

# SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date :** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018; 7:30 pm

**Venue :** Sandy Mount Hotel

### Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Liam Handy

Paddy Dunne

Dave Turner (Secretary)

### Apologies :

### AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (06-06-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
  - a. Proposed NTA Bus Routing - isolating Sandymount Village
4. AOB

### NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 06/06/18 – Adopted, with the modification :

*1.1 Roddy's Yard – should SAMRA raise a P.O. ?? Action LK*

To become

- *Roddy's Yard – should SAMRA raise a Preservation Order Action LK*

### 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.  
*No progress reported :*  
*Existing Action : Dave T – to connect with Geraldine and Dave L and get this support initiated. Email exchange ongoing*
- **Poolbeg Incinerator – Construction Site Proposed Further use by Irish Water** – discussion to be incorporated into 12<sup>th</sup> July meeting with Irish Water
- **Waste Treatment Plant –**  
*Update status : Meeting has been set up for 11:00 12th July at Sandymount Hotel when Irish Water will overview the new Strategic Infrastructure Development planning application Irish Water*

*submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 6th June 2018 for upgrades to the Ringsend wastewater treatment plant between the Ringsend Upgrade Project Team with representatives of SAMRA.*

*Example Questions developed to develop SAMRA position :*

- 1. What are the peak throughputs ?*
- 2. Will it be expected that capacity will reach projected demand ?*
- 3. What are the other major components of the scheme and what is their status of completion eg North Side Plant; Orboital Sewer etc*
- 4. What are the other sources of increased demand ?*
- 5. How long is the request for use of the temporary land used previously by Covanta construction. SAMRA want to see this land returned to its original prescribed condition*
- 6. What other options are there for temporary land use ?*

**POST MEETING OUTCOME** : (12<sup>th</sup> July with Irish Water)

**Attendees :**  
Niall Riordan – Deputy PM to Jean Hobbs  
Daragh White – IW Planning Strategy  
Callista Brian – Communications Manager  
Ross ? – Eng. Consultant Barry & Partners  
Joan MacA  
Lorna Kelly  
Dave Turner

**Notes and Key Points summary to be sent to**  
**turnerda2@yahoo.co.uk**

*IW committed to also provide a simplified overview Information Note which could be readily uploaded to the SAMRA.ie site*

*One clearly defined area of action for SAMRA is to clarify the long term accountability for returning the proposed C1 temporary construction site and the unused area of Covanta construction site – back to original pre- DWtE condition. This would have been a condition of the original DWtE Planning Application. It is believed that this question should be directed to ABP for guidance ACTION : LK*

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

**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 – pending ABP decision is due to be made 01/08/2018**

- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures) :**

*Hi David,*

*The EPA has received DWtE revised emergency response procedure (ERP) since Patrick Byrne's email to you on 02/05/2018. I have attached a copy of the ERP for your information.*

*Both Patrick and I will be available to host a meeting in the EPA office Dublin and I would appreciate if you could provide possible dates and agenda.*

*With regards,  
Thomas*

*Thomas Sexton | Industrial Enforcement Team Lead  
Office of Environmental Enforcement | Environmental Protection Agency*

***New Actions : SAMRA position to be developed (ALL) (3) to set up EPA/SAMRA meeting (action DT)***

- **Flood Risk :** Dermot Lacey committed to have the clarification questions lodged :

- To ask the DCC Manager :

- 1) Which drains are the most important in relieving the volume of floodwater off the Sandymount and Merrion land area back to sea/river outflow ?
- 2) Out of the long list of Drains and Gullies which of them receive the highest priority maintenance to ensure that they are "not blocked" ? ie Is there a prioritisation schedule ?
- 3) Do you have the flood risk hot spots mapped ?

It's a simple as that - not all drains are equal in importance in terms of flood alleviation and the residents want to know if that is being considered, when applying resource to the most needed points. Answering these questions will allow that assurance to be given

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- BUS ROUTE CHANGES – will leave Sandymount Village isolated. Consultation period 16/07 to 14/09. SAMRA objects to the proposed changes. **Action : JMacA to lead**
- RORY MEGAN question to DT on SAMRA support to LPT via "AGE ACTION"
  - *Background : His main concern is the way in which it is being dealt with. The Government led review (Colin Breaghy) will be making a presentation to the Minister Finance on forward recommendations. A more equitable system is being sought for levying LPT than Market Value. AGE ACTION (>65 years) is to be consulted. Will SAMRA be connecting here and seeking influence.*
  - *SAMRA position : (1) Whilst SAMRA is aligned with these sentiments, Tax matters are outwith SAMRA remit and are for personal representation CLOSED*
    - **Action DT – to respond back to Rory Megan**
- AVIVA funding not available for website support service. **Action Joan : to establish what is possible**
- Sewage Plant Odours : Direct Complaints to be made to : 1-800-242739 and Irish Water 1-850-278 278 – ACTION – DT post to the SAMRA website
- Proposal to synchronise SAMRA updates with NEWS4 release **New Action : Irene to determine publication dates, awaiting website update**
- *Gilford Terrace Tram Terminus – (very pretty unique) – SAMRA supports status quo and supports a request for a "Preservation Order" Action JMacA*
- *Lamp-Post repair (Sandymount Park Avenue) – in very poor condition. Action : LK to send letter to DCC, cc Dermot Lacey*

- *Pedestrian Crossing at Sandymount Green : Action FL to make formal request*

5.0 AOB

- Proposed future agenda item : Internal discussion of synergy and alignment between SAMRA and STTCA *could be beneficial*. SAMRA supports working this
- **ACTION : Dave T to forward the STTCA 2017/18 Annual report for information as a precursor to the debate**
- 2019 Calendar of dates to be set up (**ACTION ALL : to forward key dates to D Turner**)

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**STATEMENT 11/07/18 : 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 :**

**Please hold two date options until clarification can be given. It is hoped that the outstanding EPA meeting (ERP Procedures) will be set for the same agreed date.**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7:30pm, Sandymount Hotel**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 7:30 pm, Sandymount Hotel**

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