

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Consultative Group,
Dept of AHRRGA, 13 December 2016 @ 11.15am.**

In attendance were:

Gerry Kearney (Chairman),
James Connolly Heron – Save 16 Moore St Committee
Patrick Cooney - Save 16 Moore St Committee
Sean Haughey TD,
Tom Holbrook – Moore St Traders
Cllr Sean Paul Mahon
John Lyons– Dublin City Councillor
Muriel McAuley – 1916 Relatives Association
Christina McLoughlin – 1916 Relatives Association
Éamon Ó Cuív - TD
Maureen O’Sullivan - TD
Peadar Tóibín - TD

Garry McDonagh, - Secretariat.

Apologies, Ernie Beggs, Joan Burton TD, John Conway, John Connolly, Cllr Ciaran Cuffe, John Daly, Margaret Hanway, Mary Leech, Cllr Mícheál Mac Donncha, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Darragh O’Brien - TD, Pascal Donohue TD, Cara O’Neill, Noel Rock TD, Cllr Nial Ring and Eamon Ryan TD.

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

The draft minutes of the meeting of 22 November were approved as circulated.

Under matters arising, the attention of the Group was drawn to the statement by the Department that the Order in respect of 14 – 17 Moore St had been made to protect the National Monument from encroaching development. It was requested that this statement be further clarified.

2. Presentation by DCC re New Development Plan

Mr John O’Hara, City Planning Officer, Dublin City Council made a presentation to the Group regarding the City Development Plan which was approved in autumn 2016, copy attached at Appendix 1.

- Zoning objective Z5 refers to the city centre - acceptable uses for buildings in the area include Cultural, Creative, Artistic, and Recreational.
- Protected structures are also identified in the plan.
- A slide reflecting recommendation by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH) as to additional in a list of protected structures was also presented.

Matters raised in subsequent discussion included – the preparation of Local Area Plans as the next steps in the process; the prioritisation of LAPs, the policy of DCC to review and extend Architectural Conservation Areas with Moore St under consideration in that regard; and the absence of a number of buildings from NIAH recommendations;

3. Preservation Orders

The meeting was advised that there are approximately 550 preservation orders made under the National Monuments Acts in place. There were no instances where the State had intervened to oblige an owner to act to prevent the decline/decay of a monument. This was due to the fact that such powers were not conferred on the Minister under existing legislation.

Reference was made to previous deliberations of the Group relating to this matter and the desirability of bringing to the Minister's attention the lacuna in both legislation and practice in this regard.

4. Sub group establishment and related matters

A short note proposing formalisation of the establishment and remit of two subgroups was agreed (copy attached at Appendix 2).

It was confirmed that there are now 2 sub-groups up and running – one dealing with Traders matters, the other dealing with ad hoc issues. These sub-groups do not have decision making powers and any member who would wishes to attend any subgroup meeting may do so.

The meeting was advised that the Traders sub-group had their first meeting on 12 December - the possibility of developing an agreed approach with DCC in relation to a plan for Moore St as well as tackling some short term issues are now being explored. Changes in the relevant bye laws planned for 2017 have been identified as providing an opportunity to review licencing arrangements which currently apply.

Separately following discussion in the subgroup dealing with ad-hoc issues, contact had been made with Hammerson to ascertain whether they might wish to meet with or present to the Group.

In its response, the Company advised that it is in the early stages of ownership of the property at Dublin Central and therefore not yet in a position to provide details on future plans. However, they recognise the role that the Consultative Group can make and would be pleased, if the opportunity arose, to engage through this forum in the medium term. Consequently, subsequent to completion of its current work, they would support an extension of the Group's life beyond end January 2017. Where possible, they would seek to help facilitate the same.

In this context, the developer is prepared to consider alternative options for certain aspects of the site through open dialogue with the Consultative Group. Hammerson cited a track record in contributing to communities in which it had invested combining economic, social, environmental and community drivers to deliver the best outcomes. It also referred to delivery of complex mixed use and urban regeneration projects in Birmingham, Marseille , Leeds and London. Further information on these projects has been sought on behalf of the Group.

In subsequent discussion by the Group, it was noted a fresh mandate for the Group or its representatives beyond its current remit and timeframe was solely a matter for the Minister. Nevertheless it was felt that the proposal by the developer may have potential in the future.

5. Independent Architect's report

The attention of the Group was drawn to a finding in the report that the banner at 14/17 had caused damage and therefore accountability issues arise in this regard. The appropriate mechanism for pursuing this issue was discussed.

The appropriate stewardship of the National Monument beyond the current stabilisation work, the expiry of the current contractual arrangements and the role of CCJV were also discussed.

6. AOB

It was agreed that, as the timeframe for presentations had passed, for the future the Group would accept only submissions from external interests in relation to the future of Moore St. These should be sent in writing/email to the Secretary to the Group.

The matter of the inspection of certain buildings in Moore St, which DCC had previously planned but was now suspended of foot of legal advice, was discussed.

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