

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

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman), Ernie Beggs, John Conway, Patrick Cooney, John Daly, Margaret Hanway, Sean Haughey TD, Tom Holbrook, Sean Paul Mahon, Christina McLoughlin, John Lyons, Muriel McAuley, Mícheál MacDonncha, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Maureen O'Sullivan TD, John Stephenson, Peadar Tóibín TD, Garry McDonagh – Secretariat

Apologies:

Joan Burton, John Connolly, James Connolly Heron, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue TD, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Cara O'Neill, Nial Ring, Noel Rock TD, Eamon Ryan TD, Darragh O'Brien TD,

1. Minutes of the meeting 12 September 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting of 12 September 2018 were approved. Under matters arising, the Chair told the Group that he had been in contact with Hammerson and that they are happy to meet with the four experts, subject to a non-disclosure agreement. They also agreed to provide a copy of their recent presentation and asked that it be treated as confidential. They are also happy to make the presentation to members who were absent from the last meeting should anyone wish to see it. The Group agreed for the chair to continue to bring this process forward.

2. Consideration of the Hammerson Presentation

The Chairman asked members for their views on the Hammerson presentation, asking them to say what they liked in the proposals; aspects they did not like and what they felt were the most appropriate next steps. The following views were expressed:

Likes

- The Group in general was pleased that Hammerson were now engaging meaningfully with them
- A widely shared view that new plan was a great improvement on its Chartered Land predecessor
- A widely shared view that Hammerson were bringing a very high level of historical research and sensitivity to their plans
- A widely shared view that the design concepts were pleasing and interesting
- A general welcome for the envisaged public squares and for the relationship between them and the National Monument
- Some approval for the historic trail concept

Dislikes

- An architectural solution for 18/19 must be found
- Streetscape structure must be kept to what it was in 1916
- Urgent need to move on the National Monument 14/17

- Plan emphasised commemorative element rather than what's to be built
- Traders issues need to be resolved, e.g. what do they do when building starts?
- Traders are an issue for DCC, not Hammerson
- The plan needs to strike a balance between regeneration and commemoration

Next Steps

- There was agreement on the need for an historiographical survey of the Terrace – at the outset- to establish the provenance of each building on the Terrace in 1916.

3. Proposed Work programme

A document prepared by the Chair had been circulated to all members. The Chair asked that a decision be taken at the meeting and he then went through the 4 items.

➤ Survey.

The Department has agreed to support a study to help clarify the provenance of the buildings in the terrace, 10/25. The study would look at reports and other available data and evidence that would show the extent of surviving pre-1916 structures and any relevant accounts of the events that had occurred in the terrace in 1916. The group needs to come up with terms of reference (TOR) and agree procurement procedures and criteria.

➤ National Monument

The Department is waiting for the Group to provide its views. It was agreed to set up a sub-group who would liaise with DIT with regard to this issue.

➤ Traders

It was agreed to set up a sub-group to provide a vision for the market and to assist the Traders with their outstanding issues with DCC. The sub-group is to be made up of the Councillors on the group and the Traders. Outsiders can be brought in if the group feels it is necessary.

The Chairman then went through what had been agreed at the meeting:

1. Agreed to set up a Trader sub-group
2. Letter to Hammerson re the Group's views on the plan
3. Survey of terrace, TOR to be agreed at the next meeting
4. DIT will work with the Group and can be assisted by other experts if necessary

4. AOB

Hammerson have offered to take the group on a tour of some of the buildings, the Chair suggested that we take them up on their offer, the Group agreed.

P Cooney will make contact with the 4 experts regarding a meeting with Hammerson.

5. Next meeting: The next meeting will take place on 16 October at 11am.

