

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 3rd December 2018; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandy Mount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Lorna Kelly

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Irene Lynch

Finian Loftus

Liam Handy

Paddy Dunne

Geraldine Walsh – 121IT Computer Training – p/t

Theodore – Digital Dublin Website Consultancy – p/t

Apologies :

None

AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (05-11-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
 - a. Website Update and Overview
 - b. AGM update on progress and further thoughts
4. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 05/11/18 – Adopted

1.1 Typos : Clyre Claire Byrne; Paddy ~~McCarten~~ McCartan; Mary ~~Baife~~ Boyle

A big welcome and introductions to Geraldine for the start of the IT and Admin Support Service and also Theodore for his website specialist skills, required for rebasing and reconstruction.

3.0 ACTIONS UPDATES – as per below

1. **Website Status** – further to the decision to update the website, and enable it as the platform for the future needs of SAMRA, it has become necessary to re-build and re-host. The previous platform had become unsupportable and ownership was not in the SAMRA domain. This work is now in progress with a goal of getting the new website up and running by 12th December. This timing will enable the website to

be utilised as a key platform for the forthcoming AGM. A key aspect is DGPR compliance

○ **Status to date and detailed actions**

Domain and Hosting – Finalise Transfer from Blacknight and Set up on Hosting Ireland	Geraldine	05/12/2018
Dave to send Theo IBAN and BIC for SAMRA account to be set up in Paypal for balance transfer.	Dave	ASAP
-Photos of the committee members -Dave to supply information re the Events, Concert and AGM -Dave to supply photos of Bennets Building, road congestion and nature park in Irishtown as and when for updating.	Dave	ASAP ASAP Whenever
Geraldine to get current membership details (200 emails!) for email shot to go once wording is agreed and website it finalised so links can be included and is GDPR compliant. Plus request skills details.	Dave Geraldine prepare draft	ASAP 07/12/2018
Prepare data in Dropbox for upload to website	Geraldine	By 07/12/2018
Set up Mailchimp a/c if Sarah Stanton doesn't get in touch. Pass details to Theo	Geraldine	By 07/12/2018
Finish off website design -change tagline text on slideshow -move gallery underneath About Us -add committee update (or Governance) page underneath About us to contain 1) committee meeting minutes 2) AGM details -add Events page and 2 events Concert & AGM -Add Keypoint categories underneath Updates tab and add a general one tab also. -Finalise Membership Sign up to include (skills details – memo box) -Finalise integration with Mailchimp	Theo (design)	Do as much updating as possible and send an updated link for myself and Dave Testing by Geraldine Finalise the website by 12/12/2018 for sending to the Committee Members

Theo to send Geraldine login details to update blog posts	Theo	When ready
Set up google analytics	Theo	12/12/2018

Linkage to DRAFT WEBSITE – to allow progress to be seen, within the context of the actions listed above : <http://samra.ie/home/>

SAMRA feedback to myself / Geraldine/Theodore was excellent – ACTION ALL for any further INPUT on website. The plan is to have ready to go LIVE by 12th December

2. IRISH WATER – Strategic Infrastructure Upgrade Application : (Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project)

- Meeting records have been forwarded to all EC members
- Meeting documents, including the Overview Note and SAMRA response to be loaded to SAMRA website : ACTION DT (to forward to Geraldine)

3. Merrion Strand Traffic –

4. Motion 22 from Councillor Clare Byrne

5. That this Area Committee calls on the Area Manager to take immediate action to address the issue of the increase in large heavy trucks travelling along Strand Road in Sandymount.
6. • These vehicles are not adhering to the ban on on 5 axle trucks from 7 a.m to 7 p.m and enforcement measures need to be put in place here.
7. • The majority of these trucks appear to be over 3 ton.
8. • There have been complaints from local residents about noise and vibrations, the health and safety aspect of these vehicles travelling down a narrow road
9. • These large vehicles pose a threat to vulnerable road users in the area such as cyclists, children and elderly pedestrians.
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11. Can the manager please consider the following solutions:
12. • Carrying out a traffic assessment of the road as a matter of urgency to assess the number of trucks using the road
13. • Enforcement of the existing ban on the 5 axle trucks from 7 a.m to 7 p.m
14. • Introducing a 3 tonne vehicle ban on Sandymount Strand and surrounding roads.
- 15.

