

SAMRA 2019 AGM – Minutes

13 January 2020

- **Attendees :**
 - **SAMRA Committee Attendees:** Joan MacArthur (Chair), David Turner (Treasurer), Liam Handy (Treasurer), Lorna Kelly, Paddy Dunne, Irene Lynch, Stephen Hurley (members)
 - **SAMRA Members and Resident attendees:** see Annex B
 - **Local (Elected) Representative attendees:** Cllr. Dermot Lacey, Cllr. James Geoghan, Senator Kevin Humphreys
 - **Invited Attendee GCDRA:** Teresa (Chair)
 - **Garda:** Alan Byrne
- **Introduction and Agenda:** JMacA welcomed everyone to the 2019 SAMRA AGM. She then handed over to DT who provided an overview of the agenda for the AGM.
- **Chair Address:** JMacA provided the Chair address, highlighting some of the main SAMRA activity in 2019 and thanking those individuals and businesses who supported SAMRA and its activities. She highlighted that SAMRA is a purely voluntary organisations and relies on the time provided by Committee members and residents.
- **Financial Status:** LH provided an update on SAMRA's financial status noting that the balance sheet stood at €15,528 at financial year end. He noted that expenditure was up on 2018 which reflected recent investment in SAMRA's website and IT capabilities.
- **SAMRA Overview:** DT provided an overview of SAMRA, including summarising SAMRA's aims, Committee and membership. He noted that funding was provided through a combination of membership subscriptions, donations and grants from DCC and the Aviva community fund. DT gave particular thanks to the large number of local businesses that had helped SAMRA in 2019. DT also noted the elected representatives in the area, both local councillors and TDs / Senators.
- **SAMRA Priorities:** SH gave an overview of SAMRA's work in 2019, focussing on:
 - Environment and Climate Change: he noted ongoing work in relation to the Poolbeg Incinerator, Sewage and Flooding issues, and Sandymount Strand;
 - Safety and Accessibility: he noted ongoing work in relation to Bus Connects, Strand Road traffic, and the Sandymount Green Traffic Plan;
 - Heritage and Community: he noted ongoing work in relation to Roslyn Park School planning application, preservation of the Sandymount Architectural Conservation Area, and ongoing monitoring in relation to the Poolbeg West SDZ.
- Finally, SH summarised SAMRA's outreach and engagement in 2019, including with the Grand Canal Dock Residents' Association, Local Councillors, the Garda and Seafort residents.
- **Elections:** JMacA then introduced the Committee elections for 2020. JMacA noted that she was not planning to stand as Chair in 2020 but would instead put herself forward as Treasurer. DT agreed to be put forward as Chair and SH as Secretary. In addition, Eva Lloyd was put forward as a new Committee member. The Proposed and Seconded names were respectively as follows:
 - David Turner as Chair: Tony Reed and Niall McIlroy
 - Joan MacArthur as Treasurer: Shela Mooney and Lorna Kelly
 - Stephen Hurley as Secretary: Frank Lyons and Fionnula Cassidy
 - Eva Lloyd as Committee member: Frank Lyons and Fionnula Cassidy

- The Committee and attendees offered their sincere thanks to JMacA for her service as Chair over many years.
- **Q+A:** JMacA opened up to questions and answers (see Annex A).
- **Close:** DT offered his thanks to JMacA for her role as Chair and noted that he was looking forward to working as Chair in 2020. Finally, JMacA thanked everyone for coming and brought the AGM to a close.

Meeting Close 9:30pm

Annex A

Q+A and Follow Up

No.	Issue	Follow up (if any)
1.	Insufficient sweeping of leaves on roads and pavements	Councillors and SAMRA to monitor DCC gully reports
2.	Ensure 47 bus runs a regular service. (an hourly service is insufficient)	SAMRA to continue Bus Connects engagement
3.	Update on flood defences: work on the southern end is due to start this month while planning for the northern end still has to go through	N/A
4.	Dodder flood scheme and safety measures in place for kingfishers and other wildlife. Unlikely that Poolbeg West has sufficient environmental protections	N/A
5.	Martello Tower status	Councillors to check whether planning for the additions was granted. Community and SAMRA to explore case for CPO
6.	Potential closing of DART level crossings	SAMRA to monitor and engage in the consultation process when this gets formally proposed
7.	Sean Moore Park playground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-social behaviour • Water logged surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents to submit formal complaints to Garda • Councillors (JG) to follow up
8.	Dog excrement on streets	Local residents to consider raising request for bin, to be placed in particular near the Veterinary Hospital
9.	Pedestrian crossing light on Sandymount Green opposite vets out of order	Councillors (JG) to follow up
10.	Sandymount traffic plan update	Councillors (JG and DL) to follow up
11.	Sandymount mum's group proposing engagement with local traders on reducing waste	SAMRA to work with mum's group to review opportunities to work together
12.	Traffic speed enforcement	Irishtown Gardai to pass on concerns to Road Policing Unit in Pearse Street
13.	Roslyn Park development update	SAMRA to continue engagement with Seafort residents and also gather input from wider community
14.	Strand Road HGV traffic	SAMRA to put information about DCC app on website
15.	Information on Dublin-wide 30km/h speed limit	SAMRA to put information about speed limit on website
16.	Cycling facilities on Strand Road	N/A (NTA required to fund DCC)
17.	Eastern bypass	SAMRA to continue to push for tunnelling option
18.	Crime rate in Sandymount	Residents to raise any issues with local Gardai
19.	Geographic coverage of SAMRA	SAMRA confirmed remit covers Sandymount and Merrion up to Merrion Gates

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20.	Sandymount community centre and engagement with elderly residents	SAMRA to include telephone number and postal address on website

Follow-Up Actions

1. SAMRA Committee to review and refresh 2020 Priorities further to the AGM Q&A discussions
2. AGM Notes and AGM Presentation to be uploaded to the SAMRA website

Annex A

AGM Attendees (SAMRA Members and Residents)

List held separately