

# SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**Date** : 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 (07-08-18)
2. ACTIONS Update – previous business
3. NEW BUSINESS :
  - a. District Heating – Poolbeg Plan
4. AOB

### NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 EC Meeting Minutes 07/08/18 – 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*

- **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)
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- **Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring (Emergency Procedures) :**
  - Meeting with EPA was held 3rd September.
  - SAMRA had tabled in advance their areas of concern and specific questions were discussed in detail
  - The meeting was constructive and EPA undertook to formally respond with answers to the specific questions, before the end November, such that SAMRA could include the dialogue in the forthcoming AGM.
  - *INTERIM SAMRA NOTES all in reference to SAMRA 30<sup>th</sup> August pre-meeting Question Paper*
    - *ATTENDEES : JMAC/DT/LK/IL : PB/TS*
    - *CONTEXT (EPA)*
    - *Last meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February*
    - *EPA – test and commissioning had taken longer than expected. Meeting/Report yet to be issued*
    - *Covanta internal assessment preparing for 600 to 690 upgrade*
    - *Bottom Ash is being exported*
    - *Fly Ash from Air Abatement System (Hazardous) goes to salt mine in Germany*
    - *A testing milestone has yet to occur expected to confirm NON-Hazardous (~1 month close-out). If confirmed, a large process to follow, whereby the ash could be used differently (eg Roads)*
    - *CONTEXT – SAMRA – further to the Question Paper tabled, general alarm is arising at the Covanta proclamation of 1+ year of successful operations, as a prelude to increased capacity throughput – reference D4 news-media article.*
    - *FOCUS AREA 1 :*
      - *EPA generally happy with CEMS performance but one notifiable incident March '18 when CEMS power supply failed, resulting in the ERP revision. This was a NOTIFIABLE INCIDENT.*

*General concern by SAMRA – this was first time knowledge.*

- *Follow up question – there were reported to be 8 Notifiable Incidents in 2018 to date*
  - *SAMRA requested how to access the investigation reports – need to go to EPA offices for their INTRA-NET system. **ACTION SAMRA DT to visit EPA offices and review the Notifiable Incident reports***
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  - *FOCUS AREA 2 : All outside EPA jurisdiction; HSE and TFS are the relevant authorities*
    - *BOTTOM ASH - DWtE receives permits from TFS from DCC for export – to Dublin Port – to Shipping Company. (Lorries and Tarpaulins, NB not yet assessed as NON-hazardous – SAMRA concern raised)*
    - *HSE is the policing authority*
    - *FLY ASH – Sealed containers on site – container shipment – (PANDA is truck company)*
    - ***SAMRA ACTION LK : - follow-up on the licensing specifics***
  - *FOCUS AREAS 3/4/5 – specifics to be as per formal answers to the pre-tabled questions*
  - *EPA RESPONSE TO BE RECEIVED BY 30/11/18*
- **Flood Risk** : Dermot Lacey response from DCC CE CM 3<sup>rd</sup> September. An adequate response has been received, which should be posted to the website **ACTION DT**. Thank you to Dermot **ACTION DT**
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- BUS ROUTE CHANGES – will leave Sandymount Village isolated. Consultation period 16/07 extended **to 28/09**. 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.
- Letter of objection was sent to BUS CONNECT
  - **Poster is being prepared for Sandymount Green (12/09) ACTION JMacA**
1. RORY MEGAN question to DT on SAMRA support to LPT via “AGE ACTION”
    2. *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.*

3. SAMRA position : (1) Whilst SAMRA is aligned with these sentiments, Tax matters are outwith SAMRA remit and are for personal representation CLOSED
4. **Action DT – to respond back to Rory Megan (OUTSTANDING call mobile 087 2565 295)**
5. AVIVA funding not available for website support service. **Action Joan : to establish what is possible**
6. Proposal to synchronise SAMRA updates with NEWS4 release **New Action : Irene to determine publication dates, awaiting website update**
7. 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. UPDATE – LETTER sent to Councillors, and Heritage section of DCC. **Action JMacA**
8. Pedestrian Crossing at Sandymount Green : **Action FL to make formal request ACTION transfer to LK**
  2. Proposed future agenda item : Internal discussion of synergy and alignment between SAMRA and STTCA *could be beneficial*. SAMRA supports working this
  3. **ACTION : Dave T to forward the STTCA 2017/18 Annual report for information as a precursor to the debate**
  4. 2019 Calendar of dates to be set up. UPDATE : ZERO RETURN (**ACTION ALL : to forward key dates to D Turner**)

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

1. FUND RAISING EVENT for SAMRA (Glynnis Casson) – latter half October. ACTION SAMRA to promote : website/Village Green signs etc **ACTION : JMcA (UPDATE WORK IN PROGRESS)**
2. DISTRICT HEATING PLAN (Poolbeg) – New Building Requirement for Planning submission (Proposers DURANGO & BYRNE)
3. COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS – MAY 2019
  - List of local Councillors (provided by JMacA):
    - Eoghan Murphy            FG
    - Jim O’Callaghan        FF
    - Kate O’Connell        FG
    - Eamon Ryan            Green
    - Claire Byrne ?        FG
    - Paddy McCartan        FG
    - Dermot Lacey        LABOUR
    - Kevin Humphrey        Labour (Senator)
    - Frank Kennedy        FF
    - Chris Andrews        SF
    - M Flynn?                ??
  - **Contact details to be located ACTION LK/JMacA**

4. DGPR – for AGM attendees – request line item + contact details

5.0 AOB

**DATE OF AGM – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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**STATEMENT 04/09/18 : 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**

**DATE OF NEXT EC MEETING :**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 7:30, Sandymount Hotel**

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