

Third meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee
14 October 2022
Report

Attendees

Chair Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Emma Doyle

Secretary Aoife Byrne

Report of the third meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee.

1. The third meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee was held on 14 October 2022 at 51 St Stephen's Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Emma Meagher Neville.
2. At its third meeting, the Committee discussed the purposes for which firearms are licenced in Ireland. The Committee prepared draft recommendations identifying which types of firearms would be appropriate to be used for various types of hunting, target shooting, and in other circumstances.
3. The Committee considered the types of firearms, which are suitable to be licenced in Ireland.
4. The Members could not find consensus regarding the suitability of centre-fire semi-automatic rifles licenced after the 18 September 2015, and centre-fire handguns sought after 19 November 2008. Superintendent Doyle and Mr. Guinane held the position that these firearms could not be recommended by the Committee as being suitable to be licenced, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Connolly, did not agree.
5. The Committee discussed several issues raised in the correspondence received by the secretary and drafted recommendations based on some of the issues identified.
6. The Committee agreed to meet again in early November 2022.