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Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)


Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 11 March 2020

Attendees: David Turner (Chair), Joan MacArthur, Lorna Kelly, Paddy Dunne, Eva Lloyd, PJ O’Gorman, Niall McElroy

Apologies : Liam Handy, Stephen Hurley, Dara Lynne Lenehan

1. AGENDA

Agenda



1. **Chair introduction and agenda overview** [DT]
2. **Gilford Rd and Tesco applications** [LK]
3. **Family Fun Day May 2020** - overview and request for volunteers to work with Joan on preparations [JMacA]. SH to circulate background materials prepared by JMacA in advance
4. **Working with STTCA** - update on joint meeting and possible future collaboration [DT and PD]
5. **Review of actions log** (attached to Feb minutes - reattached for reference) [DT and SH]
6. **Membership update** [SH - postponed]
7. **AOB** [DT / All]

Date of Next SAMRA Committee Meeting

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2. 2020 Priorities

- Review of revised SAMRA 2020 priorities – now including **Community Events**

2020 Priorities

2020 SAMRA PRIORITIES	
NEW	CARRY FORWARD
1	<i>Dublin City Development Plan – Sandymount Village, Design Statement & Architectural Conservation Order</i>
2	<i>Roslyn Park School Planning Application</i>
3	<i>Irish Rail Potential Proposal to close certain crossings</i>
4	Traffic Management – including Sandymount Village Plans and potential Eastern ByPass
5	Strand Disrepair and Environmental Impact inc potential use of Martello Tower
6	Poolbeg Incinerator
7	Bus Connects
8	Sewage, Drainage and Flooding
9	Zostera Seagrass Protection and Seaweed Clearance
10	Poolbeg West Planning Application
11	Community Events

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2. Planning Applications

- **Tesco, Sandymount Road** (Deadline for submissions 16 March) (DCC Ref : // : General concern regarding proposed modifications – in particular, the new illuminated signage which does not align with the ACA requirements. It was viewed that this would become a

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precedent which would adversely affect the village, particularly if it is precedential. **Action** : To lodge an OBSERVATION - EL to work with LK and circulate a draft, rapid responses required given the tight deadline

- **JAZZ Hairdresser** : DCC Reference 2373/20 - lodged 27/02 February and Observation date to be by 01/04. General concern that this does not meet the requirements of the ACA, in terms of Height/Scale/Design/Change of Use/Effect on the character of the Green. **Action (EL/LK)** to work a draft letter, circulate around the committee – with an Observation to be recommended
- **Nutgrove House, 58A/58B, Gilford Road** (*Deadline for submissions 12 March*) DCC Ref: 2217/20. This is an application to demolish outbuildings at this site and refurbish the building beside the Sandymount vet in order to build a new 4 bedroom dwelling. The existing frontage will be maintained and refurbished as part of the build. A previous application which involved demolition of the existing building was refused for conservation and visual impact reasons. There was particular concern about the street frontage meeting the ACA requirements. Note that an access gate for internal car park will be a feature. **Action** : EL to investigate and circulate a proposed response on behalf of SAMRA. Given timing an additional meeting may be needed.

3. Family Fun Day

- Agreed to form a sub-group – headed up by JMCA. To plan for now on the basis of a May date but with likelihood that this will be delayed by Covid19 virus
- Synchronise with STTCA on date and mutual help
- JMCA has the proformas of various actions to be set up
- Sub-Group meeting set up for April 1st 1pm at Sandymount Hotel
- Sub-Group (JMCA/PD/EL/PJO as a starter) with other supplementary offers of help as needed and available
- Proposal to involve and enlist Teachers : Action IL

4. Working with Tidy Towns (STTCA)

- DT provided an overview of the recent successful meeting with STTCA (19th Feb) and it was agreed that the items proposed : in particular Village Green Notice Boards / Martello Tower – will be good areas to work together on. To be discussed further at next Committee Meeting. The intent is to re-meet with SSTCA circa May.

