

EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

**Minutes of proceedings of Monthly Meeting
held in
St Colman's Hospital, Rathdrum, Co Wicklow
on Thursday 7 June 1984 .at 6.00 pm.**

PRESENT

**DrJD Behan
Cllr D Browne
Mrs D Clune
Prof J S Doyle
Mr P Finegan
Mr J Gahan
Cllr A Groome
Cllr P Hickey
Cllr DI Keane
Prof J McCormick
Cllr J Sweeney
Cllr W C Willoughby**

**Cllr L Behon
Cllr MCarroll
Cllr E Doyle
Dr RJ Draper
Cllr M Freehill
Mrs A Glenn TD
Cllr T Hand
Cllr F Hynes
Dr P McCarthy
Cllr E Stagg
G Timmins TD**

APOLOGIES

**Mr N Andrews TD. Alderman B Ahern TD, Mrs B Bonar,
Cllr Mrs E Fitzgerald. Dr R Hawkins, Dr B Powell**

IN THE CHAIR

Cllr Mrs A Glenn TO

OFFICERS IN A TTENDANCE

**Mr P B Segrave, Chief Executive Officer
Mr F J Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care
Mr T Keyes, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care
Mr K Hickey, Programme Manager, General Hospital Care
Prof B O'Donnell, Dublin Medical Officer of Health
Mr G Brennan, Technical Services Officer
Mr J N McNee, Management Services Officer
Mr L Kavanagh, Personnel Officer
Mr M O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Secretariat**

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman informed the members that the new Health Centre and Community Care offices at Glenside Road Wicklow would be officially opened on Friday 22 June 1984 at 4.00 pm.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 3 MAY 1984 AND OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 1984

The minutes, having been circulated, were confirmed on a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Hynes.

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QUESTIONS

On a proposal by Cllr Hand, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, it was agreed to answer the questions which had been lodged.

Cllr F Hynes

That this Board be informed of the amount of money paid out to consultant architects from 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1983. Give the name of the firms and the amount paid out to each firm.'

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The fees paid to architects, consulting engineers and quantity surveyors during the four year period from 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1983 are set out hereunder. The fees are based on a scale agreed between the Department of Health and the professions concerned. Generally speaking, the fees paid to consultants amount to 15% of the total project cost.

ARCHITECTS	Amount paid in 4 years from 1/1/80-31/12/83
	£
Guy Maloney & Associates	110.804
Meehan, Levins, Delaney. Kavanagh	5.066
Murray, Murray & Partners	3.644
Raymond F McDonnell	49.429
Vincent Kelly & Associates	151.532
De Blecam & Meagher	40,036
Burke-Kennedy Doyle	57.653
Gleeson Byrne Whelan Associates	49,010
Peter & Mary Doyle	46,156
Patrick Rooney €r Associates	52.162
	£665,492

**CIVIL & STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERS**

Clifton. Scannel. Emerson	75,091
Ove Arup & Partners	5,664
Jennings & O'Donovan	1,088
O' Connor & Kavanagh	12,876
G J Larchet (Inc.)	9,864
Stanislaus Kenny & Partners	72,360
T Garland & Partners	963
Nicholas O'Owyer & Partners	15,186
P J Carroll & Associates	16,793
Oe Leuw, Chadwick OhEocha	24,774
	£234,659

**MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL
ENGINEERS**

	£
Varming, Mulcahy. Reilly Associates	78,614
Delap & Waller	11,480
J A Kenny & Partners	16,091
JVTierney8Co	21,056
Engineering Design Associates	47,037
J N & G Traynor & Partners	79,766
McArdle. McSweeney O'Malley	16,835
	£270,879

QUANTITY SURVEYORS

Brian O'Boyle	£47,535
J Coleman Healy	1,881
Foley. Turley. Delaney	8,263
Brendan Merry & Partners	62,668
Mulcahy, McDonagn & Partners	14,708
Boyd & Creed	2,005
George Kavanagh & Co	23,215
Kevin McArdle	24,217
O'Reilly Hyland Tiemey	14,572
Patterson Kempster Shcrthall	778
Niall O'Kelly	11,455
	£211,297

Prof J S Doyle

Could the members of the Board please be informed of what arrangements are being made for the refurbishment of Coolkenno Health Centre?

