

**Minutes of Special Meeting  
Moore St Advisory Group  
Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht  
29 March 2018 @ 3p.m., 23 Kildare St. Dublin 2**

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman),  
Joan Burton  
James Connolly Heron  
Patrick Cooney  
John Daly  
Sean Haughey  
Margaret Hanway  
Tom Holbrook  
Sean Paul Mahon  
Muriel McAuley  
Éamon Ó Cuív  
Mícheál MacDonncha  
John Lyons  
Maureen O'Sullivan  
Nial Ring  
John Stephenson

Garry McDonagh, Muirne Lyons – Secretariat

Apologies:

John Conway, John Connolly, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue, Mary Lou McDonald, Christina McLoughlin, Cara O'Neill, Noel Rock, Eamon Ryan TD, Darragh O'Brien, Peadar Tóibín

**1. Presentation by Hammerson**

The Chairman welcomed the representation from Hammerson made up of Simon Betty, Ed Dobbs, Andrew Diggins, Jackie Gallagher, Julia Collier and Friedrich Ludwig.

Mr Betty provided some background regarding his company and how they came to own the properties in the Moore St area. The company has a history of long term investment and generating a social aspect. Their goal is sustainability and local engagement with the new project expected to create 9000 jobs, of which 75% will be sourced locally, and bring in €50m in annual wages. Hammersons have a track record of working in sensitive historical areas and with markets such as Spitalfields in London. The essential principles were for a mixed use scheme with shops, offices, residential, public spaces and historical features.

Mr Fredrich Ludwig then made a presentation (on behalf of Hammerson) to the Group which outlined a new plan for the area. There then followed a general conversation, most of the members were impressed with the presentation and expressed the opinion that dialogue

should continue on a regular basis. Some felt that breaking the terrace, (demolishing No 19), would be an error. While the plan represents a step in the right direction room should be made for an historic cultural quarter. It was also felt that the group needed a bit of time to study the plan.

Mr Betty responded that their company is open, transparent and reasonable. He asked for more feedback from the Group so they can move forward but that there wasn't much merit in debating the plan at this moment. He has no opposition to cultural issues but it needs to be incorporated into the overall plan, which hopes to deliver on heritage issues. He envisaged working with the Group for 6-12 months and mentioned that planning permission stands until 2021.

Deputy O'Cuiv suggested the setting up of sub committees within the Group to move the issue on now that the court case has been settled. Deputy Burton hoped that development of the market would bring it back to life and Cllr Ring said the commitment to local employment was very welcome.

After Hammerson left the meeting the Group discussed the many issues raised from the presentation. It would be helpful if an expert architect or planner, would review the plan for the Group. To that end, a copy of the plan would be needed and the Chair said he intends to ask Hammerson if they are ready to disseminate same.

The Traders expressed concern that Hammerson have never dealt with "outside" traders and also asked if they will be in a position to carry on trading while the development work is in progress.

The issue of what will happen with regards to the National Monument 14/17 was raised. It was suggested that the Department be invited to discuss future plans for 14/17, and the question of access to the buildings for the Group was raised again.

The Chairman reminded people of the invitation to the Tenament Museum and then closed the meeting.

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