

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 1st May 2018; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandy Mount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Paddy Dunne

Finian Loftus

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Apologies :

Liam Handy

Dave Madden

AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (20-03-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
 - a. Aviva Funding
4. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 20/03/18 – Adopted, no modifications required

3.0 ACTIONS UPDATES – as per below

- **Website Status** – there was discussion of the proposal received and previously forwarded to all, from Geraldine Walsh (121IT Computer Training and Consultancy; www.121it.ie). It was agreed that this appears to meet our needs and will enable SAMRA to move forwards on the existing foundation. Dave Lang has been contacted and agreed to meet up with Geraldine to provide key information, to achieve the handover.
New Action : Dave T – to connect with Geraldine and Dave L and get this support initiated.
- **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 – further to the ABP hearing, Irish Water had provided new assurances of the forward plans – and there is a need to connect with*

them on this and bring the information together. ACTION Dave Madden

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

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

BACKGROUND : 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** has been 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** – SAMRA represented at the ABP Oral Hearing over the 3 days 17-19th April and concluded support on the scheme to be premature, pending lack of detail on infrastructure planning and modelling assumptions, which were believed to be inaccurate. SAMRA's concluding position was submitted to the ABP inspector in a letter dated 20th April, with Enclosures of the (1) Notes of Submission and (2) The original basis for objection dated 3rd July 2017.
- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures)** :
 - **UPDATE** : awaiting date of meeting from EPA to discuss "end Q1 ERP update" when the previously agreed ERP gaps are expected to be closed.
 - **New Action** : SAMRA to seek clarification on reported "foul smell" suspected from incinerator 29th April, reported by local residents. It was agreed to contact EPA
- **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 Gully 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.
 - 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....
 - **NO FURTHER UPDATE AVAILABLE** – Action Dave T to follow up

- **Poolbeg Peninsula** : Physical tour set up for Tuesday 8th 1pm meeting at Sandymount Hotel car park.
- 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 : SAMRA attendance as 3rd Party was not permitted at the ABP Oral Hearing. ACTION – LORNA KELLY to obtain an update on proceedings

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- AVIVA funding not available for website support service.
Action Lorna : to establish what is possible from AVIVA funding assessor

5.0 AOB

- Proposed future agenda item : Internal discussion of synergy and alignment between SAMRA and STTCA *could be beneficial.*
- ACTION : Dave T to forward the STTCA 2017/18 Annual report for information

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STATEMENT 01/05/18 : 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 5th June, 7:30pm, Sandymount Hotel

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