

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : 24th June 2019; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandymount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Irene Lynch

Finian Loftus

Paddy Dunne

Liam Handy

Stephen Hurley

Fergus

AGENDA :

1. APOLOGIES
2. PRIORITY/NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Planning Item – “15-17 Sandymount Avenue” - LK
 - b. Planning Item : Inspector’s Report – Poolbeg West (Condition for Planning Permission) – LK
 - c. Planning Item : Monkstown FC/Pembroke CC – Perimeter Wall
 - d. Refresh List of Local Councillors - SH
 - e. Draft Agenda for forthcoming Local Councillors Meeting - ALL
 - f. Dublin Inquirer approach to SAMRA - DT
3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
4. ACTIONS Update – previous business
5. Adoption of Committee Meeting minutes
6. Website – items for posting
7. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 APOLOGIES – None

2.0 Priority/New Business

2.1 Planning Item – 15-17 Sandymount Avenue

- *Planning permission was refused by DCC with SAMRA formal objection as one of 43 objections. Request to post a summary note to the general newspanel on the website.*
 - **Action : Stephen to summarise position and forward to DT**

2.2 Planning Item : Inspector’s Report – Poolbeg West (Condition for Planning Permission) - LK

- *In April An Bord Pleanála decided to approve the construction of 3,500 new homes on the site of the former Irish Glass Bottle site. In its decision, it agreed with the Planning Inspector to include a total of 33 modifications to the original plans, including:*
 - *The development of a transportation and infrastructure masterplan to minimise additional traffic volumes*
 - *A requirement that all proposed developments carry out a site specific Flood Risk Assessment and work in tandem with Irish Water to ensure adequate water supply and wastewater treatment*
 - *A requirement that developers carry out a full contaminated land risk assessment and reinstate any unused lands in accordance with international standard*
 - *Documents relating to the Poolbeg scheme are available on our website: <https://samra.ie/poolbeg-west-planning-appeal/>*
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- **Action : Stephen to summarise position and forward to DT**

2.3 Monkstown FC/Pembroke CC – Perimeter Wall - PD

- *Unauthorised Perimeter Wall breach believed to precede a Planning Application, which is as yet to be made. Concern about the community impact. **Action to be monitored :PD***

2.4 Refresh List of Local Councillors (PEMBROKE) – included at rear of minutes

2.5 Proposed Councillors Meeting September : Action SH to set up

- *Desired Single Meeting with all 5 Councillors*
- *Draft Agenda around key priorities to SAMRA :*
 - *Traffic – Strand Road*
 - *Sandymount Green Pedestrianisation/Traffic Concerns*
 - *Incinerator Emergency Response*
 - *Strand Road Containers*
 - *Ongoing sewage outages and Beach Pollution*

2.6 Dublin Inquirer approach to SAMRA - DT

- *The nature of the approach was overviewed with examples of previous reporting as emailed to SAMRA (ref email file for details) and the committee agreed to connect, as this could be particularly beneficial on areas where SAMRA need assistance with respect to their aims. Suitable topics could be : Incinerator Expansion / Waste water and Beach Pollution **Action DT** – and to include invitation to other SAMRA Committee members*

3.0 Membership/Website Update - DT

3.1 Exec Summary

- New Members - June +7

- New income - €161
- Total Subscribed Members - 97
- Total Membership Income €1,704
- Paypal Balance €200.95
- 121 Computer Training Costs (June) €305

Media : Website/Newsletter/FaceBook

- Newsletters sent : 86 emailed and 11 posted
- Facebook Followers 377
- Facebook Likes 349
- Newsletter Reads 60%

