

**Minutes of Meeting
Moore St Consultative Group
Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht
09 January 2018 @ 4p.m., Room 316, 23 Kildare St. Dublin 2**

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman),

James Connolly Heron

Patrick Cooney

John Conway

John Daly

Sean Haughey TD

Margaret Hanway

John Lyons

Sean Paul Mahon

Mícheál MacDonncha

Muriel McAuley

Éamon Ó Cuív TD

Maureen O'Sullivan – TD

Nial Ring

Peadar Tóibín TD

Lily McEvoy –Secretariat

Apologies:

Joan Burton, John Connolly, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue TD, Tom Holbrook, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Christina McLoughlin, Cara O'Neill, John Stephenson, Noel Rock TD, Eamon Ryan TD, Darragh O'Brien TD

1. Minutes of the meeting 26 October 2017

The draft minutes of the meeting of 26th October 2017 were approved as circulated.

2. Verdict of the Court of Appeal

The Chairman stated that he understands from Department officials that the judgment of the Court of Appeal hearing will be expected by the end of February. He intends to convene a meeting of the Moore Street Advisory Group within one week of the judgment becoming known.

Some members of the group expressed the view that the Minister should threaten to place Preservation Orders on historic buildings within the entire Battlefield site in an attempt to compel Hammerson to engage with the Working Group. The Chairman stated that it was not possible to pre-empt the outcome of the appeal and advised that in the interim, the Group

should instead focus on resolving ongoing Traders issues and progressing the DIT School of Architecture project to compile a theoretical future plan for the Moore Street area.

The Lord Mayor stated that he understood that Hammerson have provided a verbal outline of a new development plan to DCC Chief Executive, Eoin Keegan. The Lord Mayor expressed doubt as to whether these plans would conform to the Group's vision for the Battlefield Site. He also stated that draft Public Trading by-laws are due to be passed shortly.

The Lord Mayor also referred to DCC's intention to have a number of structures in the Moore Street area included in the RPS. He expressed his dissatisfaction that he has not been admitted Nos 14-17 Moore Street. The Chairman undertook to raise this with the Minister's Office.

Deputies Éamonn Ó Cuív and Maureen O'Sullivan expressed agreement with the Chairman that there was little point in approaching stakeholders pending the verdict of the Court of Appeal. Deputy Ó Cuív pointed out that stalling strategies served no one's interests and furthermore, if it is the intention of Hammerson to develop the greater Moore Street area, it should be accepted that they will do so with the aim of achieving a certain commercial interest. The Chairman added that it was impossible at this juncture to guess how the developer will react to the verdict.

3. Priority next steps

The Chairman will revert to the Minister to:

- (i) Seek the Lord Mayor's access to Nos 14-17 Moore Street
- (ii) Place Preservation Orders on certain historic buildings in Moore Street

The Chairman will also extend invitations to the DIT School of Architecture and Karl Mitchell of DCC to attend the next meeting of the Moore Street Working Group. The Working Group will seek a meeting with Minister Josepha Madigan. Councillor John Lyons has also sought an account of the RPS process from DCC.

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