

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 7th August 2018; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandy Mount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Irene Lynch

Lorna Kelly

Liam Handy

Paddy Dunne

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Apologies :

Finian Loftus

AGENDA :

1. Adoption of EC Meeting Minutes (11-07-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
 - a. Proposed Fund Raising event
4. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 06/06/18 – Adopted, 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.
No progress reported :
Existing Action : Dave T – to connect with Geraldine and Dave L and get this support initiated. Email exchange ongoing
- **IRISH WATER – Strategic Infrastructure Upgrade Application : (Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project)**
 - *Meeting records have been forwarded to all EC members*
 - *Meeting documents, including the Overview Note and SAMRA response to be loaded to SAMRA website : ACTION DT*

- *SAMRA response – covered by Lorna Kelly, direct letter to An Bord Pleanala.*
- *Response to IW : ACTION DT*
- **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***
 - 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 (Letter received notified of a delay to the decision)**
- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures) :**
 - *Meeting has been set for September 3rd 2pm at EPA Dublin offices with Patrick Byrne and Thomas Sexton*
 - ***NEW ACTIONS :***
 - ***Proposed agenda to be emailed back to EPA (ACTION DT):***
 - *Previous actions : Closure of previously identified gaps in ERP*
 - *New Any new gaps/risk concerns from revised ERP*
 - *Fly Ash*
 - *Future key maintenance milestones*
 - *Covanta global HSE performance beyond 1 year*
 - *SAMRA Meeting to be convened in w/c 27/08 to discuss revised ERP and forthcoming ERP meeting ACTION : JMCA*
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- **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

NO UPDATE AVAILABLE

- BUS ROUTE CHANGES – will leave Sandymount Village isolated. Consultation period 16/07 **to 14/09**. SAMRA objects to the proposed changes. Letter sent to local TDs and all responded in support (Clyre Byrne; Paddy McCarten; Diarmuid Lacey). Further letter required once recipient identified. **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**
- 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”. Letter has been drafted agreed by SAMRA and is to be sent Action JMacA*
- *Pedestrian Crossing at Sandymount Green : Action FL to make formal request NO UPDATE*
 - 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**)

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

- **FUND RAISING EVENT for SAMRA (Glynnis Casson) – latter half October. ACTION SAMRA to promote : website/Village Green signs etc ACTION : JMcA**

5.0 AOB

NONE RAISED

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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 :

Incinerator ERP Preparation with EPA – w/c 27th August

Tuesday 4th September 7:30, Sandymount Hotel

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