

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 13th February 2023

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Niall McElroy; Irene Duffy Lynch; Kristin Hadfield; Karl Anderson;; PJ O’Gorman; Margaret Brindley; Jeremy Humphries; Liam Handy

Apologies: Mark Wheeler

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

Key Activities/Events – over the period

- SEAC Motion 13th Feb – tabling questions by SAMRA on traffic data monitoring
- Task Force – letter requesting clarification on next steps
- AGM – provisional dates
- Grants – Covanta and AVIVA
- Website progress

DISCUSSION AREAS

- SEAC Motion – Traffic Data collection - response awaited
- SEAC Motion 5 – Call for Task Force (James Geoghegan) – DCC/Councillors meeting for Thursday 16th February (Ref SAMRA letter regarding independence of Task Force leader)
- AGM – re-set for Monday 24th April (Sandymount Hotel Booking confirmed)
 - Next Meeting – revisit Lessons from 2022 and open detailed discussion **Action DT**
- GRANTS –
 - Covanta submission date 30th May; NewsFour publicity 17th April; Meeting to develop application **Action NMcE**
 - AVIVA submission closes 31st March, **Action M.Brindley/Mark Wheeler**
 - Committee recommendation : Village Green Notice Board rejuvenation; Graphic Design; Electronic option ??
- WEBSITE – WIX proforma and progress overviewed, following creation by Jeremy and load up of documents by Karl. Key items to be progressed for Go-Live ahead of AGM 24th April :
 - Linkage of Subscription process direct to SAMRA Bank Account and avoidance of PayPal
 - Streamlining of Membership process
 - Migrate Email hosting
 - Add Content by Sub-Committee area
 - Social Media linkage - Facebook/Twitter/Instagram

BY SUB-COMMITTEE (Reports by Exception)

- **Planning &Development : NMcE**
 - **Planning Application** : There are no new areas of interest to SAMRA
 - **Village Plan** – Covanta Proforma creation **Action NMcE/Sub-Committee**
 - “Planning Objective Criteria” for SAMRA - Future meeting agenda item : **Action DT**

- **Transportation & Access :**
 - **Traffic data** – formal request sent to Councillors requesting gathering of traffic data, during the diversions caused by the Irish Water repair project, such that analysis and reporting will inform future decisions around the cycle routing. Response awaited.
 - **Cycle Route Court Hearing** - Next step Tuesday 14th February
 - **Pedestrianisation** – Open Discussions with DCC on plan for 2023 **Action : DT**

- **Flood Defence/Sewage Discharge : DT**
 - **Task Force** – meeting set 16th February

- **Community**
 - **Fun Day** : Discussion regarding SAMRA’s role in this : Questions/Views ::
 - Provisional date set for 18th June
 - Response to be chased up from TT regarding joint role with SAMRA ownership
Action DT
 - Collate an Action Plan with assignation of responsibilities for discussion at next meeting and final decision on 2023 event **Action KA**
 - **Yeats Day**
 - set up by Joe Lynch with full support established with DCC 13th June 11-12pm.
 - Discussion of 3rd October Meeting confirmed desire for Tidy Towns to run, to be reconfirmed with TT **Action DT**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AOB

- Correspondence : John O’Neill complaints regarding the state of the Strand Road facilities, echoing SAMRA previous concerns. Also, proposal for Strand Road Baths. Suggested him as a Project Lead role, awaiting response from JO’N. Forward for all to see **Action DT**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Proposed Monday 13th March 2023

