

Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 3rd October

Attendees: Joan McArthur, Irene Duffy Lynch, PJ O’Gorman, Kristin Hadfield, Liam Handy, Karl Anderson, Niall McElroy

Apologies: David Turner, Margaret Brindley, Jeremy Humphries, Michael Duncan

WELCOME/AGENDA OVERVIEW

Key Activities/Events – since last meeting

- CDP Material Alterations submission follow up with some local Councillors.
- Attendance at Ivana Bacik Town Hall meeting re her Dublin Bay Bill.
- Sandymount Ideas proposal received from Grafton Architects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Call for Task Force

- Further meetings with local TDs to be arranged. **DT**
- At meeting with Dermot Lacey re the SAMRA CDP Material Alterations submission, he suggested that SAMRA should seek a meeting with Patrick O’Donovan TD and Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, as the OPW are key to the progression of the Strand Rd flood defence enhancement works. **DT/NMcE**
- Consider meeting with Irish Water ? **DT/all**

The Living Street

- Concept to be discussed in due course with Councillors and DCC Roads/Traffic Dept
DT

Pavement Parking

- Dermot Lacey has advised that a proposal had been considered some time ago to address this issue on a trial basis on Wilfield Rd, Gilford Av and Belmont Rd, but the proposal came to nothing. SAMRA to consider how to progress this further, in light of previous discussions by Dermot. *(Post Meeting note : agreed action to progress this with the 4 other Councillors, who have remained silent on this to date. SAMRA’s intention is to seek a workable, pragmatic accommodation which avoids an ideological position being taken by NTA which exposes vulnerable pedestrians to traffic risk)* **ACTION : KH**

Martello Tower

- An update on the contact between DCC and the owner is to be pursued. **NMcE**

Ivana Bacik Town Hall Meeting re her Dublin Bay Bill

- DT attended on behalf of SAMRA and a report has been issued via IB.

BY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS (By Exception)

Planning and Development SC

- No new Planning Applications of interest to SAMRA.
- **Sandymount Av Apartments** - further submission made to ABP.
- **Glass Bottle site** - further update meeting to be held with the developer. **NMcE/DT**
- **City Development Plan** – discussions have been held with Dermot Lacey in person and James Geoghegan by email, as a follow up to SAMRA’s submission to DCC regarding the proposed Material Alterations to the Draft CDP, the last opportunity for the public to engage in the CDP drafting process. Motions drafted regarding a) reversing the removal of Merrion and Poolbeg/Shelly Banks beaches from objective to attain Blue Flag status, and b) Councillors to meet the existing stakeholder body that manages Dublin Bay. Noted that apart from the re-zoning ‘tidy up’ at St. Matthews School, there are no other proposed zoning changes in the Sandymount/Merrion area. Other issues from the SAMRA submission to be pursued operationally. **NMcE/DT**
- **Sandymount Village Ideas** – proposal has been received from Grafton Architects, to be reviewed by the sub-committee, including considering sources for funding the cost of the project. **NMcE/DT/KA/MW**

Membership SC

- SC meeting held with the main aim to significantly increase the SAMRA membership. Various options were discussed to pursue this aim and as a first action, it is intended to meet with various local groups. Email to be issued to the Committee regarding this proposal for review. **PJOG**
- The meeting also discussed the role that the SAMRA website should have in attracting new members, as well as social media. KA and DT to consider the website and update the Committee at the next meeting. **KA/DT**
- Also consider an article/ad in NewsFour. **PJOG**

CODLING BANK WIND FARM

- SAMRA to attend an information meeting on the project on 4th Oct. **DT/PJOG**

AOB

- **Tom Clarke Bridge Grant** – concluded that this should not be pursued.
- **SAMRA/TIDY TOWNS Responsibilities** – DT to report at next meeting. **DT**
- **SAMRA Priorities** – to be further considered at the next meeting. **ALL**
- **Yeats Day** – STTCA to run, TBC. **DT**
- **Christmas Carols/Sounds of the Sea** – to be part of STTCA event or by SAMRA, TBC **DT**
- **Marian Swimming Pool** – SAMRA to engage with the issue of reopening ? **NMcE/DT**
- **Audible Traffic Signals** – decided that this issue should be addressed by NCBI.
- **Fun Day** – to be an agenda item on future meetings. **DT**

