

**Minutes of Meeting of Moore St Consultative Group,
Dept of AHRRGA, 02 February 2017 @ 10.30am.**

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

Tom Holbrook,

Margaret Hanway,

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

Darragh O'Brien - TD,

Éamon Ó Cuív – TD,

Maureen O'Sullivan – TD– 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, Mary Leech, Mary Lou McDonald TD, Christina McLoughlin, Cara O'Neill, Noel Rock TD, and Eamon Ryan TD.

1. National Museum presentation and discussion

Mr Lar Joye, Curator of Transport, Flag and Military History collections at the National Museum of Ireland, made a presentation on Public Engagement in Museums and Historic Sites. Copy of presentation attached

Issues raised included:

- Importance of focusing on the visitor experience, not just on information;
- The importance of local footfall to help draw local citizenry into exhibitions
- Models of good practice abroad in managing historic sites
- A consultation process underway to determine a fourth National Museum site for Dublin
- Positive precedents abroad for interfaces of Street Trading with Museums
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The extensive range of artefacts held by the National Museum relating to 1916 – Proclaiming the Republic 15,000 objects strong was touched upon. The importance of engagement with

visitors and the opportunity posed by the current consultation process on a further National Museum site (additional to Kildare St, Merrion Sq and Collins Barracks) were noted.

2 Legal Matters - discussion with Plaintiff & Legal Team

Mr Colm Moore and Mr John Hennessy briefed the Group on their perspective on a range of issues pertinent to the Court case.

These included:

- Likely matters of interest to the Supreme Court
- Settlement options and legal implications arising
- Context in which legal costs might be met
- Baseline matters for consideration
- Ownership matters in relation to 24/25 Moore St

The adverse aspects of CPOs in terms of time delay and likely costs arising for the State were also touched upon.

3. Options for the State on ownership and development

Cllr John Lyons made a presentation to the Group. Copy attached at Appendix 2.

Subsequent discussion touched upon – aiming for a win/win; time delays arising with CPOs; costs of acquiring the wider site; the survival of Street Traders and the benefits of strong leadership by the State.

There was broad agreement on the importance for the Group to retain its focus on Moore St, its lanes and the renewal of its street trading tradition.

4. AOB

Subject to such amendments as may be received directly, the draft minutes of the meeting of 25 January 2017 are being taken as agreed.

In response to concerns expressed by the Traders and others on time slippage, it was agreed that Consultative Group's report should be advanced to completion as soon as possible. A draft of the report is to be provided to a working group for early consideration. Remaining meetings of the full Group would prioritise the Report and a draft text, cleared through the subgroup would be considered at its next meeting. That meeting is scheduled for 11.15am on 15 February in the Department.