

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

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman), Joan Burton, James Connolly Heron, Patrick Cooney, John Daly, John Lyons, Sean Paul Mahon, Muriel McAuley, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Nial Ring, John Stephenson, Garry McDonagh – Secretariat

Apologies:

John Connolly, John Conway, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue TD, Margaret Hanway, Sean Haughey TD, Tom Holbrook, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Mícheál MacDonncha, Christina McLoughlin, Cara O'Neill, Maureen O'Sullivan TD, Noel Rock TD, Eamon Ryan TD, Darragh O'Brien TD, Peadar Tóibín TD

**1. Minutes of the meeting 12 June 2018**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 12 June 2018 were discussed. Mr Cooney stated that it had been agreed that a group of experts would be invited to the next meeting. Mr Connolly Heron stated that he had not used the words “antagonise Hammerson” with regard to not sending a letter to the Minister and that the minutes should read “as long as Hammerson engage”.

Under matters arising, Cllr Lyons reported that DCC were not going to issue any new licences until the review of casual trading bye laws was completed. He felt that going through the Area Committee was the best way to resolve the issue of unsociable behaviour.

**2. Briefing from the Department**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Terry Allen and Ms Nessa Foley from the Department.

Mr Allen stated that the Department is interested in helping to secure the culture and history in the area. To that end a meeting has been set up with Department officials, OPW and Hammerson to review their plan insofar as the national monument is concerned. The Department is also looking at the scope for state bodies, cultural and heritage to be accommodated in the area.

The question arose as to what is the Department's view of the development of the area. Mr Allen stated that the Minister sees this group as her interlocutors with all the stakeholders and that she hoped that this engagement would assist in producing an agreed design for the area. He said that there is clear evidence that Hammerson are willing to engage with the Group. The Chairman stated that he had recently spoken with Andrew Diggins from Hammerson and hoped to get him to attend the next meeting and that we must get an agreed vision among all parties.

Mr Allen was asked what the plan was for 14/17 and stated that the Minister's view is that they should be retained as close as possible to their 1916 setting. Work on these buildings cannot re-commence until the Department knows what has been settled on for the surrounding site.

Mr Allen was asked if he was aware of the existence of a lease between John Daly's committee and the previous owners. He replied that he was aware of such an arrangement having been mentioned in the past but was not privy to the details.

### 3. Report on DIT project

The Chairman welcomed Ms Orna Hanley and Ms Emma Geoghegan from DIT School of Architecture to the meeting.

Ms Hanley made a presentation to the Group. She said that the site is the important thing not just the buildings and that the North Inner city has great potential, both for commercial and community renewal. The trading tradition is critically important.

Regarding cultural development she felt a framework of consensus was the way forward and outlined 4 key strands

- Develop a vision for Moore Street and its lanes
- Regeneration of the market
- Response to design proposals by Hammerson
- Identify where architectural intervention could be

She stated that DIT have extensive experience working with a wide variety of bodies regarding planning and regeneration and proposed 4 ways in which they could be useful to the committee:

- Within the school they have experts on regeneration – they can put together a team of experts to work with the committee
- They will look at site specific design framework and proposals
- Arrange another symposium re design brief behind the vision – coming together of stakeholders
- Development of research and design frameworks for future developments

The Chairman suggested DIT could host the proposed symposium and invite DCC, Hammerson and other stakeholders. Patrick Cooney's group of experts could link it too. He suggested that at the next meeting he will set up a sub group to work with DIT to come up with a vision, it should take no more than 3 months. The group agreed.

### 4. AOB

The question arose as to a lease arrangement between Chartered Land and the Save No 16 Moore St Committee for certain buildings on Moore St. The Chairman said he would look in to the matter and report at the next meeting.

Concern was expressed at the fall off in attendance at the meetings, particularly with regard to the TD's.

A group of experts chosen by Patrick Cooney are to be invited to the next meeting.

### 5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 19 July.

