

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 20th February 2018; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandy Mount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Paddy Dunne

Finian Loftus

Liam Handy

Dave Madden

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Apologies : none received

AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (23-01-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
 - a. Local Planning Matters – Lorna Kelly
 - b. 2040 Capital Plan – Insights/Information : ALL
4. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 23/01/18 – 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The website is recognised to be out of date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.

UPDATE : Reply received from Marketing Manager – declined

NEW ACTION : Website service options : ALL (Scope as per email provided). Potential option : Brendan Clases ? Ringsend

Computer Centre : Action Paddy Dunne to follow up.)

- **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:

Discussion held on the balance of issues (ie disturbance of Gardai on the topic of yellow line parking v restoring traffic control) :

OUTCOME – EC decision to lobby councillors on Heavy Lorry Traffic Control : Action Finian Loftus
- **PWP Scheme** – Appeal confirmation received from An Bord Pleanála. Awaiting ABP contact and expected “Oral Hearing” **Comment : we must be prepared to present our case**
- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures)** : Further to the SAMRA/EPA meeting, 9th February, the EC was updated on the discussions summarised by the File Note. It was agreed that this represented reflection and that it would be issued for EPA endorsement : **Action D Turner**
- **Coastal Defence** : Drain Cleaning is identified as a key maintenance item to enable water relief and is the subject of previous correspondence (and resident concern) and a key discussion item at the 2018 AGM. Further to the Gulley Cleaning Schedules since sent by Councillor Dermot Lacey it was observed that Strand Road had only one referenced when in fact there estimated to be +100 over the 2,500m length Marine Drive to Merrion Gates. This raised a significant question about key bottlenecks and a potential cause of water table escalation and in turn sewage system overload. This was responded to positively by Councillor Dermot Lacey who has readily agreed to formally table this at DCC business.
- **Poolbeg Peninsula** : Physical tour to be set up for January. Action : D Turner

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- **Lorna Kelly tabled** : ROSLYN PRIMARY SCHOOL, Roslyn Park House Planning Application # 4023/17, submitted 21/01/17 and APPROVED 26/01/18
DISCUSSION : SAMRA EC seriously concerned about the additional congestion that will occur. It was agreed that the appropriate action for SAMRA (given first time notification at the AGM and after planning

application submission, was to provide 3rd Party Support to the Newbridge Road Residents Group Appeal.

ACTION : Lorna Kelly to write a letter of support on behalf of SAMRA to the Newbridge Residents Group, who have initiated the appeal.

- **2040 Capital Plan – General Discussion Noted :**
 - Appeared to be an aggregation of previously worked schemes
 - Feeder Road to Tunnel area through Sandymount proposed, more detail required
 - To be resumed as more information becomes available

5.0 AOB

OUTSTANDING

- 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
- AVIVA funding is available for specific project scopes. Ideas to be forwarded to Joan MacArthur.

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STATEMENT 20/02/18 : 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**
5. **ROSLYN PARK SCHOOL - developing**

NEXT MEETING : Tuesday 20th March, 7:30pm, Sandymount Hotel

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