



Kildare Interagency Integration Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 8th September 2022 at 11.30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams

Attendance: Attached

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 09th of June 2022 were approved and adopted on the proposal of Grainne Fleming, seconded by Vanessa Liston. Anne Daly thanked Cllr. Breslin for linking her with Ollie Brady which helped with item 6 of the minutes. Ollie Brady helped with supplying Co Correspondence Forms for people to receive acknowledgement of Housing Applications more quickly.

2. Chairperson's business

Cllr. Breslin noted the apologies received, paid tribute to the community department and their work supporting the Ukrainian response.

Cllr. Breslin asked if any member had any conflicts of interest relating to this meeting – no conflicts were declared.

3. Q3 2022 Implementation Report

Q2 Report circulated to all members prior to meeting. As agreed, each individual action will not be reported on, but the floor will be open for questions or clarification. Each lead agency will take responsibility for responding to questions on their actions.

Anne Daly highlighted that as members updated the report, to put the date in which they updated. – This will make it easier for members to see the updates that were made in date order.

Q3 Report available upon request to integration@kildarecoco.ie

Anne Daly noted any inactive actions in the report and suggested if an inter-agency response was needed.

Pat Leogue noted 1.5 – Noted coffee mornings for Ukrainians and Agencies coming into Newbridge Parish Centre during coffee morning to provide information to Ukrainians. Pat noted that actions of this needed to be adapted. Anne Daly agreed to work on these actions.

Cllr. Breslin asked if the Direct Provision documentation be adapted. Cllr. Breslin noted that numbers in Direct Provision was at crisis point and that actions needed to be taken. Mary Hennessey noted that people were very close to gaining Irish Citizenship but have nowhere to move to when leaving Direct Provision.

4. Ukrainian Emergency Response Update

Anne Daly noted the huge response around County Kildare in helping with the Ukrainian Emergency Response. Anne Daly presented an abridged version of the Ukrainian Emergency Response Coordinators Report which included photos from Ukraine Independence Day events held at Maynooth University and Bert House.

5. International Protection Community Houses

Mary Hennessey presented an update on the International Protection Community Houses. Mary reported to the members that she was contacted by a manager in Newbridge who recently bought four houses that were currently housing 22 Asylum Seekers. SYCAP and KIIC Member, John Doran are currently working with this Asylum Seekers providing Manual Handling courses and preparing them for work. Community Garda Gary Cogan is also supplying the Garda Community Bus to the Asylum Seekers.

Councillor Vanessa Liston queried where information can be found about services needed for Asylum Seekers. Paula O'Brien noted that Kildare County Council are not told where this information can be found and communication is not adequate between National Level and Local Authorities. Councillor Liston would like address lines of communication between National Level and Local Authorities through the Kildare Interagency Integration Committee.

Anne Daley suggested writing to the Department of Justice and IPASS about improving communication and providing supports for Asylum Seekers. Anne Daly also noted to the Committee that International Agents are present at Celbridge Manor Hotel.

Anna McHugh seeked information from the Committee about a phone call she made to a Case Worker from Kildare County Council about hosting refugees. Paula O'Brien noted that the Housing Section in Kildare County Council are working through Pledge Properties and that this process is ongoing. Kildare County Council took over this process from The Red Cross and will take time.

6. Any other business

Anne Daly thanked Naas Community Garda Gary Cogan for providing a 4 - week victimology course for refugees in Maynooth. Garda Cogan revealed that

the best students will win a bursary and those students will also meet the Kildare Interagency Integration Committee.

Anne Daly invited anyone who wants to present during the next KIIC meeting to contact her.

There was no other business.

The meeting concluded.

The next meeting will be held on the 8th of December 2022 at 11.30 a.m.

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