen
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Kildare
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Naas
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Newbridge
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Ballymore Eustace
 Kilcock Senior Citizens Welfare Committee
 Rathangan Parish Welfare Association
 Kilcullen Old Folks Association
 Presentation Convent Kildare
 Newbridge Community Services
 Irish Wheelchair Association (Athy Branch)
 Nurney Old Folks Association.**

**Mental Health Association of Ireland Irish
 National Council for Alcoholism Social
 Welfare Centre, Stanhope Street Tolco
 Limited
 Irish Foundation for Human Development Irish
 Society for Autistic Children Rutland Centre
 Limited**

**Mater Dei Counselling Service
Coolmine Limited
St. Vincent de Paul Society**

**KARE
St. John of God
Co. Wicklow Association
Carlow Association
Cherry Group
Stewart's Hospital
Daughters of Charity
St. John's School
Rudolf Steiner Schools. Aberdeen
Rudolf Steiner Schools, Gienraig
St. Paul's Hospital, Seaumont
Sunbeam House, Bray
Sunbeam House Training Centre
Camphill Community, Gorey
Fingal Workshop
Rushton Hall/Condoover
Hampstead Hospital
Peacehaven
Sleepy Hollow, Co. Wicklow
Medico-Social Research Board**

**Schizophrenia Association, Dun Laoghaire The
Hanley Centre, Dun Laoghaire**

**The Irish Heart Foundation The Linen
Guild Cherry Orchard**

Question (2) Cllr. J. Connolly

"Win the Manager say if he has considered the application of ihe Walkinstown Association for Handicapped for an annua5 grant to assist them in their works for the handicapped in the Walkinstown and neighbouring areas and particularly for their new club premises on Long Mile Road, Walkinstown?"

Answer:

"No formal application for an annual grant has been received from the Walkinstown Association for the Handicapped. An invitation to meet members of the Committee of the Association was extended through Cllr. Connolly and an official of the Board met-the members and discussed with them the Association's wish to extend its activities in such a way as would entitle it to receive a grant from the Health Board. Some advice was offered which the members undertook to consider.

47/80 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. Glenn seconded by Alderman FitzGerald it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to enable the meeting to discuss the question of the new Assessment Centre at Ballymun.

Cllr. Mrs. Glenn said that there appeared to be some delay in having the Centre opened and urged that the Centre be put into operation without delay. The Chairman said that while finance was available to put the house into order the Corporation was not prepared to spend this money until the staff was provided. Mr. Donohue said he had written to the Department of Health advising them that the Board needed an extra allocation for the running of the Unit and seeking approval to the necessary staffing. He stated he is in contact with officials of the Departments of Health and Justice and Dublin Corporation in the matter.

It was agreed that Mr. Donohue would report to the next meeting on the situation and that the Chairman would contact the Minister for Health personally to try and expedite a decision.

**48/80 LEASING OF FORMER
DISPENSARY AT BALBRIGGAN**

The following Report No. 9/1980 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

'The former dispensary premises at High Street, Balbriggan, is held by the Board on lease for 999 years from 1885 at a rent of £1.50 per annum.

When the new Health Centre at Balbriggan was erected in 1964, the former dispensary was let to the Public Health Nurse until its vacation by her in 1977. The property has since been vacant and is surplus to the Board's present requirements.

The Balbriggan Old Age Pensioners Committee, 2 George's Street, Balbriggan, has applied to the Board for the temporary use of the premises as a recreation and social centre for their members.

In accordance with terms tentatively agreed with the Committee, I propose to lease to them the former dispensary premises for a period of 2 years and 9 months at a rent of £5 per month, the Committee to be responsible for internal

maintenance and repairs. The lease will also contain the usual clauses and conditions in protection of the Board's interests.

This report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

Section 83 provides that at the first meeting of the Board held after the expiration of ten clear days from the 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 resolve 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 should 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 Dr. Behan, seconded by Cllr. Carroll the proposals contained in Report No. 9/1980 were adopted.

**49/80 TRANSFER OF SITE AT GARDEN HILL TO ST.
JAMES'S HOSPITAL BOARD. CHIEF PSYCHIATRIST'S
UNIT AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**

The following Reports Nos. 10/1980 and 10A/1980 were submitted:—

Report No. 10/1980

The site at Garden Hill proposed for the Eastern Health Board's new Ambulance Control Centre can be the subject of a sub-lease of 99 years to the Board from the St. James's Hospital Board. Under the terms of the lease dated 15th April 1974, the Hospital Board seek the consent of the Health Board to sub-leasing of sites at St. James's Hospital to the Federated Dublin Voluntary Hospitals (including the Dublin School of Physiotherapy) to the Medical School of Dublin University and to the Biological and Medical Research Institute Limited.

