

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 20th March 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 : none received

AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (20-02-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
 - a. None tabled
4. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 20/02/18 – Adopted, no modifications required

3.0 ACTIONS UPDATES – as per below

- **Website Status – OUTSTANDING (Action : ALL)**
*The website is recognised to be out of date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 : NO PROGRESS, ALL TO REDOUBLE EFFORTS ON THIS CRITICAL REQUIREMENT
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
- **UPDATE – NO PROGRESS REPORTED**

- **Merrion Strand Traffic** – ACTION Finian Loftus

OUTCOME – EC decision to lobby councillors on Heavy Lorry Traffic Control : Action Finian Loftus

UPDATE : Responses received from 3 out of the 11 Councillors (tba ? /Dermot Lacey-Labour /Claire Byrne-Green)

Conclusion : detailed discussion on options available and agreed REQUEST to be made for the planned June Traffic Assessment scope to be expanded beyond just speed and to include size and weight – a key factor on the concerns and damage occurring

- **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**
 - *UPDATE : Post Meeting Note – ABP Appeal Oral Hearing date has been moved to 17-19th April. Primary obligation is on DCC/to answer the questions raised by SAMRA. Lorna Kelly will be attending to represent her personal objection.*
 - *ACTION 1: DT to set up a prep meeting from which a SAMRA bulletin sheet will be prepared. SAMRA Attendees to be re-agreed, given the date change*
 - *ACTION 2 : JMCA – To update and approach TIDY TOWNS – and invite their representation in support, as we see 100% alignment*
- **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.
 - *UPDATE : Revisions to the SAMRA File Note were received from EPA. The revisions were primarily of a nature which expands detail, examples the EPA role and confirms that DWtE are performing to their licence permit requirements. This was viewed as helpful. However, the most important factor for SAMRA is to follow through and ensure that the Emergency Response Plan is updated against the acknowledged gaps in emergency response planning that relate to identified risk factors 3.3 and 5.1 (local nuisance / Health effects from air emissions) are closed.*
 - *ACTION : DT to write to EPA and request dates in April for when the end Q1 ERP update can be expected and when the follow up SAMRA/EPA meeting will be held.*
- **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.

- **UPDATE** : Responses received from Dermot Lacey, further to the 5th March DCC meeting received, tabling the review by SAMRA. (Separate emails). The DCC CE (and Dermot) has been thanked for his reply (Strand Road drains are OK....) **but the request has been re-made regarding the broader questions affecting Sandymount and Merrion – ie mapping, bottlenecks and priorities. The meeting was reminded that this was a major and emotive issue at the AGM....**
- **Poolbeg Peninsula** : Physical tour to be set up for January. Action : D Turner - **OVERDUE AND OUTSTANDING**
- 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.
UPDATE : New information is now indicating that this is potentially a major development (2 schools; +1,000 pupils ???), which will address educational gaps but cause major impact on the already congested Sandymount area. Lorna Kelly requested by Newbridge Road Residents Group to attend the ABP Oral Hearing. **SUPPORTED by SAMRA**

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- NONE TABLED

5.0 AOB

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

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STATEMENT 20/03/18 : 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**

NEXT EC MEETING : Tuesday 16th APRIL, 7:30pm, Sandymount Hotel

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