

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 11th July 2022

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

Apologies: Kristin Hadfield; Stephen Hurley; Mark Wheeler

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

- **Key Activities/Events** – over the period
 - Blooms Day
 - Sandymount Dog Show
 - Letter to Elected Representatives regarding Sandymount Strand and Seafront Works to be a single inter-agency taskforce for the connected infrastructure projects
 - Irish Times reporting
 - Meeting with Minister Eamon Ryan
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- **Meeting with Eamon Ryan** – report back to Committee
 - Attendees : D Turner / PJ O’Gorman / Niall McElroy : Eamon Ryan / Claire Byrne /
 - Venue – Government Offices
 - 8th July – 1 hour duration
 - A useful exchange, focussing on the letter proposal
 - Discussion and Committee actions :
 - To initiate a FOI request to each of the agencies involved OPW / Irish Water / DCC – requesting evidence of coordination already ongoing **Action : MB / DT/KA**
 - Meetings with Ivana Bacik; Jim O’Callaghan – both of whom expressed strong support for the proposal **Action : DT**
 - Develop a Strategy Note ahead of an election, to be expected within the next 2 years, featuring this as the central big issue for which political support is required. (**Strategy SC Action**)
 - Survey (Autumn) – ahead of positioning and lobbying; needs to access members and voters to develop leverage for the area – **Action KH - tbc**

BY SUB-COMMITTEE

- **Planning &Development : NMcE**
 - **Planning Applications** - none this month warranting SAMRA's involvement
 - **Sandymount Ave apartments** – have been given approval, notification as yet to be reviewed for any further SAMRA action : **NMcE**
 - **Sub-Committee** – individual offer of SC support to be followed up : **NMcE**
 - **City Development Plan (CDP)** – currently undergoing internal Councillor/DCC review, which may result in a 2nd Draft. Action follow-up : **NMcE**

For Issue

- **Village Plan** – dependent upon the approach to be taken, a SAMRA initiated LEIP could be subject of a grant request 2022/3 **NMcE**. Criteria and preliminary enquiries on AVIVA timing and proforma **DT**

Community Sub-Committee – Coordinator tba – nothing to report this period

Flood Risk Sub-Committee : SH

No further update Report available. 2 Standing actions to be pursued : **DT/KA/SH**

Transport and Access Sub-Committee – DT

- **Pedestrianisation** –
 - Awaiting response to meeting held at the Green 3rd June between DCC Director Services, Karl Mitchell, Brian Hanney Manager SEAC; / SAMRA DT; NMcE; Mark Wheeler (MACE) ; Michael Sheary (BUJO)
- **Cycle Route** – awaiting Court of Appeal ruling due ~ 29th July, following submission of further information requests.

Heritage & Natural History Sub-Committee – DT (interim coordinator)

- YEATS DAY – 25 copies of books “2nd Man of Sandymount” distributed across Sandymount’s 5 schools. Payment by DCC, facilitated by SAMRA to A Jordan. CLOSED
- The potential for “Pop-Up Ghaeltacht” language speaking events was promoted by Irene Duffy Lynch. Proposal for this to be brought to a future committee meeting for further discussion **Action IDL**
- A proposal to erect a plaque in the Village Green in memory and recognition of Lorna Kelly was well supported **Action : MB to investigate**
- Seamus Heaney Bust repairs – in progress. **Action NMcE** Funding enquiries in progress

Membership Sub-Committee – PJOG / DT/KH

- Sub-Committee met and proposes an initiative to meet with groups as an efficient cascade of SAMRA. List of groups as a starting point **Action : PJ**
- Sub-Committee to consider the use of a WhatsApp group for the broader membership. **Action : PJ to convene a meeting to discuss**

PR/ Media Sub Committee – KA / DT

- SAMRA Twitter account established. A teach-in needed **Action TBA ?**
- SAMRA Facebook account go be transferred to avoid loss of ~ 800 followers. Anne Baenzigger expected to make contact with DT to propose method. **Action DT**
- Website lagging behind SAMRA development. Meeting to be set up to agree forward plan **Action DT/KA/JH**

Environment Sub-Committee – No Report Available this period

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- Ivana Bacik Townhall Public Meeting : 7pm 13th September Sandymount Hotel (Newsletter item)
- Tralee Discount Train Trip – newsletter item
- Pop-Up Gaeltacht – newsletter item **Action : IDL**
- SAMRA forward rolling calendar has been set up. A teach-in, future Agenda Item **Action : for all to feed in future event information DT**
- Tramway Cottages Preservation Order – to be refreshed **Action : TBA**

PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 8th August 2022 - Confirmed

Monday 12th September 2022 - TBC

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SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	Strategic meetings : Ivana Bacik	DT	
2.	Strategic meetings : Jim O’Callaghan	DT	
3.	Strategy Note	Strategy SC	
4.	Survey – Autumn, ahead of strategy note	KH tbc	
5.	FOI Requests	MB	
6.	Sandymount Ave Apartments response	NMcE	
7.	P&D – sub-committee support to be followed up	NMcE	
8.	CDP response	NMcE	
9.	Village Plan	NMcE	
10.	Groups to be approached as a more efficient way of gathering new members	Membership SC – PJ	
11.	“Pop-Up Gaeltacht” language speaking events - proposal	IDL	
12.	Lorna Kelly Memorial Plaque/Bench – Village Green	MB/DT	
13.	Seamus Heaney Bust Repairs	NMcE	
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Ongoing Actions			
15.	Pedestrianisation area – requested improvements	DT	Letter to be circulated to Main Committee CLOSED

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16.	Raw sewage spills to Merrion Beach ongoing and inadequacy of DCC action	SH / Sub Committee	Formal letter of complaint to EPA
17.	Letter of thanks to Fun Day Donors	DT	
18.	Future YEATS Day Events	DT	Email to JL
19.	Membership SC – potential use of WhatsApp for greater connectivity	DT	Zoom meeting with David Kelly to glean his similar experience
20.	Facebook account	DT	Awaiting contact with Anne Benzeiger
21.	Website development	KA/JH/DT	To call meeting to set up plan forward
22.	Forward Calendar template set up	MB / ALL	
23.	Cycle Route announcement	DT/KA	Proposal made for single entity integration initiative across the 3 Strand scopes of work.
24.	Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item	KH	
25.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	
26.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
27.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) – a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required	LK	
28.	Response to DCC letter	SH/Flood Risk SC	Letter to DCC

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29.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
30.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
31.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT/KA	
32.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
33.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
34.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
35.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
36.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
37.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	
38.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
39.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey

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40.	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
41.	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
42.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
43.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
44.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
45.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
46.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
47.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
48.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
49.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
50.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
51.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
52.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
53.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report

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54.	Contact Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH / DT	Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..
Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)			