Reply

The Director of Community Care has been asked to consider whether the expenditure of any money on it is justified or whether other arrangements are necessary in view of its limited use.

This is a small two-roomed building rented by the Board. It was intended that the services provided at Coolkenno would be transferred to the recently built health centre at Shillelagh, four miles away. However, the local family doctor has requested that he be allowed to continue his weekly clinic there.

Mrs B Bonar Marital

Breakdown

- (a) 'To state the cost to the Eastern Health Board of dealing with the problems arising from marital breakdown for each of the following years: 1981, 1982 and 1983.
- (b) To name the Voluntary Bodies engaged in marriage counselling who are in receipt of grants, and the amount of the grant in each case.
- (c) To state the amount of money allocated towards research into the causes of marital breakdown for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983.

Reply

- (a) Data on problems arising from marital breakdown and the cost of dealing with them are not readily available in statistical form. Enquiries from staffs in the areas of child care and income maintenance indicate that the work load in dealing with these cases is between 6% and 10% of total. Figures for hostels show that 'battered wives' (including travellers) represent 50% of admissions. It has not been possible to estimate the uptake of psychiatric services resulting from marital breakdown.
- (b) The Voluntary Bodies engaged in marriage counselling who are grant-aided by this Board are as follows:

Voluntary Body	Amount of Grant 1983
Catholic Marriage Advisory Council	£55,000
Marriage Counselling Service (non-denominational)	£6,000
Open Door (Catholic Social Service Council)	£5,500
Mater Dei	£16,000
Samaritans	£3,000
Family Aid	£50,000

- (c) The Board does not allocate grants specifically towards research in this area. There is an Oireachtas Joint Committee on Marital Breakdown, which was established in 1983 and is expected to report soon to the Government. A copy of the Government statement on the establishment of the Joint Committee and a list of the members is attached.'

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chief Executive Officer read the following report which was noted by the Board:

(1) Kilrock House, Howth

'Arising out of an adjustment of the boundary at Kilrock House, Howth, it is proposed to issue a Section 83 notice regarding the disposal of a small piece of property for consideration by the July meeting of our Board.'

On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, it was agreed to issue the statutory notice for the July meeting.

(ii) Health (Hospital Inpatient Charges) Regulations 1984

'I have circulated to the members copies of a letter dated 4 May 1984 from the Department of Health regarding the manner in which the above-mentioned regulations, which became effective on 1 June 1984, will be implemented.'

(iii) 'A vacancy exists on the Dublin City Local Committee for a registered pharmacist due to the resignation of Mr T Miller.

A recommendation for the filling of the vacancy will be submitted at the July meeting of our Board.

(iv) General Practice at the Royal College of Surgeons

'Officers of the Board have been discussing with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland proposals for the attachment of a General Medical Services Panel to the faculty of medicine of the college; the general practitioner holding the panel would also hold an academic appointment there. It is proposed that a vacancy which would occur in the near future in the South Inner City will be filled jointly by the Board and the College.

In addition it is proposed that the main centre of practice would be located at the Old Mercer's Hospital building owned by the College and that the Board would rent additional accommodation there for use by the public requiring services from the local Community Care Unit, nurses, social worker services, community welfare officers etc

As well as giving undergraduate access to general practice the proposal gives an opportunity for the development of close working arrangements between general practice, preventive services and community care generally.'

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THE ORGANISATION OF GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES - MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND BOARD DEPUTATION

The following report from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

As previously arranged, the following deputation met the Minister for Health and Officers of his Department on Monday 28 May 1984 at 11.00 am.

Cllr Mrs A Glenn, TD	Mr P Finegan
Dr J D Behan	Prof J S Doyle
Mrs O Clune	Cllr J Sweeney
Cllr T Hand	Cllr E Doyle
Cllr M Carroll	Cllr F Hynes
Cllr P Hickey	

The deputation was accompanied by:

Mr P B Segrave, Chief Executive Officer Mr K J Hickey, Programme Manager, General Hospital Care Mr P J Swords, General Administrator, General Hospital Care Mr M J O'Connor, Senior Executive Officer, Secretariat.

