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Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 8th August 2022

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

Apologies: Kristin Hadfield; Mark Wheeler; Liam Handy; Karl Anderson;

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

- **Key Activities/Events** – over the period
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New Business - Proposal : “The Living Street” – SAMRA Resident Dr. Paddy Smyth -

- An interesting proposal regarding a changed concept of how shared space may be utilised
- *"A living street is a street designed primarily with the interests of pedestrians and cyclists in mind and as a social space where people can meet and where children may also be able to play legally and safely. These roads are still available for use by motor vehicles, however their design aims to reduce both the speed and dominance of motorised transport. This is often achieved using the shared space approach, with greatly reduced demarcations between vehicle traffic and pedestrians. Vehicle parking may also be restricted to designated bays. "*
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- A power-point pack will be sent around, once received for further thought and future discussion **Action : DT**
- The discussion will be repeated at a future meeting **Action : DT**

BY SUB-COMMITTEE

- **Planning &Development : NMcE**
 - **Sandymount Ave apartments** – following approval and local objection, it was recommended that a submission is made on the basis of over-development: **NMcE**
 - **Glass Bottle Site** : there has been notification of a changed plan to double the size of the “Meaningwhile Use” area. SAMRA accepts this but we will continue to monitor closely **NMcE**
 - **City Development Plan (CDP)** – The CDP has been developed between the DCC Executive and the Councillors from Feb to July. A new public consultation process is now open to 1st Sept 22 to review proposed Material Alterations to the first Draft. SAMRA to make a submission **Action : NMcE** Possible meeting with local Councillors in Sept/early Oct **Action tbc**
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 - **Village Plan** – Contact is being made with local architects to consider the development of conceptual plans to improve the village and its relationship with the Bay **NMcE**

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

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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 –**
 - DCC have advised that live latin jazz music will now be played during every Saturday and Sunday during August

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- **Cycle Route** – to be further discussed at the Appeal Court at a date in October.

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

- The Newbridge Road An Post box repair (heritage item) – reinstatement and repair has been promised by An Post – to be monitored for closure. A good SAMRA response.
- A proposal to erect a plaque in the Village Green in memory and recognition of Lorna Kelly was well supported. Available options are being reviewed in conjunction with the family. **Action : MB**
- Seamus Heaney Bust repairs – completed to former glory. Funding enquiries to be pursued
- Pop Up Gaeltacht – options to be pursued **Action : IDL**

Membership Sub-Committee – PJOG / DT/KH - nothing to report this period

PR/ Media Sub Committee – KA / DT - nothing to report this period

Environment Sub-Committee – nothing to report this period

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Heritage Week 13th-21st August
- Ivana Bacik Townhall Public Meeting : 7pm 13th September; Sandymount Hotel

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- The cleaning of the graffiti off the Seamus Heaney monument in The Green, as organised by SAMRA, has been completed.
- Newsletter Summer 2nd Edition was made
- Flower baskets have been reinstated around the Village, thanks to a new arrangement between DCC, Tidy Towns and Local Traders
- Freedom of Information requests – in progress, awaiting responses

PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 12th September 2022

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SAMRA Actions Log

| No. | Action | SAMRA Lead | Latest Status |
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| New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting | | | |
| 1. | The Living Street – forward power-point and organise a repeat with a full committee | DT | Presented at August CM |
| 2. | Sandymount Apartments | NMcE | To prepare a SAMRA “Submission” |
| 3. | CDP – 2 nd SAMRA submission by 31 st August | NMcE | Assistance may be required |
| 4. | | | |
| Ongoing Actions | | | |
| 5. | Survey – Autumn, ahead of strategy note | KH tbc | |
| 6. | Lorna Kelly Memorial Plaque/Bench – Village Green | MB | |
| 7. | “Pop-Up Gaeltacht” language speaking events - proposal | IDL | |
| 8. | Groups to be approached as a more efficient way of gathering new members | Membership SC – PJ | |
| 9. | FOI Requests | MB | In progress – awaiting responses |
| 10. | Strategy Note | Strategy SC | |
| 11. | Village Plan – outline scope with Architects | NMcE | Awaiting response to enquiry |
| 12. | Strategic meetings : Jim O’Callaghan | DT | |
| 13. | Strategic meetings : Ivana Bacik | DT | |
| 14. | Pedestrianisation area – requested improvements | DT | Letter to be circulated to Main Committee CLOSED |

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| 15. | Raw sewage spills to Merrion Beach ongoing and inadequacy of DCC action | SH / Sub Committee | Formal letter of complaint to EPA |
| 16. | Letter of thanks to Fun Day Donors | DT | |
| 17. | Future YEATS Day Events | DT | Email to JL |
| 18. | Membership SC – potential use of WhatsApp for greater connectivity | DT | Zoom meeting with David Kelly to glean his similar experience |
| 19. | Facebook account | DT | Awaiting contact with Anne Benzeiger |
| 20. | Website development | KA/JH/DT | To call meeting to set up plan forward |
| 21. | Forward Calendar template set up | MB / ALL | |
| 22. | Cycle Route announcement | DT/KA | Proposal made for single entity integration initiative across the 3 Strand scopes of work. |
| 23. | Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item | KH | |
| 24. | Odour detectors – future agenda item | JH | |
| 25. | Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required | NMcE/LK | |
| 26. | Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) – a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required | LK | |
| 27. | Response to DCC letter | SH/Flood Risk SC | Letter to DCC |

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| 28. | Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning | SH | As per DCC position paper |
| 29. | SAMRA Green Notice Board update | Tba | |
| 30. | Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission | DT/KA | |
| 31. | Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill | Dave T | |
| 32. | Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee | DaveT | |
| 33. | Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report | Stephen Hurley | |
| 34. | Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events | DT | |
| 35. | DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors | NMcE | |
| 36. | Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022 | tba | |
| 37. | Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details | ALL | |
| 38. | Architectural Heritage | NMcE | Facilitation of Sandymount survey |

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| 39. | 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 |
| 40. | 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 |
| 41. | Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee | NMcE | |
| 42. | Membership Data Gaps | JMcA/DT | |
| 43. | DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection | LK | Will request support if needed in drafting |
| 44. | Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme | DT/NMcE | To meet with DL and establish a way forwards |
| 45. | PA – YMCA sale application | NMcE/EL/LK | Establish status and consider SAMRA steps |
| 46. | Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA | DT | Ongoing |
| 47. | Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria | DT/NmcE | Pending High Court Decision |
| 48. | Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09) | DT/ALL | Agenda item |
| 49. | Constitution Update (09/11) | DT/ALL | Agenda item |
| 50. | Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12) | LK/EL | Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee |
| 51. | Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA | DT / local councillors | Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June. |
| 52. | Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator | TBC | No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report |

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| 53. | 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) | | | |
| 54. | Seamus Heaney Bust Repairs | NMCE | completed |