5. Review of Actions Log – UPDATED

6. Membership Update – Full update postponed – but membership reported at **174 still increasing – GREAT NEWS !!**

7. AOB

- Concern regarding the Beach Entry points in the wall near Marine Drive that have been blocked in the recent past. Aesthetically not pleasing, rusting dangerous metalwork and potentially causing an entrapment risk. View was that this needs to be addressed and could be efficiently added to the scope of the wall works due to start shortly. **Action** : DT to write to Dermot Lacey/James Geoghegan to investigate how best to address.
- SAMRA Calendar to be generated. Format proposed by EL – to be followed up (DT)
- Corporate Social Responsibility Funding to be explored - IL
- AVIVA Funding – proposal to be submitted by 31/03. ALL to submit ideas, DT to Action and Close Out ahead of the next meeting
- SMART DOCKLANDS – Community Workshop 24/03 6-7:30pm – (Invitation attached) – Attendees to represent SAMRA : JMCA/NMcE/PD/LK

DONM : MONDAY 20th April

SAMRA Actions Log (February 2020)

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
Ongoing Actions			
1.	Raise awareness regarding Ectocarpus on Sandymount Strand	Roisin Kelly	SAMRA endorsed proposal (now on the website) is currently with Hazel Chu, who is coordinating with the various responsible bodies
2.	Explore potential Community Art Project for Victoria Baths	DT	Discussions concluded with SUBSET regarding non-suitability of Victorian Baths. Other opportunities to be considered CLOSED
3.	Lobby in relation to Merrion Strand Traffic	SH	Letter sent to the new Garda Superintendent, expressing concerns regarding the deteriorating situation, in particular regarding the frequency of heavy lorries and the need for enforcement against existing rules. Garda attendance at AGM
4.	Continue engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
5.	Submit response to Bus Connects consultation	SH	Submission made to consultation, monitoring in progress
6.	Explore ability to synchronise SAMRA updates with News 4 releases	IL	To investigate set up of suitable interviews
7.	Confirm status of Preservation Order St John's Church Hall	TBC	Awaiting Councillor response
8.	Write to Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH	Letter written to owner and awaiting response
9.	Push for container removal on Sandymount Strand, improve general state of disrepair of promenade	DT	Covered in detail with pictorial evidence Councillors meeting in September 2019. Specific follow-up letter to be sent
New Actions (February 2020)			
10.	Add section to SAMRA website setting out useful contacts	SH and 121	
11.	Arrange slot for the rest of the Committee to meet with candidates	DT	COMPLETED: meeting held on 10/2
12.	Send an email to those lapsed members with email addresses asking them whether they would like to re-join	SH	COMPLETED: Email sent on 7/2

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13.	Follow up directly with any remaining lapsed members	JMacA	Ongoing
14.	Submit nomination for Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee	DT	COMPLETED
15.	Contact Dermot Lacey regarding Jack Torpey Award	DT	COMPLETED
16.	Write to DCC asking to be kept informed of any updates regarding Roslyn Park planning application	SH	COMPLETED: Email sent by SH to Claire Owens (Planning Officer) on 11/2
17.	Research upcoming Dublin City Development Plan to understand topics and timescales	EL	<p>COMPLETED: EL spoke with DCC (Sharon Vinci) on 11/2 and the City Development plan 2022 goes through 4 phases, some are open to the public / groups for comments, each window for submissions is 4-8 weeks depending on the phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 Expected August 2020: "Issues" - Public invited to submit Issues - will be advertised in the media. Phase 2 - Pre Draft Phase 3 - Draft Phase 4 - Material amendments
18.	Invite Dublin Bay South TDs to SAMRA meeting following upcoming General Election	DT	
19.	Check the capacity of the Sandymount Hotel in preparation for the next AGM	JMacA	IN PROGRESS : Oaklands suite 80 Conference but 120 Insurance Max – to be further investigated for other options
20.	Research previous survey by Irish Rail regarding level crossings	LK	
21.	AVIVA Funding application by end of March	DT	No progress as yet – to be
22.	Corporate Social Funding	IL	To be explored
23.	Marine Drive Beach Wall	DT	modifications to blocked off access points needed – to be explored withy DL/JG