The deputation was arranged to consider proposals which our Board had made to the Minister regarding the constitution of a Management Board for Beaumont Hospital when the functions of the current Planning Board had been completed. It had also been arranged to discuss with the Minister his letter dated 15 March 1984 regarding proposals for the establishment of a coordinating body for South-East Dublin and East Wicklow and the proposals for the re-organisation of the St James's Hospital Board as set out in his letter of 16 April 1984.

Our Chairman, Cllr Mrs Alice Glenn thanked the Minister for receiving the deputation which she said wished to discuss with him matters of major concern to our Board and to put to him our Board's position in each instance.

Beaumont Hospital Board

Professor J S Doyle and other members outlined to the Minister the concepts upon which our proposal, which we had already submitted to the Minister, were based. These in the main related to the establishment and the management of a major acute hospital whose main function was to provide services for a defined catchment area. Of particular importance in the current climate was a need to facilitate and integrate working relationships between the hospital and local community health and other hospital services in a way that would ensure the optimum level of care was provided for citizens in the local community.

The new hospital should be oriented towards the local community within which the Eastern Health Board was already deeply involved through the family doctor service, a wide range of community care services, accident & emergency services and acute psychiatry. All of these and indeed many other services were already established to a varying extent for the area and should now be formally linked up with the new Beaumont Hospital in which over 50% of the beds were designated for community specialties.

The Minister said that he was committed to developing the Eastern Health Board's role in relation to general hospitals (of which the Eastern Health Board had direct control of only two small hospitals) in the context of our Board's statutory position. He also said that while the Eastern Health Board would have substantial representation on the new Beaumont Hospital Management Board no interest on it would be dominant. However, he felt that it was necessary to give the Eastern Health Board a substantial role. He said that the process of consultation in relation to the Management Board would begin in the Autumn when he would issue draft proposals for the establishment of the Beaumont Hospital Management Board which he envisaged being set up in the Spring of 1985. He said that while he had not as yet decided on a final number he felt

that 14 to 16 persons was the optimum Board size. However it might be necessary to increase that by a small number for a short initial period. While he had as yet an open mind in relation to the Chairmanship he felt that in the public interest he may appoint the Chairman.

The Minister commented that the consideration upon which local authority members had a majority representation on health boards rested in the main on the basis of the contributions which the local authorities were making from local rates to the health boards upon their establishment in the early 1970s. This consideration no longer applied. He also said that the local authority re-organisation in the Dublin area would affect the organisation of health services in the Dublin area. He expected the re-organisation proposals to be implemented in the current year and the constitution of the new Board would be in line with the new local structures.

There was lengthy discussion regarding representation from the various interests who might be involved in the Beaumont Hospital Management Board and it was suggested that any such representation should emanate from an electoral process.

CO-ORDINATING BODY FOR SOUTH-EAST DUBLIN, EAST WICKLOW

Cllr Eric Doyle and members welcomed the proposed co-ordinating body in principle and outlined our Board's views and queries in relation to it. Attention was drawn to the statutory responsibilities which rested with the Eastern Health Board for the provision of services in that area as these relate to the functions which were being proposed for the co-ordinating body. Members expressed the view that this statutory role was not fully recognised in the proposed composition of the co-ordinating body.

The Minister said he was pleased that our Board had welcomed the idea of the establishment of the co-ordinating body and he was anxious to see the new body working. He had no intention of diminishing the statutory authority of the Eastern Health Board or indeed the authority of the participating hospitals but he saw it as a very important forum within which significant proposals for the co-ordination and the development of acute hospital services in the area would be considered.

Various options were put forward regarding membership of the co-ordinating body with a view to meeting our Board's and the Minister's objectives and taking into account the statutory responsibilities of our Board. These options would provide for representation from each of the three hospitals, St Vincent's, St Michael's and St Columille's from the Eastern Health Board and from the local community.

Our members advised the Minister that the Board had reached a firm conclusion that any 'representatives from the local community' should be elected representatives from the South-East Dublin and East Wicklow area and preferably be members of the Eastern Health Board.

The Minister agreed to give further consideration to the points made by the deputation.

