

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Consultative Group,
Dept of AHRRGA, 22nd November 2016 @ 11.15am.**

In attendance were:

Gerry Kearney (Chairman),
Ernei Beggs – Moore St Traders
James Connolly Heron – Save 16 Moore St Committee
John Connolly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee
Ciaran Cuffe - Dublin City Councillor
John Daly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee
Margaret Hanway – Moore St Traders
Tom Holbrook – Moore St Traders
Mary Leech – Moore St Traders
John Lyons– Dublin City Councillor
Muriel McAuley – 1916 Relatives Association
Mícheál Mac Donncha- Dublin City Councillor
Christina McLoughlin – 1916 Relatives Association
Darragh O’Brien - TD
Éamon Ó Cuív - TD
Cara O’Neill – 1916 Relatives Association
Maureen O’Sullivan - TD

Garry McDonagh, - Secretariat.

Apologies, Joan Burton TD, John Conway, Patrick Cooney, Sean Haughey TD, Cllr Sean Paul Mahon, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Pascal O’ Donohue TD, Noel Rock TD, Cllr Nial Ring, Eamon Ryan TD and Peadar Tóibín TD.

1. Minutes of the meeting 18 October 2016 and matters arising

The draft minutes of the meeting of 18 October were approved as circulated.

Under matters arising, the attention of the Group was drawn to a provision under the National Monuments Acts whereby a Preservation Order can be made if a structure is falling into decay through neglect. At the meeting with the Group on 18 October the Department had advised that the Order in respect of 14 – 17 Moore St had specifically been made to protect the National Monument from encroaching development. The Department confirmed that the Preservation Order had been made by reference to the provision under section 8 of the 1930 Act enabling such protection where such a structure is in danger of being destroyed, injured or removed. Copy of the relevant Preservation Order and related statutory provisions is attached at Appendix 1. Reference was also made to an apparent decline in the buildings notwithstanding the making of the Order and it was agreed that this raised matters of practice and policy appropriate to be brought to the notice of the Minister.

As regards the Department’s Battlefield report it was agreed that the Chairman would seek to secure access to the draft report with a view to its review of its contents by a subgroup.

2. Update on the works at 14/17 Moore St

A note on ongoing works was circulated – copy attached at Appendix 2. The meeting was advised that the plaintiff had agreed to additional necessary works and this had been approved by the High Court. The timetable for completion of the current works remains end January 2017.

3. Presentation by Battlefields/heritage expert

Mr Damien Shiels, Rubicon Heritage Services Ltd, made a presentation to the Group, copy attached at Appendix 3. Points arising included:

- The need for development of a policy strategy within planning and development control frameworks for battlefield sites, especially those in an urban context.
- Acknowledgement of the need to advance the recognition of battlefield sites dating from the post 1800 AD period.
- Appropriate recognition of revolutionary era archaeology.
- The need to understand battlefields as valued landscapes and heritage sites.
- Importance of developing a knowledge baseline as a first step in defining battlefields as heritage sites.
- Avoidance of significant alterations to landscape settings for battlefield sites.
- Retaining the value of the landscape setting of battlefields in an urban context where buildings have changed or been demolished (supporting the ‘archaeology of absence’).

The importance of context, of the street line, the street and the lanes, rather than of buildings was emphasised.

4. Presentations on 04 Nov – matters arising

A summary note of converging issues arising from presentations from external groups on 4 November was circulated, copy attached at Appendix 4.

5. Moore St Traders – issues raised with DCC

A list of issues raised by Traders with DCC had been circulated along with the response received from DCC, copy attached at Appendix 5. Traders’ representatives on the Group briefed the meeting on a wide range of issues of concern. It was agreed that a subgroup would be established to work with the Traders to investigate matters and report back to the main Group with recommendations.

6. AoB

The Chairman undertook to circulate a proposal for formalising the establishment of two subgroups to progress key areas of interest.

It was reaffirmed that draft minutes should not be circulated externally pending their approval by the Group. As soon as minutes are approved they will be placed on the Consultative Group's website and, at that stage, members should feel free to circulate as they see fit.

Condolences were expressed on the death of the mother of James Connolly Heron.

A date of 7 December 2016 was agreed for further presentations from external interests who had indicated a wish to present to the Group.