

**Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Consultative Group,  
Dept of AHRRGA, 11 January 2017 @ 11.15am.**

In attendance were:

Gerry Kearney (Chairman),  
James Connolly Heron – Save 16 Moore St Committee  
John Connolly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee  
Patrick Cooney - Save 16 Moore St Committee  
John Daly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee  
Sean Haughey TD,  
Sean Paul Mahon – Dublin City Councillor  
John Lyons – Dublin City Councillor  
Muriel McAuley – 1916 Relatives Association  
Mícheál Mac Donncha – Dublin City Councillor  
Christina McLoughlin – 1916 Relatives Association  
Éamon Ó Cuív - TD  
Cara O’Neill – 1916 Relatives Association  
Nial Ring – Dublin City Councillor  
Peadar Tóibín - TD

Garry McDonagh, - Secretariat.

Apologies, Ernie Beggs, Joan Burton TD, John Conway, Ciaran Cuffe, Pascal Donohue TD, Margaret Hanway, Tom Holbrook, Mary Leech, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Darragh O’Brien - TD, Maureen O’Sullivan – TD, Noel Rock TD, and Eamon Ryan TD.

**1. Minutes of the meeting 22 November 2016 and matters arising**

The draft minutes of the meeting of 13 December were approved as circulated.

**2. Converging themes from Presentations**

Two documents had been circulated to the Group summarising converging presentations from 04 November and 07 December. It was agreed to include a call by some groups to the Minister to withdraw her appeal to the High Court decision. It was also agreed to enquire from the Department as to particular areas where it was felt the High Court decision was likely to wider application.

**3. Emerging areas of Agreement**

On foot of the presentations from external interest groups, input from various experts, and early reflections by the Group, the Chair indicated that there appeared to be emerging agreement across a number of themes:

- The restoration of Moore St as a vibrant trading market;
- The potential of an historic quarter linking the GPO, Moore St, Rotunda and Parnell Sq areas;
- The retention of the block of buildings at 10-25 Moore St;
- Consistent with good international practice on development in battlefield sites - the preservation of the line of streetscape in Moore St and in adjacent lanes;
- The restoration of Moore St and lanes to broadly recapture its character around 1916 through appropriate public lighting, cobbling, etc.;
- Commercial development/activity to be appropriate to such history and character.

#### **4. Valuation & other Issues**

There was agreement as to the desirability of seeking valuation of a number of options including: a) Acquisition by the State of entire Dublin Central site; b) Area of the National Monument as set out in the High Court decision; and c) Acquisition of buildings from 10 to 25 Moore St not already in State ownership. It would be helpful if the costs of refurbishment and running might also be considered along with possible income.

DCC are to be requested to advise as to the factors to be taken into account when purchasing property under a CPO. The Department is to be approached to advise as to the broad basis of the valuation by which the purchase of the buildings at 14/17 was determined. The matter of a survey of the new area of the National Monument was also raised.

#### **5. Headline structure of a draft report – for discussion**

A draft document was circulated setting out the broad structure and chapter headings of a draft report by the Group. Subject to some minor amendments this was broadly agreed as a useful framework within which to progress the drafting of a report. The importance of milestones and timeframes to guard against slippage and the option of an oversight mechanism were discussed.

#### **6. Next steps**

Following discussion a number of issues were raised:

- National Museum – request presentation covering good practice on battlefield sites; artefacts and other memorabilia from 1916 available but not on public display
- Presentations to be made by some members of the Group
- The National Monument at 14/17 Moore St to be revisited by a sub-group
- Source good practice models from abroad re historic/cultural quarters
- DCC – request access to draft report by James Kelly on assessment of five buildings in Moore St and environs for possible listing as protected structures.
- Secure copy of DCC Advisory Committee report.
- Battlefields report – seek access to the current draft

**7. AOB**

The next meeting is 11.15am on 18 January in the Department.

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