ST JAMES'S HOSPITAL BOARD

Dr J Behan and the Board members referred to the various points which had been made at the Special Meeting of our Board in relation to the proposed composition of the St James's Board as outlined in the Minister's letter of 16 April 1984.

It was proposed by our members that the Hospital Board might be enlarged to take account of the substantial policy proposals which had been set out in relation to Beaumont and to take account of the special position of St James's Hospital. The Board of the hospital might consist of twenty members for the next five to seven years on the following basis:

Eastern Health Board	7
FDVH	5
Trinity College	2
Medical Staff	2
Nursing Staff	1
Other Staff	1
Ministerial Nominees	2
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Board members raised the question of the appointment by the Minister of the Chairman and an Officer of the Department to the Board. The Minister outlined the basis upon which he had made the proposals for the new Board which were based on adequate representation for the various interests involved.

He said that he had a definite view in relation to the appointment of the Chairman and an Officer from his Department to the Hospital Board in light of the substantial amount of State funds which were going into the development and the running of the hospital. He felt that these appointments did not dilute the role of the Eastern Health Board but he felt that there was need for greater Departmental control. He advised our members that the Government had decided that an Officer from his Department would be the new Chairman of the Planning Board for Tailaght. He said that this resulted from consideration of the substantial input from the State into the hospital. Our Board's proposals that staff representation from within the hospital be appointed as a result of direct election were outlined. Board members also stressed that they felt that the Chairmanship of the St James's Board for whatever period should be as a result of election from among the members of the St James's Hospital Board.

The Minister pointed to legal and administrative considerations in relation to the direct election of staff representatives generally to the St James's Board and further agreed to consider fully all of the points made by our Board.

General

Members of our Board's deputation made a number of fundamental points to the Minister in relation to each of the matters under consideration. Among these were:

- (1) The statutory role and responsibility of the Eastern Health Board and the distinction between our Board's statutory functions and the statutory functions of the Minister.
- (2) The view of our Board that the Chairmen of the various Hospital Boards should continue as heretofore to be elected by the members of the Hospital Boards.
- (3) The implications for the authority and role of the Eastern Health Board arising from the direct appointment of Officers of the Department of Health to Hospital Boards within the health board area.

- (4) Ministerial appointees to Hospital Boards representing local community interests should be from among elected representatives and preferably members of the Eastern Health Board or Local Health Committees.'

Following a discussion to which Prof Doyle, Cllrs Doyle, Stagg, Sweeney and the Chairman contributed, it was agreed to note the report and to await the Minister's reply to the various points made by the deputation.

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NOMINATION OF MEMBER FOR CO-OPTION TO THE BOARD OF CHEEVERSTOWN HOUSE LTD.

The following Report No. 7/1984 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted.

'Our Board has taken a keen interest in the development of the mental handicap service operated at Cheeverstown House by Cheeverstown House Ltd.

Following representations by our Board to the Minister for Health, the services are scheduled to commence on a phased basis from 1 May 1984.

At a meeting held on 2 February 1984. our Board decided to ask Cheeverstown House Ltd to appoint a Board member to the Board of Cheeverstown House Ltd.

As I advised the Board at the April meeting, Cheeverstown House have agreed to co-opt a member of our Board to their Board. Appointment of such a member is a function of the Board.'

On a proposal by Cllr Stagg, seconded by Cllr Hand, it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Alice Glenn, Chairman, should be nominated for co-option to the Board of Cheeverstown House Ltd.

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REPORT OF NATIONAL PLANNING BOARD 'PROPOSALS FOR PLAN 1984-87'

Following a discussion on extracts from the Report relating to Health and Social Welfare Services to which Prof McCormick, Cllr Hand, Dr Behan and the Chairman contributed and to which the Chief Executive Officer replied, it was agreed to appoint a working group to analyse relevant extracts from the Report and to make recommendations for consideration by the Government.

The following members were appointed to be members of the Working Group:

Cllr Mrs Alice Glenn TD. Chairman
 Cllr Mrs E Fitzgerald
 Prof J McCormick
 Prof J S Doyle
 Dr .1 Behan
 Cllr F Hynes
 Cllr E Stagg
 Cllr J Sweeney

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'TOWARDS A FULL LIFE' - GREEN PAPER ON SERVICES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

The following Report No. 10/1984 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted

'I am circulating a copy of the Green Paper which has been issued by the Minister for Health together with a copy of the speech made by the Minister in introducing the paper and a summary of the principal conclusions. I am also circulating a copy of Report No 5/1981 of the Committee established during the International Year of Disabled Persons which members may wish to read again in conjunction with the Green Paper.

