

**Minutes of Meeting of the Moore St Advisory Group
Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
16 Oct 2018 @ 11a.m., 23 Kildare St. Dublin 2**

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman), Joan Burton, James Connolly Heron, John Conway, Patrick Cooney, Christina McLoughlin, John Lyons, Muriel McAuley, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Maureen O'Sullivan TD, John Stephenson, Peadar Tóibín TD, Garry McDonagh – Secretariat

Apologies:

Ernie Beggs, John Connolly, John Daly, Margaret Hanway, Sean Haughey TD, Tom Holbrook, Sean Paul Mahon, Micheál MacDonncha, Cara O'Neill, Nial Ring

1. Minutes of the meeting 25 September 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2018 were approved. The Chair clarified that DIT are not the sole body that can be used, they are one of many that can be used.

2. Letter to Hammerson

The Chairman suggested using the minutes from the 25 September meeting as a basis for a letter to Hammerson regarding their presentation. However the Group felt that it was too early to provide Hammerson with our thoughts on their plan. It was agreed to put aside a day to meet again with Hammerson, go through their plan, take a tour of the buildings as per their invitation and then reconvene and have our own meeting.

It was decided to invite others to the briefing, such as the four experts, the city architect from DCC and someone from the DCC Planning Office.

3. Report from first meeting of the Market Sub-Group

It was agreed unanimously to ask Maureen O'Sullivan to Chair the group and she agreed. The councillors would seek to put a budget in place for Moore St Traders issues, a figure of €500k was suggested. DIT has provided an architect and 4 students who are currently talking to street traders and will report to the group at the next meeting. DCC are sending Mr Leslie Moore as their representative on the group and Tom Holbrook will make a formal presentation to the group outlining the issues faced by the street traders.

4. Setting up of Sub-Groups

The Chair suggested setting up three more sub groups. He asked that a sub group be formed to advance the process of setting up a survey of the terrace. He suggested that the project should not exceed €5,000 and had talked to the Centre for Historic Houses in Maynooth University who were prepared to do desk research. Some members felt that more was needed than desk research and it was decided that a sub group chaired by Deputy Toibin would work on the project and then come back to the committee and outline the scope of any potential additional architectural, historical and archaeological survey of the area.

The Chair then proposed setting up a sub group to deal with the National Monument (14/17). This sub group is to be chaired by Deputy O'Cuiv and is tasked with coming up with a vision for the properties. The Deputy said he wanted to meet with the Department prior to holding the first meeting.

The third sub group to be set up would deal with Hammerson. The Chair felt that more work has to be done before this group is created and that Deputy Burton would be ready to take the Chair should she be required.

The members of each sub group were chosen as follows:

Survey sub-group: Peadar Toibin (Chair), Muriel McAuley, Patrick Cooney, James Connolly Heron and Christina McLoughlin

National Monument sub-group: Eamon O'Cuiv (Chair), Maureen O'Sullivan, John Stephenson, John Daly, John Lyons and Muriel McAuley.

The question arose as to how much funding would be made available to the MSAG going forward. It was suggested that the Department be informed that funds will likely be needed for a full architectural survey.

No date was set for the next meeting.

