

# **Minutes of Meeting of the Moore St Advisory Group (Online)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 @ 2.30 p.m.,**

Members in attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman), Catherine Kennedy, John Daly, Brian O'Neill, (Catherine) Carmel Smyth, James Connolly Heron, Aengus O'Snodaigh TD, Neasa Hourigan TD, Senator Mary Fitzpatrick, Councillor Donna Cooney, Councillor Nial Ring, Nessa Foley, Coilín O Reilly

Dave Farrell – Secretariat

## **1. Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021**

The draft minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 were approved as circulated subject to a correction to Catherine (Carmel) Smyth's comments on the Dooley and Hall report reference to the party wall between No 12 and No. 13. It was noted to amend the minutes to reflect that Catherine was not referring to No. 20 or 21.

## **2. Report from the Expert Group on the Market**

Councillor Cooney gave a presentation on the final report of the expert group covering:

- Background to the report
- The survey
- The emerging vision
- Possible interventions

The report has been circulated, has gone to the Committee and to Minister Malcolm Noonan.

Councillor Cooney pointed out that construction work by Hammerson is not to commence till 2022 at the earliest so there is time to implement many of the low cost short to medium term interventions.

Nessa Foley advised that the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage is administering a shop frontage grants scheme as part of the Historic Structures Fund.

Senator Mary Fitzpatrick raised the following with Coilín O'Reilly:

- Timescales for implementation
- Resources
- Provision of toilets for the traders
- Possibility of issuing Sunday Licences to traders

- Whether DCC could provide casual licence for Prams?

Coilín advised:

- DCC intend to come up with an implementation plan and need to look at the budget elements and timescales.
- DCC would like to progress with some elements on a pilot basis and would hope to be in a position to implement some of the actions within 2-3 months.
- Issue of toilets is complex given space limitations but he has some ideas which he would like develop further before proposing them.
- That the Traders have received a copy of the report.
- Hammerson have presented their plans to the Traders.

Brian O'Neill drew attention to the issues that will arise for the traders due to construction and the need to consider compensation or relocation.

Councillor Ring referred to the four strands of funding available under the Economic Development and Enterprise Strategic Policy Committee.

James Connolly Heron stated his support for the report and emphasised that the issue of the market should not be dealt with in isolation from the issue of the Battlefield site.

Chair note the unanimous support for the traders to be able to continue to trade and the importance of reflecting that in the report of the MSAG and also the other issues raised and discussed.

### **3. AOB**

In reference to the Green Party Vision for Moore Street, already circulated, the Chair suggested that it might be useful for the Green Party representatives on the MSAG to submit their view on any alignments or differences between its vision and that of Hammerson.

Secretary to request from Hammerson a pdf copy of their presentation from 15<sup>th</sup> Jan and the relevant survey reports e.g. – the report on the survey on No. 12 and No. 13

Secretary to ask the Irish Heritage Trust if they are in a position to update the MSAG at its next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb and if they intend to consult with the remaining members of the Group with whom they have yet to consult. It was noted that they are not due to submit their report until March.

James Connolly Heron advised that the Relatives of the Signatories Group have agreed to write to the Minister with regard to their request to engage with/be represented on the MSAG.

James Connolly Heron outlined some references to NAMA funding for the National Monument going back to 2012 and covering a number of years which he agreed to forward to

Nessa Foley for the Department to look into. He emphasised the importance of the Group having information on the costings to date.

Secretary to enquire with MSAG nominees who have yet to participate in meetings to date whether there are any issues around timing of meetings that are impeding their participation.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2.30 pm