With regard to the recommendation on page 107 - No 9.37, officers of our Board are at present examining a proposal to provide, on a pilot basis, a small residential facility for the handicapped in the community. I will report further when this proposal has progressed.'

It was agreed that the Committee which had been established during the International Year of Disabled Persons should meet and that a representative of the National Rehabilitation Board should be invited to join the Committee to consider the Green Paper in detail.

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STAFFING - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE SERVICE

The following Report No 11/1984 from the Chief Executive Officer was

'I have received a recommendation from the Programme Manager, Community Care, that fifteen additional posts of Community Welfare Officer be created to meet the increasing demand on the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Services.

Report No 8/1984, which was adopted at the May meeting of the Board, identified the major issues relating to the administration of that part of the Supplementary Welfare Service, which falls to be administered by our Board under the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowance) Act, 1975.

I concur with the Programme Manager's recommendation and request the Board's approval to the creation of the fifteen additional posts.'

On a proposal by Cllr Doyle, seconded by Cllr Stagg, it was agreed to adopt the proposal contained in Report No 11/1984.

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TEMPORARY BORROWING

The following Report Mo 12/1984 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

'At meeting held on 1 March 1984 the Board consented to the temporary borrowing by way of overdraft up to an overall limit of £1.5 million during the quarter ending on 30 June 1984.

As similar overdraft accommodation may be required during the September quarter 1984, I request that the Board consents to the borrowing by way of overdraft during the three months to 30 September 1984 to a maximum of 11.5 million.

On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Carroll, it was agreed to adopt the proposal contained in Report No 12/1984.

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FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The following Report No 13/1984 from the Chief Executive Officer was submitted:

'Enclosed herewith is a further report which I have received from the Irish Foundation for Human Development and which outlines the basis upon which the current arrangements between our Board's Psychosomatic Unit and the Foundation were established by our Board.

The Foundation is a Registered Company and I have a copy of the 1982 audited accounts which were adopted at a meeting of the Foundation held on 21 March 1984 available for inspection by members of our Board. I have also been advised that the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Foundation is scheduled for 29 June 1984.

I believe that research facilities of a high quality continue to be extremely important in terms of our Board's responsibilities and, against this background, I have, as already advised, assigned the research resources, including staff of the Psychosomatic Unit to our Management Services Department with a view to bringing it more clearly within the ambit of the Board's authority.

The report from the Foundation sets out the research projects under way at present. Health Board funding amounted to about half of the Foundation's income for 1982. Some continued funding in the context of our Board's obligations will be necessary during the transitional period and until new arrangements relating to the administration of our research facilities have been finalised.

Later this year I intend to bring formal proposals before the Board with a view to establishing a Steering Committee to overview research activities on behalf of the Board. I intend to suggest that membership of the Steering Committee should include members of our Board, members of the Board's Management Team, and, perhaps, some additional and external expertise.'

Following a discussion to which Cllr Freehill, Prof Doyle, Prof McCormick and Dr Behan contributed, it was agreed to note the Report and to await the Chief Executive Officer's proposals regarding the establishment of a Steering Committee to overview research activities on behalf of the Board which it was expected would be available for the September meeting of the Board.

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PROCEEDINGS OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The reports of the following Visiting Committee Meetings, having been circulated were dealt with as follows:

- (i) Community Care Visiting Committee Meeting held in Area 7 (North Strand Health Centre) on 19 April 1984.

On a proposal by Cllr Hickey, seconded by Cllr CarroH, the report was noted.

- (ii) **No 3 Visiting Committee Meeting held at St Ita's Hospital, Portrane on 25 April 1984.**
On a proposal by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Stagg, the report was noted.

- (iii) **No 2 Visiting Committee Meeting held at St Brendan's Hospital on 27 April 1984.**

On a proposal by Cllr Stagg, seconded by Cllr Browne, the report was noted.