16. Report:

17. • It is proposed to carry out a speed survey to ascertain the number of vans and trucks passing through Strand Road over a 24 hour period. Due to the existing volume of roads awaiting speed surveys, it is expected that the survey of Strand Road will take place in late June. The councillor will be informed of the outcome of the survey.
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19. • Enforcement of the existing cordon restriction of 5+ axle vehicles is a matter for An Garda Síochána. Dublin City Council plans to launch an “app.” in 2018 that allows members of the public to check if a HGV has a valid permit or not. The public can then report offending vehicles to Dublin City Council (DCC). This will allow DCC to identify areas that need targeted Garda enforcement.
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21. • It is not possible to consider a 3.5 weight restriction on Strand Road as it is a main arterial route and there is no other suitable alternative route for HGV traffic.

SAMRA (Meeting) POSITION :

ONGOING ACTION (Finian) : to respond to this letter on the basis :

(1) the survey was requested to consider size and weight and yet it **reports on SPEED ALONE**. This does not address root cause of much of the concern reported and was a disappointment to SAMRA.

(2) **Strand Road – is NOT an arterial road**. This is a serious mis-representation, as the road is not designed as an arterial route. It is a “Beachfront Road” with shallow sand foundations, narrow pavements and small diameter roundabouts with direct resident access and heavy pedestrian activity. This is a dangerous position to take. Visibility of the level of large vehicle activity on this road will make the safety risks become visible. **The incorrect statement and position taken by Rossana Camargo, Area Engineer, Traffic Management section may be the root cause of the difficulties being experienced.**

NO UPDATE AVAILABLE

- **PWP Scheme** – pending ABP decision is due to be made 01/08/2018 (Letter received notified of a delay to the decision) **NO FURTHER UPDATE at this point**

- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures) :**
UNCHANGED STATUS
 - Meeting with EPA was held 3rd September.
 - SAMRA had tabled in advance their areas of concern and specific questions were discussed in detail
 - The meeting was constructive and EPA undertook to formally respond with answers to the specific questions, before the end November, such that SAMRA could include the dialogue in the forthcoming AGM.
 - *INTERIM SAMRA NOTES all in reference to SAMRA 30th August pre-meeting Question Paper*
 - *ATTENDEES : JMAC/DT/LK/IL : PB/TS*
 - *CONTEXT (EPA)*
 - *Last meeting 9th February*
 - *EPA – test and commissioning had taken longer than expected. Meeting/Report yet to be issued*
 - *Covanta internal assessment preparing for 600 to 690 upgrade*
 - *Bottom Ash is being exported*
 - *Fly Ash from Air Abatement System (Hazardous) goes to salt mine in Germany*
 - *A testing milestone has yet to occur expected to confirm NON-Hazardous (~1 month close-out). If confirmed, a large process to follow, whereby the ash could be used differently (eg Roads)*

- *CONTEXT – SAMRA – further to the Question Paper tabled, general alarm is arising at the Covanta proclamation of 1+ year of successful operations, as a prelude to increased capacity throughput – reference D4 news-media article.*
- *FOCUS AREA 1 :*
 - *EPA generally happy with CEMS performance but one notifiable incident March '18 when CEMS power supply failed, resulting in the ERP revision. This was a NOTIFIABLE INCIDENT. General concern by SAMRA – this was first time knowledge.*
 - *Follow up question – there were reported to be 8 Notifiable Incidents in 2018 to date*
 - *SAMRA requested how to access the investigation reports – need to go to EPA offices for their INTRA-NET system. **ACTION SAMRA DT to visit EPA offices and review the Notifiable Incident reports NO PROGRESS***
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- *FOCUS AREA 2 : All outside EPA jurisdiction; HSE and TFS are the relevant authorities*
 - *BOTTOM ASH - DWtE receives permits from TFS from DCC for export – to Dublin Port – to Shipping Company. (Lorries and Tarpaulins, NB not yet assessed as NON-hazardous – SAMRA concern raised)*
 - *HSE is the policing authority*
 - *FLY ASH – Sealed containers on site – container shipment – (PANDA is truck company)*
 - ***UPDATE : DCC has acknowledged the letter and will reply under the provisions of the “Freedom of Information” ACT. – NO UPDATE***
- *FOCUS AREAS 3/4/5 – specifics to be as per formal answers to the pre-tabled questions*
- ***EPA RESPONSE TO BE RECEIVED BY 30/11/18 - NOTHING RECEIVED***

- **Flood Risk** : Dermot Lacey response from DCC CE CM 3rd September. An adequate response has been received, which should be posted to the website **ACTION DT (Geraldine)**

