

**Report on Minutes of Education Finance Board
19th February, 2008**

Date	Topic	Decision
19.2.08	Minutes of meeting 29th January, 2008	Approved
	<p>Matters arising from Minutes The issue of offsite storage was discussed.</p> <p>The services of CDVEC were offered and noted.</p>	It was agreed that until the Department of Education and Science has completed the accounts of the ad hoc committee, all documents would stay on site.
	<p>Correspondence Letter received from Data Protection Agency requesting review of all data held by Board. Board informed that this was now in process and would be completed before next meeting.</p>	Noted
	<p>Appointment of Deputy Chair The Board was informed that a vacancy had arisen within the Board for the position of Deputy Chair on the resignation of Patrick Walsh.</p> <p>Patrick Walsh was thanked for his unstinting service to the Board and congratulations extended to Brian Mooney on his appointment.</p>	It was agreed to elect a Deputy Chair at the meeting and Brian Mooney was appointed to the post Noted.
	<p>Approvals, Appeals and Queries There were 146 approvals in respect of 135 applicants to a total value of €139,551.87. The Board also approved 14 applications under reasonable expectation to the value of €28,098.71. The breakdown of the approvals is as follows: former resident 32, 21.92%; child, 93 63.70%; Grandchild 18, 12.33%; stepchild 2, 1.37%; spouse 1, 0.68%. The country analysis is : Ireland 100,68.49%; U.K. 43, 29.45%; Sweden 2, 1.37%; U.S.A. 1,0.68%. The next approvals meeting : 5th March, 2008. Queries and Appeals were processed.</p>	
	<p>Criteria Advertising/Information Campaign The Publicity Committee agreed a number of issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To draft a cover letter for advertising information that will be sent to interested parties. ▪ To contact the Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) regarding the feasibility of a mutual agreement in relation to the distribution and printing of advertising material. ▪ To approach the Residential Institutions Redress Board (RIRB) regarding a link to the EFB website and vice versa. ▪ To proceed with the publicity CD for radio and distribute it to local radio stations. ▪ To write a downloadable article from the EFB website for free newspapers. ▪ To inform and decide postage and publicity costs for each support group to distribute information within their own groups. ▪ To inform solicitors. ▪ To make contact with the communications officer of City of Dublin VEC to write an article for distribution to all VECs. <p>The Board thanked Brian Mooney for his interview on the Pat Kenny Show on 7th February in relation to the EFB. Arising from the show 153 phone calls were received requesting information and 99 information</p>	

	<p>packs were dispatched.</p> <p>Christine Buckley expressed disappointment that there had been no reference to the composition of the Board including four former residents of institutions. The member also regretted not having had any advance awareness of the interview.</p>	<p>These concerns were noted by the Board.</p>
	<p>Review of Criteria It was reported that the criteria booklet is in process.</p>	
	<p>Finance NTMA Report: The total fund value on 31/01/08 was €8,674,839.56 CDVEC Financial Statement of EFB to 31st November, 2007</p> <p>Financial Statement A statement of Management Accounts for the month ended 31stDecember, 2007 was presented to the Board as a result of meetings with CDVEC, Crowleys DFK and the office. It was reported that a member of Crowleys DFK would be present at the next Board meeting to present the draft Annual Accounts of the Board 2007.</p>	<p>Noted Noted Noted</p>
	<p>IT and Communication Requirements The Board expressed its congratulations on the new EFB website and expressed the hope that former residents and their relatives would find the site easy to navigate and promote the transparency of the Board.</p>	
	<p>Staffing Letter approving secondment from CDVEC to the EFB was received.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
	<p>AOB Board informed of a letter received from a firm of solicitors on behalf of an applicant in relation to funding.</p>	<p>Board to seek legal advice from the Department of Education and Science or from a named firm of solicitors.</p>
	<p>Next meeting of EFB scheduled for 13th March, 2008.</p>	