

Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Working Group,  
Dept of AHRRGA, 20 July 2017 @ 3pm.

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman)  
James Connolly Heron  
John Connolly  
Margaret Hanway  
John Lyons  
Mícheál Mac Donncha  
Éamon Ó Cuív  
John Stephenson  
Garry McDonagh, - Secretariat.

Apologies Joan Burton, Ciaran Cuffe, Sean Paul Mahon, Cara O'Neill, Maureen O'Sullivan,  
Nial Ring, Peadar Tóibín

**1. Minutes of the meeting of 29 June 2017 and matters arising**

The draft minutes were approved as circulated.

Under matters arising, the question was asked about what initiatives the Department would be willing to fund, e.g. an architectural or conservation plan? The Chairman responded that he had been informed by the Department that money would be made available to bring in experts to speak to the Group but that funding for plans would be a different matter and would involve procurement.

There then followed a discussion regarding conservation/architectural plans which could take up to 18 months. With regard to the properties at 14/17 it was suggested that as the properties are now under the control of OPW, who have some of the best expertise in the country, it would make sense that they undertake any such plans. It was further stated that as the role of the Group is advisory to the Minister the idea that we should develop a plan seems fanciful.

It was pointed out that the Council had now endorsed our Report. Added to all the other reports previously endorsed by the Council if it can be implemented it can be used as an alternative to the current planning permission.

The Chairman referenced page 36 from the Report, "Framework of consensus secured on alternative development arrangements for Moore St and its lanes within six months". Initially we should source a plan for 14/17 and it was agreed to ask OPW to speak to the Group to discuss its' views on the matter. The next matter would be to investigate a way to get the other buildings into state ownership and the third part would be the wider geographic area, the lanes etc. There was consensus that these routes would have to involve the State, the Council and Hamersons.

The Chairman referenced a recent letter published in the newspapers stating that Hamersons had decided not to engage in Phase 2. He commented that they hadn't actually said that and that he will be writing to the papers to refute this comment.

Some members felt we should invite Hamersons to a meeting and discuss getting a consensus. Others felt we should get them to see our vision, give them something to be interested in rather than summon them to a meeting and that perhaps it would be more beneficial for Hamersons if it was seen that they didn't actually come up with the new plan.

It was also suggested that No's 10/25 be added to the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.

## 2. Report by Chair on meeting with DCC

The Chairman stated that he had met with Brendan Kenny, DCC to discuss issues regarding the Traders. Mr Kenny seems very committed to helping with their issues and, as such, a meeting is to be scheduled for September. There was a suggestion that DCC are looking to increase licence fees for the Traders by up to 110%.

## 3. Proposal re Moore St Conversation

The Chairman referred to securing consensus from all stakeholders within six months which can be written down as a set of instructions for architects. He proposed a conference/convention to which all stakeholders would be invited - Hamersons, OPW, DCC and the Department. A motion, proposed by James Connolly Heron and seconded by Mícheál Mac Donncha "that the Chair invite qualified experts to assist The Working Group in the implementation of a conservation plan for the Moore Street Battlefield that meets the recommendations of the MSCG Moore Street Report - Securing History" could be tied in with such a conference.

It was felt that the convention needs to be more specific, most of the talking has been done and this needs to be about how we implement the Report, along with the major players. It was felt that the stakeholders don't have a vision for the area and this convention could be used to inform them of different ideas. It was suggested that a team of experts should be asked to speak at the convention, the views from the various campaign groups have already been made known so there would not be a need to hear from them again. The Chair asked that everyone make a contribution towards the framework for the convention which it is hoped can take place in early October.

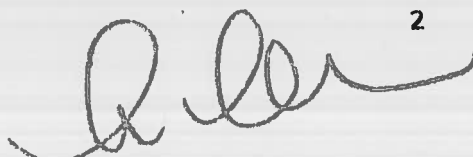
The facilities at the Mansion House were offered to the Group by the Lord Mayor, up to 80 people can be hosted there.

## 4. AOB

A meeting is to be set up with the TD's and officials from the Department. The question of access to the site (14/17) was raised. The Chairman responded that this was outside the remit of the group. OPW are now in control and can be asked to report on the buildings when they attend our next meeting.

## 5. Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for 19 September 2017

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