Arising from the transfer of the Garden Hill site, the St. James's Hospital Board will lease the Brookfield site to the Eastern Health Board and the Foundation for Human Development. It is intended, that subject to Department's approval to the project that the new headquarters unit for the Chief Psychiatrist will be located on the Brookfield site. The teaching etc. requirements of U.C.D. in relation to psychiatry can be provided by Professor Browne, in the interim, at Garden Hill House and subsequently at his new headquarters unit. I have informed the Foundation and the Institute that subject to Board approval they could remain in their existing locations on the Garden Hill site pending completion by the St. James's Hospital Board of the necessary leases involved in the transfer of the site. This arrangement arises because the original agreement governing lettings at Garden Hill expires on 29/2/1980.

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

Report No. 10A/1980.

"Further to Report No. 10/1980 consideration of which was deferred at the March Meeting and which has since been circulated to members in compliance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946. I wish to give the Board some additional details regarding the deputation on February 12th 1980 to the Department.

A copy of a memorandum by Mr. Keyes of the proceedings at that deputation, a copy of his letter of February 7th 1980 to the Department, and of Professor Browne's letter of 8th February to him together with a copy of the report on the project for a Chief Psychiatrist's Unit and Research and Development Service are circulated separately. Dr. Hensey, Secretary of the Department, agreed that at a meeting in February 1979, the Minister had approved of the project in principle but had expressed reservations about the proposed size of the Unit and its location at St. James's. Dr. Hensey stated that he would have the documents submitted by the Board examined in detail in the Department to determine if the proposed size, cost and location of the Unit were acceptable. The capital and annual revenue (staffing) costs at 1979 prices as set out on Page 13 of the report are £850,000 and £180,000/£230,000 respectively. Dr. Hensey also stated that he would need to know what priority the proposals had in the Board's overall programme. The Board would now need to confirm that the proposals are acceptable and have a high overall priority and that they wish the Minister to be so informed. I have already indicated that Professor Browne as Chief Psychiatrist should be provided as soon as possible with a suitable new permanent unit and with an adequate Research and Development Service.

The compensation required by the Eastern Health Board in respect of the surrender of Garden Hill House is the valuation to be determined by a valuer to be agreed between the Eastern Health Board and the St. James's Hospital Board, including a sum for disturbance etc. This compensation will be used, in due course, towards the cost of providing alternative accommodation, in lieu of Garden Hill House, on the adjoining Brookfield site. If however, the St. James's Hospital Board require possession of Garden Hill House before alternative suitable accommodation on Brookfield site becomes available, and if they can by arrangement with the B.M.R.I, make the unit at present occupied by the B.M.R.I. available to Professor Browne in lieu of Garden Hill House, then such arrangement would be more suitable to Professor Browne and payment of such compensation would not arise at that stage. The Brookfield site should be leased for a term of 99 years to the Eastern Health Board, who in turn will make arrangements to sublease a portion of the site to the Irish Foundation for Human Development, in accordance with previous proposals.

To facilitate Professor Browne's occupation of Garden Hill House during building operations, the St. James's Hospital Board should undertake to erect a screen wall at an adequate distance from the House and to take other necessary measures such as double glazing of the windows, etc. If the Board so approve I will continue negotiations with the St. James's Hospital Board and any other bodies concerned.

within the general terms outlined above and in previous reports."

Dr. Behan paid a tribute to the Chief Executive Officer, Programme Manager and members of the deputation to the Minister on the excellent fashion in which they presented the Board's views to the Minister. The Chairman complimented Dr. Behan on all the work he had put into bringing this matter to its present stage. The following motions were proposed by Dr. Behan and seconded by Mr. Harrington and approved:—

- (i) "It is proposed that Report No. 10/1980 be adopted including the conditions set out in paragraphs two and three of the Report."
- (ii) "It is proposed that Report No. 10A/1980 and the proposals contained therein be adopted and referred v~ the Psychiatric Services (Ad Hoc) Committee to afford it a priority rating which will enable it to be included for planning in the Board's Capital Programme in 1981."

50/80 CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1980

The following Report No. 13/1980 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:—

"CAPITAL WORKS

A. At its meeting held on the 6th December, 1979 the Board adopted, with one addition, the programme of new projects plus special provisions for the acquisition of premises and/or sites for Health Centres, Group Homes etc., and for grants to voluntary organisations, as set out in Report 50/ 1979. A sum of £620,000 was sought in respect of the new projects listed for commencement in 1980, if approved, together with £600,000 for premises and/or sites plus grants to voluntary organisations.

By letter dated 5th March, 1980, notification has been received of an allocation of £260,000 to be utilised as follows:

St. Brendan's Hospital — upgrading of facilities	£150,000
St. Ita's Hospital — upgrading of facilities	£50,000
Grants to voluntary organisations under Section 65 of the Health Act, 1953	£60,000
	£260,000

The Board is informed that the limits of expenditure indicated should be adhered to and that any of these funds may not be re-allocated to any other project except with the prior approval of the Minister for Health.

The Board is advised also that, in present circumstances, it will not be possible to make an allocation in respect of the current year for minor capital schemes.

