

Minutes
Extraordinary Meeting
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission
7 April 2021, 4:00pm –6:00pm
Video Conference

Present - Commission Members:

1. Sinéad Gibney, Chief Commissioner (SG)
2. Dr Frank Conaty (FC)
3. Adam Harris (AH)
4. Prof Kathleen Lynch (KL)
5. Lucy Michael (LM)
6. Prof Ray Murphy (RM)
7. Colm O' Dwyer (COD)
8. Heydi Foster Breslin (HFB)
9. Prof Caroline Fennell (CF)
10. Salome Mbugua (SM)
11. Dr Rosaleen McDonagh (RMcD)

Apologies:

12. Jim Clarken (JC)
13. Tony Geoghegan (TG)
14. Michael Finucane (MF)
15. Sunniva McDonagh (SMcD)

In Attendance:

1. Laurence Bond, Director
2. Brian Dawson, Communications Manager, Strategic Engagement (Item 2.1)
3. Sinéad Fitzpatrick, Senior Human Rights and Officer, Policy and Research (Item 3.1)
4. Michael O' Neill, Head of Legal (Item 2.1)
5. Muireann Ní Thuairisg, Minute Taker

An Extraordinary meeting of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission took place on 7 April 2021 from 4:00pm - 6:10pm by video conference.

1.1 Apologies, Quorum and Declaration of Interest

Apologies were noted from JC, MF, TG and SMcD and the meeting was quorate. HFB and AH declared an interest in relation to Agenda Item 3.1 and recused themselves from this part of the meeting.

2.1 [REDACTED]

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3.1 IDG Mother & Baby Homes Submission

The Commission considered a draft Advisory paper to the Interdepartmental Group on the Government's Planned Development of a 'Restorative Recognition Scheme for former residents of Mother and Baby Homes and County Homes'. Members recommended amendments to the submission, which will be incorporated into the report.

Once finalised, the submission will be submitted to the Office of the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

4.1 [REDACTED]

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The meeting closed at 6:10pm.



Signed:

Sinéad Gibney
Chief Commissioner

Date:

20 April 2021