

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 3rd April 2023

Attendees: David Turner (Chair), Joan MacArthur; Kristin Hadfield (Membership Secretary); Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer); Liam Handy; Mark Wheeler; Niall McElroy; PJ O’Gorman; Irene Duffy Lynch;

Apologies: Karl Anderson; Margaret Brindley; Michael Duncan; Paddy Smyth

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

Progress – over the period

- WIX Website interface issues resolved and now up and running
- Membership Database cleaned up (30th March) and handed over to Membership Secretary
- Dublin Port 3FM Project Expansion press releases and DPC Consultation starts to 28th April
- Pedestrianisation – awaiting DCC proposed plan via Councillors
- Telecoms Mast Planning Application (Herbert Road) - Observation submitted by SAMRA
- AGM Preparation
- Spring Newsletter
- Connection with Sandymount Community Centre in search for synergies with SAMRA

DISCUSSION AREAS

- **AGM** – **PRACTISE FOR ALL 17TH APRIL !**
 - review of Draft Action Plan, contributions collected and plan updated. Re-forward to ALL Action DT

Actions Status :

1) Communicate 24th April : Action DT

a. Invite Attendees

- i. Members
- ii. Councillors
- iii. TDs
- iv. Fraternal RAs
 - 1. SGCRA
 - 2. Blackrock RA
 - 3. BADRA -JMcA
 - 4. BallsbridgeRA - NMcE
 - 5. GCDRA
- v. Tidy Town
- vi. DublinFour Newspaper - notify
- vii. AGS
- viii. Publicity via Church Notices – **Action Joan**
- ix. Deliver Tri-Fold to schools – **Action Irene**
- x. Request Councillor re-Tweets - **DT**

- b. Create/Communicate Notice proforma/graphic **KA**
- c. **A0 Boards** – 3 off to position around the Green **MW**
- d. **A0 Boards** – 3 off for positioning on Strand **DT**

- e. Distribute round village to businesses shop windows - **MW**
- f. Notice of AGM to website - **KA**
- g. Notice of AGM to Facebook – **KA**
- h. Notice of AGM to Twitter – **KA**
- i. Notice of AGM to Members – review draft communique **DT/All**
- j. Post outstanding minutes to current website - **DT**
- k. **Post AGM 2022 File to Wix website - DT**
- l. Create **BOARDS** for Village Green + Strand – **DCC to produce (Ronan) DT**
- m. To make AGM Tri-Fold for handing out on the night at the door - **KH**
- n. AGM Agenda page for handout at the door – **DT**
- o. Spring Newsletter to be printed for handout at the door - **DT**

2) Agree Roles (For on the Night) :

- a. Desk Officer x 2 – **MARGARET/LIAM**
- b. Photographer - **Paddy**
- c. Wandering Microphone - **KH**
- d. Secretary/Notes - **TBA**
- e. Q&A Facilitator - **TBA**

3) AGREED Room Set Up

- a. Front Entrance : Desk Officer x 2 : cw Membership Forms / SAMRA Flyer / + Newsletter + Money Collection facility where offered + Receipt Book
- b. Front Table for : CHAIR / TREASURER/ FACILITATOR + Lectern for Speakers + fixed mic
- c. Committee to be at the front row for easy access
- d. INTENTION will be to fly through the high level reports and overviews and maximise time available for Q&As
- e. Roaming Mic - **KH**

4) Invitations to Members to step up with nominations to Committee by Friday 21st April; include in Flyer to Membership - **DT**

5) Request Current Committee to confirm intentions : stay on/Stand Down by 14th April – **ALL**

6) Create DRAFT AGM Pack : **DT/KH**

- a. DT and KH to meet to finalise – 16th April 10:30 **DT/KH**
- b. **DRAFT QUESTIONS TO BE DEVELOPED TO GET THE BALL ROLLING – Action DT/ALL**
- c. EXPECT detailed reports to be required at the Q&A stage, pages will be included in back-up, to facilitate expert speaker stepping forward to the lectern
- d. Copy across committee

