

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Consultative Group,  
Dept of AHRRGA, 18th October 2016 @ 10.00am.**

In attendance were:

Gerry Kearney (Chairman),  
Joan Burton - TD  
John Connolly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee  
James Connolly Heron – Save 16 Moore St Committee  
John Conway - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee  
Patrick Cooney – Save 16 Moore St Committee  
John Daly - Save No. 16 Moore St Committee  
Sean Paul Mahon - 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  
Peadar Tóibín - TD

Garry McDonagh, Nial Dully - Secretariat.

Apologies, Ernie Beggs, Ciaran Cuffe, Margaret Hanway, Sean Haughey, Tom Holbrook, John Lyons, Mary Lou McDonald, Pascal O’ Donohue, Noel Rock, Mary Leech, Nial Ring and Eamon Ryan.

**1. Minutes of the meeting 06 October 2016 and matters arising**

The draft minutes of the meeting were approved as circulated subject to two amendments:

- recording a strongly dissenting view to that expressed by DCC in relation to any binding commitment still obtaining re the disposal of 24/25 Moore St (para 5, page 2)
- recording that DCC was uncertain as to current ownership of the properties adjacent to 14/17 (end of page 2).

Under matters arising, the basis for the grant of planning permission extension by DCC was revisited. Following discussion it was agreed that a letter would issue on behalf of the Consultative Group to DCC requesting details of the particular conditions which would have to be met by a developer so as to enable the planning permission to be acted upon.

**2. Dept of AHRRGA – Presentation & Discussion**

Niall O’Donnchu, Assistant Secretary at Dept of AHRRGA made a brief presentation (copy attached) which set out the history and current position in relation to the National Monument at 14/17 Moore St. He then went on to acknowledge the public interest concerns which had informed the successful High Court challenge and advised that Consultative Group can shape the way forward through consensus, given that there was now no clear roadmap ahead. Mr Ó Donnchú indicated that the area of the National Monument as defined by the High Court came within the remit of the Consultative Group.

He advised that the Department's plan is to complete the works as outlined by the court case. However additional work needs to be urgently undertaken to the parapet and the chimneys – consultation with parties to the court case was underway in that regard. It was hoped that the current stabilisation work will be completed by the end of January. Full conservation work for 14/17 and the demolition of 18/19 have been suspended.

Matters raised by the Group included: the extent of the Departments engagement with the new owners; the basis for the purchase price of 14/17; the status/basis for CLL being on site; custodianship of these buildings subsequent to January 2017; ownership of the adjacent buildings and lanes.

Mr O Donnchú stated that the Department will retain ownership and would engage, as appropriate, with the OPW when the current phase of works is completed. He advised that the Department had not yet met with Hammersons and there was correspondence outstanding. He was asked whether workers on the site were employed by Chartered Land. In acknowledging that the forum members had been on site, viewed first-hand the nature of the work and met key personnel, he understood that all conservation and construction professionals were employed by either Lissadel Construction or the specialist multi-disciplinary contractors. Asked to clarify the matter by the Chair, he said a fee would be due to CCJV in respect of boundary, interface, logistics and cognate issues, including on and access to and via neighbouring properties. Asked who owns the “*National Monument as defined by the High Court*” he stated that the Department owns 14/17 and a part of number 18. He could only assume, given its engagement in the High Court case, that CLL then owned the other properties. He understood that the remit of this group was the area contemplated by the High Court decision, i.e. the greater Moore St area.

Pressed for time, Mr O’Donnchú offered to revert and or communicate further with the Chair on issues requiring amplification, if required. (He subsequently provided additional briefing, attached at Appendix 2, in relation to arrangements involving CLL at 14/17 Moore St.)

### **3. Independent Conservation Architect**

The meeting was briefed on the process and outcome of the subcommittee’s deliberations. This had resulted in the selection of an independent conservation architect to visit 14/17 Moore St on behalf of the Group. A draft terms of reference for the work was reviewed and broadly approved. The Chairman undertook to meet with the architect, finalise arrangements with a view to having the report completed and available to the next meeting.

### **4. Invitation to external interests**

A draft letter of invitation to external groups was approved as circulated and the date of 4 November at City Hall from 9.30am to 1pm agreed. It was also agreed that groups would be requested to provide a single summary sheet of their views; that groups choosing to present would do so sequentially; would be limited to two to three persons and would have a total of 30 minutes per group.

An invitation to make submissions etc. will also be placed on the Group’s web site.

The secretariat will liaise with members of the Group so as facilitate a good attendance by members at the presentations by external interests.

## **5. Website**

A proposal that the MSCG website be housed as a link from the Departments homepage was agreed. It is envisaged that the site will include membership details of the Consultative Group, the working mandate of the Group, minutes of meetings etc.

## **6. AoB**

A short list of website addresses was circulated giving links to historic sites as Anne Frank House etc.

The next meeting is scheduled 11am on Tuesday 08 November 2016. Venue subject to further consultation.