

Minutes of Moore St Advisory Group
12 June 2018 @ 11a.m., Dublin Town Offices, Dublin 1

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman)
James Connolly Heron
Patrick Cooney
John Daly
Tom Holbrook
Mícheál MacDonncha
Muriel McAuley
Éamon Ó Cuív
John Lyons
Peadar Tóibín
Garry McDonagh – Secretariat

Apologies:

Joan Burton, John Conway, John Connolly, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue, Margaret Hanway, Sean Haughey, Mary Lou McDonald, Sean Paul Mahon, Christina McLoughlin, Darragh O'Brien, Cara O'Neill, Maureen O'Sullivan, Nial Ring, Noel Rock, Eamon Ryan TD, John Stephenson

1. Minutes of the meeting 29 May 2018

The draft minutes of the meeting of 29 May 2018 were approved. Under matters arising, the group discussed the possibility of sending a letter to Minister Madigan regarding seeking protective notices on all the buildings. It was agreed not to send a letter as it may antagonise Hammerson. It was agreed to ask the Minister to clarify her letter to Deputy Toibin where she stated that is the Minister, and not the courts, who is charged with determining what constitutes a national monument.

Also under matters arising the Chair stated that he had spoken with Andrew Diggins of Hammerson regarding Trader's concerns and that Andrew is willing to meet with them at any time. The Traders would prefer to meet directly with Simon Betty. There followed a discussion on the unsocial behaviour and the lack of cleaning in Moore Street. The Chair undertook to write to DCC on behalf of the Group. Cllr Lyons said he would convene a meeting the Chairs of several committees within the Council to raise these issues and it would also be helpful to get a senior member of the Gardai in to talk to the Group.

2. Report on contact with the Department

The Chairman reported that a person from the Department would attend the next meeting on 26 June. That person would inform the group on plans for the transfer of state bodies into

Moore Street and would discuss any other issues that may arise. He further stated it was critical that the Department attend these meetings or at least provide a mechanism of engagement. It was agreed that the Department should be in attendance at every second meeting.

3. Report on DIT work on the Quarter

The Chairman stated that DIT would make a presentation at the next meeting on 26 June.

4. AOB

The Chairman had to leave the meeting and Deputy Toibin assumed the role as substitute Chairman.

There was a discussion on whether a group of experts should attend our next meeting. The view was expressed that we use the Hammerson plan as a starting point and that we should engage with them rather than making our own plans. Some of the group felt that a list of experts, to be provided by Patrick Cooney, should be invited to the next meeting.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 26 June in the Department building in Kildare St.

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