NEXT MEETING – 7th November

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	Glass Bottle Site	NMcE	Progress Meeting with Developer
2.	Martello Tower	NMcE	An update on the contact between DCC and the owner is to be pursued.
3.	Pavement Parking	KH	Letters/representations to remaining 4 Councillors
4.	Task Force - Further meetings with local TDs to be arranged.	DT	Consider meeting with IW
5.	Flood Defence progression - meeting with Patrick O'Donovan TD and Minister of State for the Office of Public Works	NMcE	
6.	The Living Street	NMcE	Concept to be overviewed with SAMRA Committee
7.	Sandymount Village Ideas	NMcE	Grafton Architects proposal to be reviewed c/w funding discussion
8.	Martello Tower	DT / IDL	Reinvigorate the conversation and maintain SAMRA connected interest
9.	Pavement Parking Report	KH	Set up Meeting with DCC/Councillors
10.	Membership Drive – proposal to be emailed across Committee	PJOG	Way Forward - Meeting with local groups
11.	Membership Drive – News4 Ad	PJOG	

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12.	Codling Bank Windfarm	DT/PJOG	Stakeholder Meeting to be set up
13.	Christmas Carol – Sounds of the Sea	DT	To discuss with TT and put Ruth Dalton in contact
14.	Fun Day	DT	Future Agenda Item
Ongoing Actions			
15.	SAMRA/TT - responsibilities	DT/ALL	Input and present back for confirmation
16.	SAMRA - 12 Month Priorities	DT/ALL	Input and present back for confirmation
17.	Lorna Kelly Memorial Plaque/Bench – Village Green	MB	
18.	Groups to be approached as a more efficient way of gathering new members	Membership SC – PJ	
19.	Strategy Note	Strategy SC	
20.	Strategic meetings : Jim O'Callaghan	DT	
21.	Strategic meetings : Ivana Bacik	DT	
22.	Raw sewage spills to Merrion Beach ongoing and inadequacy of DCC action	SH / Sub Committee	Formal letter of complaint to EPA
23.	Letter of thanks to Fun Day Donors	DT	
24.	Future YEATS Day Events	DT	Email to JL
25.	Membership SC – potential use of WhatsApp for greater connectivity	DT	Zoom meeting with David Kelly to glean his similar experience
26.	Facebook account	DT	Awaiting contact with Anne Benzeiger
27.	Website development	KA/JH/DT	To call meeting to set up plan forward
28.	Forward Calendar template set up	MB / ALL	
29.	Cycle Route announcement	DT/KA	Proposal made for single entity integration initiative across the 3 Strand scopes of work.
30.	Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item	KH	
31.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	
32.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
33.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) –	LK	

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	a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required		
34.	Response to DCC letter	SH/Flood Risk SC	Letter to DCC
35.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
36.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
37.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT/KA	
38.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
39.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
40.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
41.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
42.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	
43.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
44.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
45.	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
46.	SAMRA Logo for use on letter heads – develop options	DT	Action transferred following EL departure from committee

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	around the Village green and circulate committee (8/12)		
47.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
48.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
49.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
50.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
51.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
52.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
53.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
54.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
55.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
56.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
57.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
58.	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)			
59.	Pedestrianisation area – requested improvements	DT	Letter to be circulated to Main Committee CLOSED
60.	Village Plan – outline scope with Architects	NMcE	Awaiting response to enquiry
61.	“Pop-Up Gaeltacht” language speaking events - proposal	IDL	Advised that it will not be pursued
62.	FOI Requests	MB	In progress – awaiting responses
63.	Tom Clarke Bridge Grant	MW	Decision not to pursue
64.	Sandymount Apartments	NMcE	To prepare a SAMRA “Submission”