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	AGM – Prep and Lessons	DT	March Meeting Agenda item
2.	Planning Criteria	NMcE	Discussion/Re-fresh required
3.	Village Plan – Covanta application	NMcE	SC Meeting
4.	Sewage Discharge to Merrion Beach	DT	Appropriate response to EPA/Irish Water
5.	AVIVA – funding application	MW/MB	
6.	FUN DAY	KA/MB/DT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up roles/action plan - 2. To open discussions with TT
7.	Forward John O’Neill proposals	DT	
8.	Yeats Day – confirm ownership with TT	DT	
Ongoing Actions			
9.	OPW Flood Defences Meeting	NMcE	Briefing Note
10.	Jack Torpay	DT	To request broad attendance a future events
11.	Website Update	JH	To convene Project Team meeting
12.	Facebook organise a Committee Training session to enable ALL to post	KA	
13.	Membership & Subscription alignment – to streamline the process	JH	
14.	Pedestrianisation		Future Agenda Item
15.	Bus Stops – lack of Planning	JH	Representation into SEAC via Councillors

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16.	Membership Drive – News4 Ad	PJOG	
17.	Membership Drive – proposal to be emailed across Committee	PJOG	Way Forward - Meeting with local groups
18.	Pavement Parking Report	KH	Set up Meeting with DCC/Councillors
19.	Martello Tower	DT / IDL	Reinvigorate the conversation and maintain SAMRA connected interest
20.	Task Force - Further meetings with local TDs to be arranged.	DT	Consider meeting with IW
21.	Martello Tower	NMcE	An update on the contact between DCC and the owner is to be pursued.
22.	SAMRA - 12 Month Priorities	DT/ALL	Input and present back for confirmation
23.	Lorna Kelly Memorial Plaque/Bench – Village Green	MB	
24.	Groups to be approached as a more efficient way of gathering new members	Membership SC – PJ	
25.	Strategy Note	Strategy SC	
26.	Strategic meetings : Jim O’Callaghan	DT	
27.	Strategic meetings : Ivana Bacik	DT	
28.	Letter of thanks to Fun Day Donors	DT	
29.	Future YEATS Day Events	DT	Email to JL
30.	Membership SC – potential use of WhatsApp for greater connectivity	DT	Zoom meeting with David Kelly to glean his similar experience
31.	Forward Calendar template set up	MB / ALL	

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32.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	
33.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) – a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required	LK	
34.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
35.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
36.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
37.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
38.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	
39.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
40.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
41.	Cycle route	NMcE / DT	Write a position paper which addresses the Strand Road traffic whilst incorporating the Off-Road solution, combined with Flood Defence needs

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42.	SAMRA Logo for use on letter heads – develop options around the Village green and circulate committee (8/12)	DT	Action transferred following EL departure from committee
43.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
44.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
45.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
46.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
47.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
48.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
49.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)			
50.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
51.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
52.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
53.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
54.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
55.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
56.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT/KA	

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57.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
58.	Response to DCC letter	SH/Flood Risk SC	Letter to DCC
59.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
60.	Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item	KH	
61.	Cycle Route announcement	DT/KA	Proposal made for single entity integration initiative across the 3 Strand scopes of work.
62.	Facebook account	DT	Awaiting contact with Anne Benzeiger
63.	Raw sewage spills to Merrion Beach ongoing and inadequacy of DCC action	SH / Sub Committee	Formal letter of complaint to EPA
64.	SAMRA/TT - responsibilities	DT/ALL	Input and present back for confirmation
65.	Pavement Parking	KH	Letters/representations to remaining 4 Councillors
66.	Christmas Carol – Sounds of the Sea	DT	To discuss with TT and put Ruth Dalton in contact
67.	Codling Bank Windfarm	DT/PJOG	Stakeholder Meeting to be set up
68.	The Living Street	NMcE	Concept to be overviewed with SAMRA Committee
69.	Glass Bottle Site	NMcE	Progress Meeting with Developer
70.	Pedestrianisation area – requested improvements	DT	Letter to be circulated to Main Committee CLOSED
71.	Village Plan – outline scope with Architects	NMcE	Awaiting response to enquiry
72.	“Pop-Up Gaeltacht” language speaking events - proposal	IDL	Advised that it will not be pursued
73.	FOI Requests	MB	In progress – awaiting responses

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74.	Tom Clarke Bridge Grant	MW	Decision not to pursue
75.	Sandymount Apartments	NMcE	To prepare a SAMRA "Submission"