

PHYSICAL MEETING DISCUSSION

Updates —

1. A minor amendment to the seating layout results in 2m minimum distancing for all participants with 6 present.
2. Recommend that attendance be limited to 6.
3. Contacts :
 - Tom, Derry and Peadar phoned. Tom also sent an email, as did David.
 - Tom is happy to attend sessions in my place.
 - David is also happy to attend sessions here.
 - Derry is happy to attend, subject to the result of a Covid test he had on Friday. He stressed the importance of limiting the duration of live sessions.
 - Peadar recommends that members inform the host in advance if they're attending (Derry already says he'll let me know the day before).
4. Timing :
 - With 6 present, music beginning at 1:30, a presentation scheduled, non-presenters limited to 10 minutes of music plus 5 minutes for introduction and reaction and the presenter allowed 5 minutes for introduction ... a session will end at 3:30 (2 hrs 30 total).
 - Reducing settling-down time to 15 minutes brings conclusion to 3:15 (2 hrs 15 total).
 - Total times reduce by 15 minutes for each participant less than 6.
5. Masks :
 - Masks are recommended indoors where social distancing isn't possible (so wouldn't be required), but visitors to homes of over-70s are recommended to wear masks (which means they would be).
 - There's also the general question of who masks protect. My understanding is they guard against a wearer spreading

the virus, but we've all been sensible and responsible during 'lockdown' and , as far as I'm aware, have severely limited contact with people from outside our own homes. In other words, the risk of spread during a live session here doesn't really apply.

- I've had a few medical appointments recently. Neither Beaumont nor the Eye & Ear insisted that patients wear masks. Medical staff wear masks during interaction with patients and distancing is relied on otherwise.

6. In addition :

- Ventilation of indoor spaces is stressed as part of medical guidance. I've already made it clear that front and rear windows will be open during our sessions here to ensure a through-flow of air.
- I will provide individually wrapped biscuits only. There will be no pile of biscuits on communal plates. If visitors bring biscuit offerings, these will not be opened during the session.