

SANDYMOUNT & MERRION RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SAMRA)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date : Monday 25th November 2019; 7:30 pm

Venue : Sandymount Hotel

Attendees :

Joan MacArthur (Chair)

Dave Turner (Secretary)

Lorna Kelly

Paddy Dunne

Liam Handy

Stephen Hurley

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. NEW ITEMS ARISING
 - a. Claire Byrne RTE Invitation – Climate Change
 - b. Cycle Bus Ireland
 - c. Councillor's Actions Update
3. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
4. ACTIONS Update – previous business
5. 2019 AGM Prep
6. AOB

NOTES OF MEETING

1.0 APOLOGIES – Finian Loftus, Fergus Murray, Irene Lynch

2.0 New Items Arising

2.1 Invitation to RTE Clair Byrne programme – invitation not able to be accepted within the time available, apology to be sent **Action : DT**

2.2 Cycle Bus Ireland – invitation to be involved from Scoil Mhuire **Action SH to follow up.**

2.3 Councillors Actions Update – the actions pack previously shared was overviewed for new information. This has been sent to the 5 Councillors for their updates. The intention is to incorporate this into the forthcoming AGM **Action DT**

3.0 Membership + Media Update

		<u>This Month</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	
A.	New Members	1	0	Members renewed from Joan List (0)
B.	Renewals	0	0	
C.	Total Members	111	108	2 pending & 1 (Roisin Kelly)
	Total Mem. Inc 2019	€ 1,847.77	€ -	
D.	Months NewMem. Inc	€ 18.97	€ -	
E.	Paypal Balance	€ 71.33	€ 52.36	
F.	Facebook Likes	374	366	
G.	Facebook Followers	411	402	
H.	Newsletters Sent	No	Yes	
I.	Newsletter Reads		N/A	
J.	Minutes Uploaded	1	1	
K.	Facebook Post Updates	1	5	
L.	Website Post Updates	1	5	
M.	Meeting with Dave	No	No	
N.	121IT Costs	€ 184.50 incl VAT	0	Will email invoice, this is for Oct & Nov

4.0 ACTIONS UPDATE

- **Ectocarpus on Sandymount Strand** – the SAMRA endorsed proposal (now on the website) is currently with Hazel Chew, who is coordinating with the various responsible bodies. **Action Roisin Kelly (DT)**
- **Community Art** – discussions concluded with SUBSET regarding non-suitability of Victorian Baths. Does anyone have an alternative proposed site? **Action : DT/ALL**
- **IRISH WATER – Strategic Infrastructure Upgrade Application : (Ringsend Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project) DISCUSSION DEFERRED**
- **Merrion Strand Traffic** – Letter to be sent to the new Superintendent, expressing concerns regarding the deteriorating situation, in particular regarding the frequency of heavy lorries and the need for enforcement against existing rules **Action SH**
- **Poolbeg Incinerator : NO PROGRESS THIS PERIOD**
- **ACTION SAMRA DT to visit EPA offices and review the Notifiable Incident reports DISCUSSION DEFERRED. (Fellow SAMRA attendees to include SH/LK/FL)**
 - **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**

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- ***DISCUSSION DEFERRED: MEETING TO BE REQUESTED WITH EPA ACTION DT***
- **Bus Connects (Route Changes)** – Bus Connects have just released revised versions of their proposals. The revised plan for our area is available here :
 - *<https://busconnects.ie/media/1615/ballsbridge-accordian-leaflet-270919-fa-web.pdf>*
- The balance of protecting existing local routes while adding greater capacity on major routes along Merrion Road was discussed in detail. Questions were raised and these will be taken to the consultation meetings **ACTION : SH**
- **Proposal to synchronise SAMRA updates with NEWS4 release** – now possible given live website status **Action Irene**
 - **Planning Item – Preservation Order St John’s Church Hall – awaiting Councillor response**
 - **Martello Tower** – letter drafted and approved with minor mods for sending to David Doyle **ACTION SH**
 - **Container Removal/State of Disrepair of Promenade** – this was covered in detail with pictorial evidence at the 12th September Councillors meeting. Specific follow-up letter to be sent **ACTION DT**

5.0 AGM Preparation : Outline Key Points

- Date Monday 13th January
- Use previous format for 1st Draft and seeking input across committee : **ALL / DT**
- Nominations for new additional Committee Member – mailshot required
- Invitation to be sent to Councillors, once proforma generated
- Invitation to STTC
- Website Proforma to be generated : **DT**
- Banner for Sandymount Green : ?? TBC
- Geraldine to be contacted for availability at the Registration Desk : **DT**

For reference : Here are links to previous documents on the SAMRA website used for the 2018 AGM :

<https://samra.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/AGM-Jan-15th-201819R1pdf.pdf>

<https://samra.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/2018-AGM-Minutes-15th-January-2019.pdf>

6.0 Website Posting Items : Action DT

- **Minutes**
- **AGM Mailshot**

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7.0AOB –

- None

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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 :	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

DATE OF NEXT EC MEETING : Proposed **TBC**

SAMRA WEBSITE LINK : www.samra.ie

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