4.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

- **IRISH WATER – Strategic Infrastructure Upgrade Application : (Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project)**
- **Merrion Strand Traffic** – *Nothing received. AGREED previously that the road designation is the root cause of the problem. Email sent to Dermot and Claire Byrne. **Follow-up ACTION FL (Post Council Elections)***
- **PWP Scheme** – *as per above*
- **Poolbeg Incinerator :**
 - (1) **New Letter received (LK) :** “Technical Amendment to Industrial Licence Emissions”
 - (2) **Monitoring (Emergency Procedures) : PREVIOUS**
 - **ACTION SAMRA DT to visit EPA offices and review the Notifiable Incident reports NO PROGRESS. (Fellow SAMRA attendees to include SH/LK/FL)**
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 - **FOCUS AREA 2 : ASH TRANSPORTATION**
 - **UPDATE : DCC has acknowledged the letter and will reply under the provisions of the “Freedom of Information” ACT. – LETTER RECEIVED from DCC ETD 03/12/18 and will be attached to the email distributing these minutes**
 - **FOCUS AREAS 3/4/5 – specifics to be as per formal answers to the pre-tabled questions**
 - **MEETING TO BE REQUESTED WITH EPA ACTION DT**

- **Bus Route Changes** – SH revised letter SAMRA taking Committee inputs to be submitted. Status update : The plan is being re-jigged and new route will be made available mid-August, after which there will be further consultation.
- **Proposal to synchronise SAMRA updates with NEWS4 release** – now possible given live website status **Action Irene**
- **Sandymount Traffic Calming**
 - Follow-up to the SAMRA letter sent to DCC : **NO UPDATE**
- **Community & Family Fun Day (23rd June) – Organiser JMCA**
 - 23rd June cancelled due to weather
 - Re-set for Sunday 30th June. Action Post update to website
 - Future posters need a weather “hold point” for communication via the website
- **Water Quality and Victoria Baths – SAMRA lead Action PD**
- **Planning Item – Preservation Order St John’s Church Hall – supported by SAMRA (Action : Lead Stephen)**
 - **Martello Tower – ACTION Lead Stephen Hurley (Draft Letter Required)**
 - **Container Removal – ACTION Lead Dave Turner (Draft Letter Required)**
 - **Signage on the Prom – ACTION Lead Dave Turner (Draft Letter required)**
 - **Timelapse Video Link – Sandymount Green** : key points in our season as it changes eg Christmas/New Year; Easter; Summer Fun Day; Halloween.The idea would be to take the video from a strategic vantage point, ideally the same one and then stitch them together - and place as a link on the above website. Purpose a link for anyone who wants to see how the Green has become the focus of our community. UPDATE : REPEATED ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL AND NO PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE. **Action Dave T : To re-think alternative**
 - **PLANNING PRINCIPLES** (amended) : future SAMRA support to be based upon :
 - **Heritage**
 - **Strategic Interest**
 - **Environmental Impact**
 - **Architectural**
 - **Community Value**
 - **Loss of Light (**added 24/06)**

5.0: Adoption of Committee Meeting minutes (27th May 19) AGREED ALL

6.0 Website Posting Items

- Fun Day – New Date 30th June – subject to confirmation of long range weather forecast
- News Highlight Planning Items

7.0AOB –

- AVIVA funding - €1,150 received. Request for a letter and support package meeting the requirements of the AVIVA letter dated 5th June conditional for funds application. **Action DT**
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- **Non-Subscribed Membership Listing** – is currently categorised A-Z by 1st name :
REQUEST : Further Breakdown and categorisation of non-subscribed Membership list :
:
 - A-Z by 1st Family Name
 - A-Z by Street Name

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STATEMENT 18/02/19 : RE-STATEMENT OF KEY PRIORITIES

	ISSUE	STATUS
1	Sandymount Traffic Calming	Lobbying with DCC Traffic Department
2	Merrion Road Traffic : Lack of Clarity on Planning Direction	Ongoing response and representation of local issues
3	Poolbeg Incinerator Monitoring and Abnormal Conditions Readiness	EPA Response awaited 30/11 to SAMRA questions
4	Poolbeg West Planning Appeal	ABP Rejection – DCC resubmission December 2018
5	Sewage and Water contamination levels on Merrion/Sandymount Beach areas	Continued dialogue with DCC on drainage issues throughout 2018

AGREED DATE OF NEXT EC MEETING : Monday 22nd July

SAMRA WEBSITE LINK : www.samra.ie

LOCAL COUNCILLORS – PEMBORKE WARD (full list [here](#)) (updated 24/06/19)

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