

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 23rd January 2018; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandy Mount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Paddy Dunne

Finian Loftus

Liam Handy

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Apologies :

Dave Madden

Fergus Murray

AGENDA :

1. Ratification of AGM 2017 Minutes
2. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (12-12-17)
3. Previous ACTIONS Update
4. New Agenda Item (D MADDEN) : Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant
5. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 AGM 2017 MINUTES (Adopted – mods incorp – document revised to Rev 1)

2.0 EC Meeting Minutes 12/12/17 – Adopted, no modifications required

3.0 ACTIONS UPDATES – as per below

- **Website Status** – OUTSTANDING (**Action : Dave T**)

The website is recognised to be out of date

It has been agreed to seek a new website support service. This is critical to SAMRA success. ACTION DT – to follow on from the initial contact made with Sandymount Hotel (Manager Siobhan) and seek a synergy which may be possible between Tidy Towns.

- **Poolbeg Incinerator – Construction Site Proposed Further use by Irish Water** – monitoring and active correspondence ONGOING (Lorna Kelly)

- **Waste Treatment Plant** – originating 17-10-17, Dave Madden OUTSTANDING and connection with Irish Water required

- **Merrion Strand Traffic** – OUTSTANDING and transferred to Finian Loftus
Information received back from DCC on traffic rules but discussion on SAMRA action to be deferred until full committee attendance
- **PWP Scheme** – Appeal confirmation received from An Bord Pleanála. Awaiting ABP contact and expected “Oral Hearing”
- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring** : Reply received from EPA on Abnormal Operating condition readiness and Emergency Procedures. Contact made by D Turner and discussion held between Patrick Byrne – Dublin Regional Enforcement Officer. Agreed that a meeting will be held between SAMRA and EPA, date set for 9th February 14:30-16:30, at EPA Offices, Clonsky : Attendees agreed to be : D. Turner, J MacArthur, Lorna Kelly, Dave Madden ACTION 1 : DT to confirm the above back to EPA. ACTION 2 : SAMRA to develop Q&A set of anything in addition to the letter sent to EPA 19/11/17. This is required in advance. ACTION DT to facilitate and compile.
- **Coastal Defence** : Current works being executed and signposted are for **Phase 1** only. These have been previously discussed by SAMRA and actions closed. EC agreed that detail on Phase 2 and subsequent phase works being planned is required. Action : L Kelly
- **Poolbeg Peninsula** : Physical tour to be set up for January. Action : D Turner

4.0 NEW AGENDA ITEM – (D Madden) : Ringswater Waste Treatment Plant

Email received D Madden/Turner :

“The existing waste water plant at Ringsend is totally overloaded, as a result the beach has again been closed to bathing and residents have been subjected to foul odours. This situation urgently needs to be addressed.

Irish Water is currently preparing proposals to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála in mid 2018. This will involve heating the waste at Ringsend to transform it into pellets (“Biosolids”) which then will be transported overland to a storage facility at Kilshane Dublin 11.

Unfortunately this matter was not discussed at the AGM. Making our concerns known and monitoring this issue are, to my mind a key issue and should be identified as such in the 2018 agenda”

- This subject was discussed in D Madden’s absence and it was agreed that this is a matter of significant concern. It was also noted that this sits central to the ongoing Focus Area raised at the AGM. EC member discussion noted that although detailed discussion was not held at the AGM, this should be addressed through the existing focus area, item #4, which D Madden has the lead for taking the actions. Ref previous minutes, when it was agreed to connect with Irish Water to understand and if necessary challenge the forward strategy. ACTION : D Madden

SUMMARY : KEY AREAS OF CONCERN



1. Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring and "Abnormal Conditions Readiness" (Emergency Response)
2. Poolbeg West Planning Appeal
3. Merrion Road Traffic : Lack of Clarity on Planning Intentions
4. Sewage and Water contamination levels on Merrion/Sandymount Beach areas

5.0 AOB

- Robert Kidney was welcomed to the SAMRA CM and after a discussion, was proposed to EC membership and co-opted to provide support. This was a welcome outcome, considering the request made at the AGM itself for new support and potential EC Mmbership.
- Nominations were requested by EC Members for the 2018 Jack Torpay Award. The criteria is "for long standing service and support to Sandymount Community" and nominations are requested to be provided to Joan MacArthur by 30th January. ACTION :ALL
- AGM Pack to be forwarded to Robert Kidney – ACTION DT
- Additional Subscription Cheque "Helen O'Hanlon" handed over to Joan MacArthur from Dave Turner, received by hand after the AGM had closed.
- AVIVA funding is available for specific project scopes. Ideas to be forwarded to Joan MacArthur.

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STATEMENT 23/01/18 : RE-STATEMENT OF KEY PRIORITIES

1. **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring and Abnormal Conditions Readiness**
2. **Poolbeg West Planning Appeal**
3. **Merrion Road Traffic : Lack of Clarity on Planning Direction**
4. **Sewage and Water contamination levels on Merrion/Sandymount Beach areas**

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 13th February, 7:30pm, Sandymount Hotel

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