7) Update / Print Membership Form **DT**

8) Update / Print Membership List **DT**

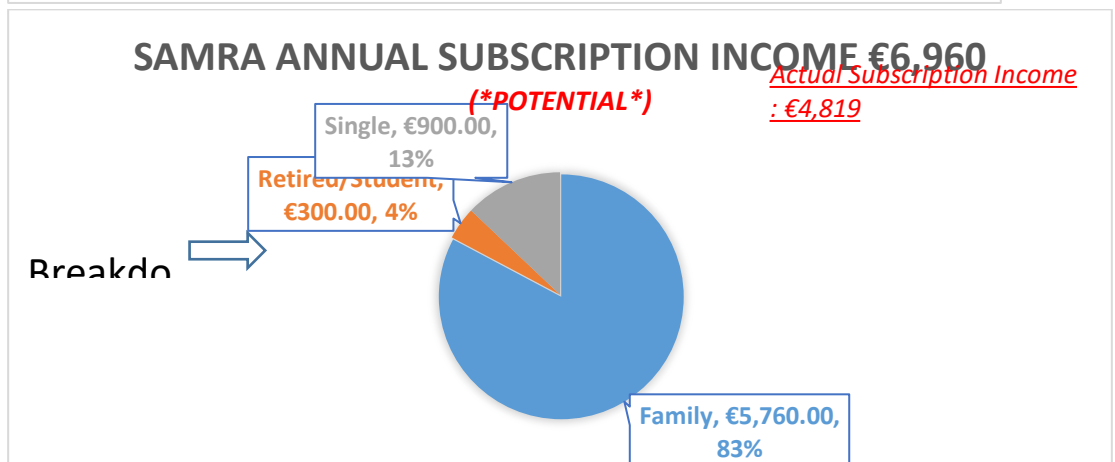
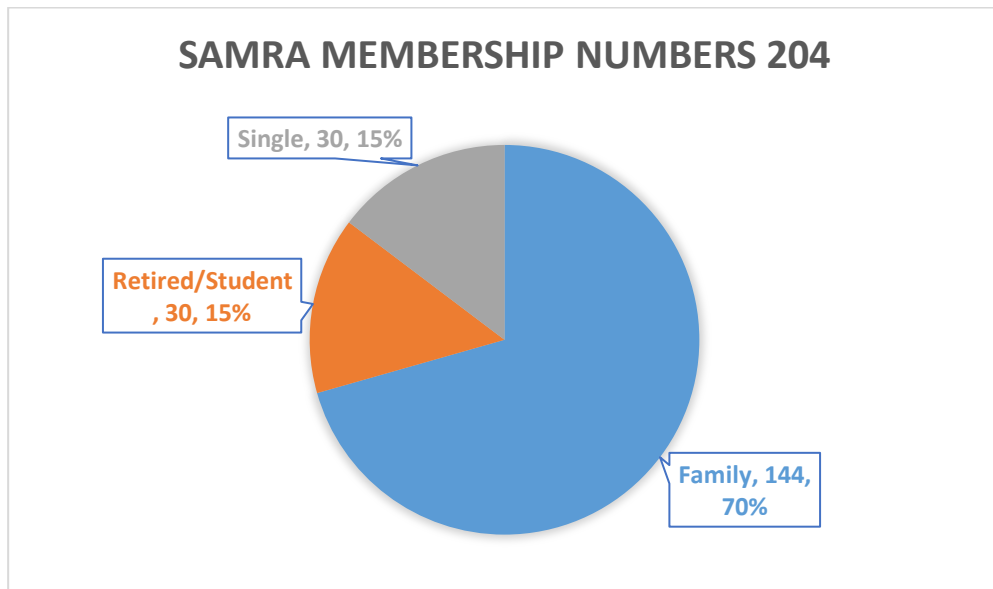
9) Refresh Draft 2023 Objectives List – for endorsement/updating at the AGM – **DTR / ALL**

10) AGREE Agenda : DRAFT

- a. Chairman's Address – DT
 - i. SAMRA AIMS
 - ii. Progress in 2022/3 v 2022 Questionnaire (biennial process)
- b. Treasurers Report - JH
- c. Membership Report - KH
- d. Planning Report - NMCE
- e. 2023 Committee
 - i. To go Forward
 - ii. Standing Down
 - iii. Nominations for xx Vacancies/Co-option for Projects
 - iv. Elections if necessary
 - v. AGM Endorsement of names (Chair/Treasurer/Secretary)
- f. Garda Report
- g. Q&As – need to facilitate Public Reps INPUT
- h. AGM Endorsement of Objectives for 2023

