

**Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Working Group,  
Dept of AHRRGA, 01 June 2017 @ 11.30am.**

In attendance were:

Tom Collins (Chairman),  
Joan Burton  
James Connolly Heron  
John Connolly  
Tom Holbrook  
Mícheál Mac Donncha  
Éamon Ó Cuív  
Maureen O'Sullivan  
Nial Ring  
John Stephenson  
Peadar Tóibín  
Garry McDonagh, - Secretariat.

Apologies Ciaran Cuffe, John Lyons, Sean Paul Mahon, Cara O'Neill

**1. Items of correspondence**

There was a discussion regarding an inspection of the on-going essential works being carried out at 14-17 Moore Street which was undertaken by the Department on 4 May 2017. A statement was read out on behalf of Peter Pearson Evans, Architect, which implied that the works on 17a/18 are unauthorised. The question of who carried out the works was raised and also whether these works were proceeding under the High Court judgement. There was also a question of number 18 being used as a storage space and the current whereabouts of this material?

The Chair is to make enquiries in respect of the points raised.

**2. Report from Chairman re meetings with Hamersons and DCC**

The Chairman met with Hamersons (Andrew Diggins and Eric Dobbs) and DCC (John O'Hara) separately.

A). Hamersons appear ready to engage an architect and devise a new master-plan, however they would like to know the outcome of the court case before they invest new funds. They felt that the timescale envisaged in the Moore St Report is unrealistic, they feel a new plan could take 2 years rather than 6 months. The Chair talked with them about a process that will lead to an outcome agreed by all stakeholders and wants to set up a process whereby the Group can engage with Hamersons.

There was a discussion regarding the appeal of the High Court judgement, it was felt that the Group need to find out what the approach of the Department is towards a possible settlement with only points of law remaining for decision.

It was suggested that the Department/Minister bring a Memorandum to Government recommending the Report, reassembling the Group, agreeing the handover to OPW and get a government decision regarding a recommendation on the appeal.

B). The Chairman met with John O'Hara from DCC who took him through the presentation he had made to the Consultative group earlier in the year. He explained that DCC saw the whole area, including Parnell Square, being turned into an urban quarter of mixed use, heritage and residential. DCC understands that the original planning permission, which has been extended to 2022, is essentially dead in the water.

The Trader's issues did arise and the Chair is hoping to meet with the DCC person with direct responsibility very shortly.

### 3. Next Meeting

A meeting of the Working Group was scheduled for either 13 or 14 June 2017 and it is hoped to arrange for a site visit for the members in the near future.

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