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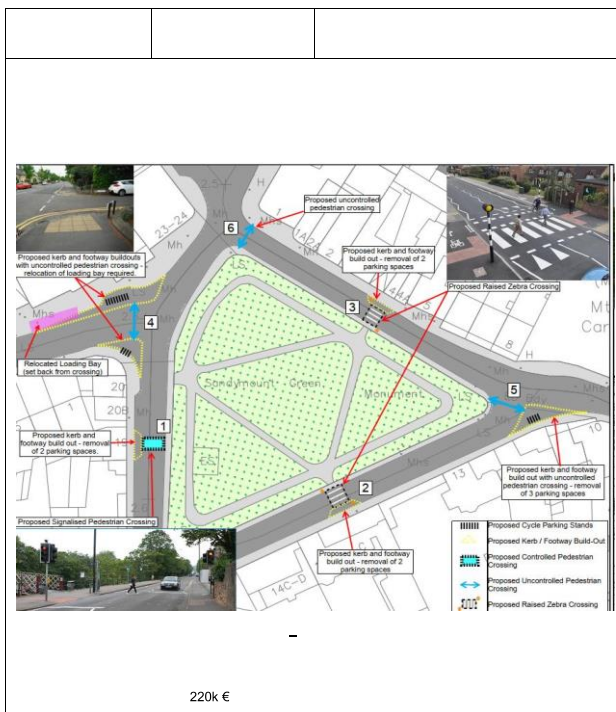
- **Bus Route Changes**

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- SAMRA representation was made, bus routes are being re-designed and NTA will be re-submitting once completed.

- **AVIVA funding** – thank you recorded for donation received, to be included in the accounts. CLOSED
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- **Proposal to synchronise SAMRA updates with NEWS4 release *New Action : Irene to determine publication dates, awaiting NEW WEBSITE RELEASE (Action DT/Geraldine)***
- **Gilford Terrace Tram Terminus** – (very pretty unique) – SAMRA supports status quo and supports a request for a “Preservation Order”. Letter has been sent to Councillors, and Heritage section of DCC. **UPDATE : The Heritage status is being formally reassessed, as reported in D4News. (Include in AGM update – Action DT)**
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- **Sandymount Traffic Calming**
 - Public Consultation held 29/11 – Sandymount Hotel
 - SAMRA made a strong INPUT about the limitations and compromises that the new scheme introduces
 - Revised scheme will be published in January ‘19
 - DCC Technical proposal note for the Hearing - included below

Technical Note



- **Proposed future agenda item** : Internal discussion of synergy and alignment between SAMRA and STTCA could be beneficial (improved coordination, joint

calendar, mutual areas of cooperation etc). SAMRA supports working this to mutual gain.

- **ACTION : Dave T** to forward the STTCA 2017/18 Annual report for information as a precursor to the debate. **DELAYED PENDING PRIORITIES**
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- 2019 Calendar of dates to be set up. UPDATE : ZERO RETURN (**ACTION ALL : to forward key dates to D Turner**) – **WEBSITE UPDATE MATERIAL (DaveT/Geraldine)**
- DGPR – request for D Turner to attend DGPR **Action : JMcA to arrange**

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- **AGM PREPARATION**
- Agenda Proposal :
 - To follow similar format to 2017
 - To develop bullet points around progress against focus areas – DT/All
 - Other Arising in 2018
 - Bus Route update – Jmca
 - Sandymount Green changes – Paddy
 - Heritage Story – Lorna
 - Merrion Strand Traffic saga – Finian
 - **Sandymount Green – Traffic Calming - ??**
 - Financial Update – Liam
 - Q&A facilitation session – Dave T
 - Preparation of Leaflet (Where; Time; Agenda) : (**Dave T - DRAFT presented, modifications requested – more INPUT from Joan post meeting**)
 - Preparation of AGM presentation pack – **Dave T**
 - Leaflet door drop (post Christmas) – **ALL**
 - Email invitation to Council Leaders - **DT**

5.0 AOB

DATE OF AGM – 14th January 2019

Xmas Lunch – dates of availability – NYC dates go be attempted -

ACTION : Dave T

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STATEMENT 08/10/18 : RE-STATEMENT OF KEY PRIORITIES

	ISSUE	STATUS
1	Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring and Abnormal Conditions Readiness	EPA Response awaited 30/11 to SAMRA questions

2	Poolbeg West Planning Appeal	ABP Rejection – rework requested to consider amenities before resubmission
3	Merrion Road Traffic : Lack of Clarity on Planning Direction	Ongoing response and representation of local issues
4	Sewage and Water contamination levels on Merrion/Sandymount Beach areas	Continued dialogue with DCC on drainage issues throughout 2018
5	ROSLYN PARK SCHOOL	No involvement beyond initial Planning Request for support

DATE OF NEXT EC MEETING :

Wednesday 9th January 7:30, Sandymount Hotel

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SAMRA WEBSITE LINK : www.samra.ie

LOCAL COUNCILLORS/ TDs – South East Area - (updated 5/11/18)

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