- **ALL Committee confirmed for endorsement at the AGM**

- **AGM PRESENTATION PACK – (Feedback comments)**
 - Add Website Page : DT/KH
 - Instructions Email to be sent to all members with regards to the actions they need to take to re-join (JH)
 - Add 3FM Project page DT
 - Record the Q&As : DT
 - Audio Noise File for 3FM Project : DT/JMcA
 - Add New Slide of Forthcoming Things to Sandymount eg Phase 1 Flood works
 - Consider Colour Change to slide pack : DT/KH
 - 6 month Flyer about SAMRA for door to door – make this a future regular feature ; MW/KH
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- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
 - Status 30th March



- PROPOSAL 1 : New REDUCED Subscription Plan SUPPORTED :
 - **Family €30; Individual €20; Student €10; Update Website : JH**
 - Based on cost efficiencies achieved from new website processes
- PROPOSAL 2 : Vote of 2x per Family Membership – NOT SUPPORTED
- **Planning Process Changes Proposed : JMCA/IDL**
 - AGREED that is a threat to the planning democratic processes. Submission date 15th May. **Action (NMCE)** : to liaise with DDPa to establish the most effective course of actions and feed in previous SAMRA precedential experience
- **SAMRA Call for Task Force No Update_Monitor Action DT**
- **GRANTS –**
 - Covanta submission closure date 30th May; NewsFour publicity 17th April. SAMRA Application is in progress **Action NMCE**
 - AVIVA submission closes 31st March, **No Update available**

BY SUB-COMMITTEE (Reports by Exception)

- **Planning & Development : NMCE**
 - **Planning Application** : There are no new areas of interest to SAMRA

- **Village Plan** – Socialising of Application in progress **Action NMcE/DT**
- **3FM Project** – all agreed that this a serious threat to our neighbourhood, Dublin Bay and Dublin city and we need to input significant effort into representing the realities at the AGM : Liaising with consultants **Action NMcE**
 - Noise file – container movements + research on previous court case pre-2016 **JMcA**
 - Images (drone ?)
 - Page for AGM Presentation
- **Membership : KH**
 - Membership Section to be added into the Tri-Fold **Action KH**
 - All other matters discussed above
- **Transportation & Access :**
 - **Cycle Route Court Hearing** - no new information
- **Flood Defence/Sewage Discharge :** no further progress
- **Pedestrianisation –**
 - DCC B Hanney to meet all 5 Councillors 5th April to present plan and then receive INPUTS. SAMRA awaiting opportunity invitation. **DT**
- **Community**
 - **Sandymount Community Centre** – connection made to explore potential synergies with SAMRA . **Action : DT**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AOB

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
Proposed Monday 8th May 2023

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	AGM – Plan of Actions	DT/ALL	Various as detailed 3 rd April Meeting minutes DUMMY RUN 17 TH APRIL
2.	AGM Presentation Pack - update	DT/KH	Various as per 3 rd April Minutes
3.	Planning Process – submission 15 th May	NMcE	Challenge to draft legislation – via DDPA (Robin Mandel)
4.	3FM Project	NMcE	Prep for AGM
5.	Sandymount Community Centre	DT	To meet Jessica Ryan 12 th April
6.	Village Plan – Covanta application	NMcE	Socialising + To be issued to Committee
Ongoing Actions			
7.	Sewage Discharge to Merrion Beach	DT	Appropriate response to EPA/Irish Water, further to closed complaint process
8.	Forward John O’Neill proposals	DT	Done and DT to meet on a 1:1 basis
9.	Yeats Day – confirm ownership with TT	DT	Decision reversed as per minutes of 13 th March. Ownership now lies with SAMRA for 2023 with lead on behalf of SAMRA to be with SAMRA member Joseph Lynch, who will liaise with Anthony Jordan
10.	AVIVA – funding application	MW/MB	Closing date 31 st March
11.	Jack Torpay	DT	To request broad attendance a future events
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	
32.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	

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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
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

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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	
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.

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