B. In notifying the Board of the allocation referred to above, the Department of Health have advised that the total capital allocation for health purposes for 1980 is £28m. which will permit a continuation of work on approved ongoing projects and will meet commitments in respect of the purchase of approved items of equipment which have already been purchased or ordered and payments of professional fees for approved projects in course of planning. In the latter connection, however, it has been stipulated that it will be necessary until further notice to seek the Department's approval to each stage of planning and await specific sanction before proceeding to a further stage.

The Minister has asked for the co-operation of the Board in working within the limits of the restricted capital programme."

In reply to Cllrs. Carroll and Doyle, Mr. Sadlier said that working drawings for the proposed Health Centre at Bally-brack were approved by the Department and the Bills of Quantities were now being prepared. He was asked to press forward as quickly as possible with the project.

Mr. Nolan advised members that this year the Board must go to the Department of Health for sanction at each stage of the planning in capital works and that he would give the Board monthly submission on progress.

In reply to Cllr. Sweeney, Mr. Sadlier said that the contractor for the Wick low Health Centre is at present negotiating a Bond and in regard to Knockanannagh, while tenders were in, the Board might not have the funds to commence work in this year.

On a proposal by Cllr. Sweeney seconded by Cllr. Carroll the following motion was adopted:

"Having regard to the terms of the Department of Health letter of 5th March 1980 and having considered the terms of Report No. 13/1980 it is resolved that the Department's allocation for Capital Works 1980, while totally inadequate for the Board's requirements, be adopted and apportioned as indicated in the above report and that the Minister be notified accordingly."

**51/80 (A) REPORT OF COMMITTEE
ON CARE OF THE AGED**

Consideration of Report No. 14/1980 of the Committee on the Care of the Aged was deferred to the Special Meeting arranged earlier.

**(B) LETTER FROM ST. JAMES'S BOARD RE
REDUCTION OF EXTENDED CARE BEDS AT THE
HOSPITAL**

Mr. Nolan read the letter and explained that the original brief for the new St. James's Hospital provided for 400 extended care beds. The proposal contained in the letter would mean a reduction to about 300 in the number of these beds. He said he appreciated the difficulties facing St. James's Hospital Board because it was accepted that there was a need for a paediatric presence but a reduction to 300 in the number of long-stay beds was serious enough to have to be considered by the Care of the Aged Committee and he suggested that the matter be referred to that committee. The members agreed to this. Prof. McCormick suggested that pending this consideration the Board welcome in principle a paediatric presence in St. James's Hospital and he was supported by Dr. Behan in this. The following motion was proposed by Prof. McCormick and seconded by Cllr. Carroll and it was agreed :—

"That the Board welcomes in principle the proposal to locate a paediatric unit at the new St. James's Hospital complex but that further consideration be given to the concomitant loss to the Board's Care of the Aged programme of almost 100 extended care beds at the Hospital before a decision is reached."

**52/80 NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
OF ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL BOARD**

The following report No. 15/1980 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted :-

"The appointments of Mr. F. Donohue and Mr. T. Keyes, Programme Managers, as two of the ten representatives of the Eastern Health Board on the St. James's Hospital Board, terminated on 31st March 1980.

It is now necessary for the Health Board to nominate two persons to the Minister for Health for appointment to represent the Health Board or the Hospital Board from 1st April 1980 for such period, not exceeding three years, as may be determined by the Health Board."

The following motion was proposed by Dr. Behan seconded by Ald. FitzGerald

"That Mr. T. Keyes and Mr. F. Oonohue be re-appointed to the Board of St. James's Hospital."

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**PROCEEDINGS OF
LOCAL (HEALTH) COMMITTEES**

Minutes of the following local (health) committees having been circulated were dealt with as follows:—

(a) Dublin County - Meeting held on 3/3/1980

On a proposal by Cllr. Carroll seconded by Cllr. Doyle the minutes were noted.

(b) Dun Laoghaire - Meeting held on 11/3/1980

On a proposal by Cllr. Doyle seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Waugh the minutes were noted.

The Chairman asked that Mr. Keyes write to Cllr. Doyle regarding the Hanley Centre.

(c) Kildare- Meeting held on 28/2/1980

On a proposal by Cllr. Durkan seconded by Cllr. Carroll the minutes were noted.

The Chairman said that the matter of representation of staff from the hospital on the working party for Naas and St. Columcfile's Hospitals had been referred to Mr. Lamb who would arrange for their attendance at the appropriate stage.

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QUORUM

At this point Dr. McCarthy advised the Chair that there were less than nine members of the Board present. Only the following members were present at that stage —

Ald. A. FitzGerald	Cllr. B. Durkan	Cllr. Mrs. Waugh
Dr. P. McCarthy	Dr. J. Behan	Sr. Columba
Mr. K. Harrington		

and the Board rose, the unfinished business standing postponed to the next ordinary meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.

CORRECT. J. J. Nolan