

## **Minutes of Meeting of the Moore St Advisory Group Buswells Hotel, Kildare St. Dublin 2**

**29 May 2019 @ 3.00p.m**

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman), Lord Mayor Nial Ring, James Connolly Heron, John Conway, John Daly, Patrick Cooney, Sen Máire Devine, Sean Haughey TD, Tom Holbrook, Cllr John Lyons, Cllr Mícheál MacDonncha, Christina McLoughlin, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Brian O'Neill, Aengus Ó Snodaigh TD, Maureen O'Sullivan TD, John Stephenson.

Nessa Foley, Garry McDonagh – Secretariat.

Apologies: Ernie Beggs, Joan Burton, John Connolly, Margaret Hanway, Sean Paul Mahon, Muriel McAuley, Cara O'Neill.

### **1. Minutes of the meeting 24 April 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of 24 April 2019 were approved.

### **2. Matters Arising**

Nil.

### **3. National Monument Sub-Group**

A document provided by OPW with proposals for resuming the restoration of the national monument buildings was circulated by Deputy O'Cuiv on behalf of the National Monument Sub-Group.

Deputy O'Cuiv stated that there were currently two options available for No's 14 to 17. The first is conserve and for the buildings to remain closed, the second is to conserve and facilitate limited tours. He said that his sub-group favoured the second option and that they will be meeting soon to deal with the specifics. Any other members wishing to input should inform the Secretary. OPW would arrange the works and the Secretary is to check if hoarding will need to be erected when they proceed.

The Chair suggested that the document could be further discussed on Friday after members have had a chance to read it. He pointed out that OPW are waiting for the green light from the MSAG.

Deputy O'Cuiv further stated that he had met with officials from the Department to discuss state involvement in the area. His intention is to get a scoping document which will feed into future deliberations.

### **4. Survey Sub-Group**

Deputy Ó Snodaigh reported issues identified from last week's sub-group meeting which was also attended by the MSAG Chair. These included: report re full survey; state ownership of buildings in the area, the leaking of the Hammerson presentation; not being consulted re

Friday's symposium; not being invited to speak at Friday's meeting, the exclusion of the James Kelly report.

Some members of this Group stated that they were unwilling to make a submission to the TD's working group because of the leak. They also drew attention to the need to consult with other stakeholders, including those referred to in a motion from Mr Connolly Heron and Mr Cooney. It was further stated that the MSAG as a group had not considered the Plan.

In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that:

- The symposium on the 31<sup>st</sup> May had been discussed and agreed at the MSAG as evidenced in the minutes previously adopted
- Leaks happen all the time, it is unrealistic to halt business because of the risk of leaks
- Securing History does not envisage the MSAG coming up with a detailed plan for the quarter - instead it aims to 'achieve a framework of consensus amongst all stakeholders on alternative development arrangements for the area
- The draft programme for Friday had never mentioned the word "final" with regard to reporting to the Minister
- Securing History and the Hammerson plan agree in a lot of areas but not all. We can acknowledge that, while the Hammerson plan was a step change on the Chartered Land one, it can still be improved.
- It was agreed, on the proposal of Deputy O Sullivan, that we need to move to Phase III and that it is vital that the Group is smaller than it currently is. The new group could decide if they wanted to use the Kelly report.

The traders' representative outlined his members' serious concerns about the length of time the process is taking. He stated that their incomes are being decimated, they don't feel safe, they are still paying rates, etc., and feel that, three years into the process, it needs to be brought to a conclusion. It was pointed out that nobody else around the table, except the traders, earns a living from Moore Street

It was agreed that the MSAG chair and the chairs of the 3 sub-groups (Deputies O'Cuiv, Ó Snodaigh and O'Sullivan) would proceed to prepare the MSAG Report to the Minister reflecting the outcomes of our work over the past two years and proposing a stakeholder engagement framework for the future. It was agreed that the report would be completed before 11 July, when the Dáil rises.

#### **5. Symposium on 31 May 2019**

The Chair suggested an agenda where TU Dublin and Hammerson would both make presentations and then the MSAG would have an internal meeting to discuss both. The group agreed.

#### **6. AOB**

It was suggested that the Group write to the Gardai about a better presence on the street to combat anti-social behaviour and also write to the DCC Chief Executive regarding the licencing and street trading issues. Deputy O'Sullivan stated that she had just composed letters to both bodies on these matters.

#### **7. Next meeting**

31 May 2019