It was agreed to record that Dr McCarthy, Cllr Stagg and Cllr Hickey had attended the meeting.

Following a discussion on the unsatisfactory accommodation for patients in a number of units in the hospital to which Cllrs Stagg, Browne, Hynes, Hand, Freehill, Mr Gahan, Mr Finegan, Prof McCormick, Dr Behan, Dr Draper, Prof Doyle, Mrs Clune and Dr McCarthy contributed and to which Mr Keyes, Programme Manager, Special Hospital Care replied. It was agreed that alternative locations which might be suitable for the short-term care of some of the patients would be examined and reported on at the July meeting. The examination should, initially, be conducted in relation to the Board's institutions and then in other institutions not directly under the control of the Board.

Cllr Stagg requested that it be recorded that the Re-socialisation Unit seemed to be proving very successful.

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PROCEEDINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES

The reports of the following Local Committee Meetings, having been circulated, were dealt with as follows:

- (i) **Wicklow Local Committee Meeting held on 16 March 1984**
On a proposal by Cllr Hynes, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, the report was noted.

Following a discussion on the provision of a new health centre in the Greystones area to which Cllrs Hynes, Browne, Timmins, Sweeney and Prof McCormick contributed, Mr Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care Service undertook to report further on this matter at the July meeting of the Board.

- (ii) **Dun Laoghaire Local Committee Meeting held on 8 May 1984.**
On a proposal by Cllr Browne, seconded by Cllr Hynes, the report was noted.

- (iii) **Dublin County Local Committee Meeting held on 10 May 1984**
On a proposal by Cllr Carroll, seconded by Cllr Sweeney, the report was noted.

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NOTICES OF MOTION

- (i) The following motion in the name of Mr N Andrews TD was, in his absence, moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr Gahan:

'That the Eastern Health Board recommends to the Department of Health to recognise that the victims of Alzheimer's Disease are qualified as patients under the Long Term Illness Scheme.'

Following a discussion to which Prof McCormick, Dr Draper, Dr Behan, Mr Gahan and Dr Keane contributed and to which Prof O'Donnall, Dublin Medical Officer of Health replied, it was agreed to support the terms of the motion and to seek a written submission from the group representing the victims of Alzheimer's Disease regarding the type of support which they are seeking.

- (ii) & (iii) The motions in the name of Mrs Bonar were, at her request, due to her unavoidable absence, deferred to the July meeting of the Board.

- (iv) The following motion was proposed by Cllr Sweeney, seconded by Cllr Hynes, and agreed:

'That where a limited company is set up and funded (wholly or in part) by this Board a member or members of this Board should be appointed to the Board or Directors.'

It was agreed that a list of such companies would be made available to members.

Cllr Sweeney requested that it be recorded that Mr B Hollywood, Senior Executive Officer, St Ita's Hospital, Portrane, who is Chairman of Mahylock Ltd which manages the Sheltered Workshop in Coolock, should be complimented for the significant contribution being made by him to the Management of the Workshop.

- (v) The following motion was proposed by Cllr F Hynes:

'That this Board build a small health clinic in Ashford due to the large increase in population in recent years and the building of the Retirement Village in Clonmannon, one mile from Ashford Village that is now taking place.'

The motion was seconded by Cllr Sweeney, and, following a discussion to which Cllrs Hynes, Sweeney and Timmins contributed, Mr Donohue, Programme Manager, Community Care Service stated that the proposal would be examined and that a report on the funding of small health centres would be presented to the Board.

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CORRESPONDENCE

- (i) Letter dated 11 May 1984 from the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland regarding cough bottle abuse in Ballymun. copies of which had been circulated, was noted.
- (ii) Statement dated 21 May 1984 issued by the Government Information Services on behalf of the Department of Health regarding the Nurses' Bill 1984, copies of which had been circulated, was noted.

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Following a discussion to which Dr Bohan, Mr Finegann, Mr Gahen. Cllrs Timmins, Browne and the Chairman contributed, it was agreed that, if Time allowed, a Special Meeting of the Board should be held to consider the Bill in detail so that the Board's views on its proposals could be made known at the Committee stage*

The meeting concluded at 8.30 pm

CORRECT: P B Segrave
Chief Executive Officer

Chairman