

# SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date** : 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017; 7:00pm

**Venue** : Sandy Mount Hotel

### Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Paddy Dunne

Finian Loftus

Fergus Murray

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Dave Madden

### AGENDA :

1. Adoption of Minutes (18-08-17)
2. NEW ITEM ARISING :
  - a. Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme – Phase 1 (Part 8 Proposal)
3. UPDATES on key actions
4. SAMRA letter of appeal status - Poolbeg West Draft Planning Scheme
5. Poolbeg Incinerator

### NOTES OF MEETING

1. **Minutes – 18-08-17** (Adopted – no further comments)
2. **NEW ITEM** : Sandymount Coastal Flood Defence Scheme – Phase 1 (Part 8 Proposal)

### DISCUSSION

- Alerted by Dermot Lacey – as of interest to SAMRA – Part 8 Planning Application to be lodged by DCC in October
- Visit [www.dublincity.ie](http://www.dublincity.ie) and link to July 2016 presentation :  
<http://www.dublincity.ie/sites/default/files/content/WaterWasteEnvironment/waterprojects/Documents/Sandymount%20Coastal%20Flood%20Defence%20SchemePhase%201Presentation.pdf>
- SAMRA discussion : whilst the focus to combat coastal defence is welcomed, there is strong consensus that attention to Drainage and Gulley Cleaning is receiving insufficient attention and has been the main reason for the majority of flooding related problems. REF documents now attached, as handed over at the EC meeting.
- RECOMMEND to read in particular section 3.2 “Human Beings and page 12 to 19.
- QUOTE EXTRACT : *“The proposed development will provide an overall positive impact to the community in Sandymount and the surrounding area. This positive impact will include for a reduced threat to human health and exiting established land uses including dwellings, businesses, amenity facilities and their consequential financial losses caused by coastal flooding. Sensitive receptors include houses located along the seafront within the local area and other amenities such as schools and hospitals, sports centres and businesses. The provision of a flood defence scheme will protect*

*approximately 1,000 properties from the estimated 200 year flood event and approx 3,000 properties will have reduced flooding risk from the 1,000 year flood event. There will be some negative impacts associated with the proposed development, however these will be short term in nature and will be limited to the construction phase. The Operational stage will have minimal if any adverse impact on human beings. The increase in wall height may pose a minor visual obstruction to residents along the seafront, however this is negligible compared to the positive impacts of reduced risk of flooding.*

- Photographs of the proposed wall height were presented to the public at 3 consultation workshops on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and only one submission highlighted visual impacts as a concern.
- NOTE : page 18 and figure 7 : “Draining and Gulley Cleaning” was already cited as the most significant point of concern by Sandymount residents.
- NEW ACTIONS :
  1. Link and reference documents to be included with these minutes – DONE
  2. Contact and discussion with Dermot Lacey (DT)
  3. Letter to Lord Mayor (DT/JMcA()) – reflecting SAMRA concerns that this is the wrong priority action, reflecting the feedback of the consultation sessions of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016. Insufficient attention is being given to drainage, the main cause of flooding concerns experienced by SAMRA residents.

### 3. UPDATES – key actions

- **Website status – require confirmation that 22-05 actions have been concluded (DT to review and contact D Lang – no progress)**
- **SAMRA response to Poolbeg West Draft Planning Scheme**  
Letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July, confirmed to have been sent to EPA. Response to JMCA received (22/08/17) from Jackie Turley of DCC – confirming SAMRA contents are being considered. *NEW ACTION : DT to write and request information on next steps.*
- **Poolbeg Incinerator – Emissions monitoring**  
EPA letter to SAMRA, dated 19<sup>th</sup> May in response to SAMRA letter of 5<sup>th</sup> May. EC reviewed this and the quoted websites were visited and reviewed. The data sites corresponded to the EPA statements but as stated full emission data will not be available until post commissioning. Letter attached (to today’s issuing email) for full reference and review of all available information by SAMRA EC members. **ACTION CLOSED** – No further comment at this stage on Operating Emissions status but to be revisited post-commissioning and when COVANTA data is published.  
  
*New action DT : Letter to be drafted receiving information regarding Process, Procedures, Communications in the event of “UPSET CONDITIONS” – ie Emergency Procedures*
- **Poolbeg Incinerator – Construction Site**

Temporary access was originally granted. Request DCC for what is the schedule for when the land will be reinstated to it's original condition, as per condition of the Planning Consent.

*UPDATE :*

*Site (owned by Dublin Port, leased to Covanta) is now being considered by Irish Water, for alteration of previously agreed use. Application is in progress by Irish Water via An Bord Pleanala. Correspondence is being pro-actively monitored.*

*ACTION (LK) – ongoing*

**6. STATEMENT 22/09 : SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN**

- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring**
- **Poolbeg SDZ Appeal**
- **Merrion Road Traffic density** and non-compliance with speed limits, is leading to aggressive behaviour and is a potential predecessor to a serious accident
- **Sewage and Water contamination** levels on Merrion/Sandymount Beach areas

**7. AOB**

- a. NEXT SAMRA monthly meeting 7:00pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- b. Deferred Agenda Item : Waste Treatment Plan (New Action (DM) to present at next SAMRA EC meeting)
- c. Set up of next meeting : JMCA

**NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7:00pm, Sandymount Hotel**

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