

## Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)

### Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Attendees:** David Turner (Chair), Joan MacArthur (Treasurer), Lorna Kelly, Irene Duffy Lynch, Paddy Dunne, PJ O’Gorman (p/t), Liam Handy, Niall McElroy; Stephen Hurley (Secretary p/t); Eva Lloyd (p/t)

Apologies: None

#### Welcome and Synopsis

- Previous Minutes confirmed and posted to website
- DT welcomed the Committee and gave an overview of the agenda.

#### Strand Road Cycle Trial

- **NMcE – status update :**
  - Meetings held with Minister Eamon Ryan TD, Chris Andrews TD, Claire Byrne Councillor/Ministerial Political Adviser and Councillor Daniel Ceitin – outcomes of which had all been reported back in summary emails to the Committee
  - Follow-up letters all issued and posted
  - Letter to OK issued dated 30-11 and posted
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Consultation Forum held 3<sup>rd</sup> December, chaired by Lord Mayor, attended on behalf of SAMRA by D Turner and Niall McElroy/Irene Lynch
  - DCC CF presentation since received (this pm) and forwarded across Committee
  - Letter sent to DCC + ALL SEA Councillors setting out SAMRA’s expectations on measurable Success/Failure criteria to be applied to the Cycle Trial.
  - SAMRA expects this to become part of the SEAC meeting agenda 14<sup>th</sup> December
  - Update Members Mailshot to be issued on Cycle-Route status **Action : DT**

#### AGM Preparation

- Draft Members AGM Mailshot prepared - to be worked further before issue ahead of Christmas Break. (Note – requires to be 14 days in advance of AGM) **Action : SH +DT**
- AGM date agreed by all to be delayed by 1 week, to avoid Councillors SEAC meeting clash now re-set to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. **ACTION : DT** to send invitation to SEA Councillors
- Banner to be ordered (new draft) **Action : DT/JMcA**
- Topics and Materials - Format to follow 2019 but adapted for Zoom. Draft to be prepared and forwarded across Committee : **Action DT/SH**
- Committee 2021 : Profile of Committee to be put before AGM for ratification. **ACTION : All Committee Members to consider their circumstances.** To be discussed further at next Committee Meeting, when 2021 Profile will be updated for the AGM. Note : S Hurley has advised that he will be standing down from Secretary role

**SAMRA Strategic Development** : which takes into account the current situation, with a high level of interest in SAMRA affairs, albeit mostly focussed around the cycle-route debate, should consider documenting how this could constructively be moved forwards, ultimately increasing the leverage of Sandymount area residents. This could be particularly valuable, ahead of a period of expected unprecedented change. **Action PJOG (Lead) + DT to prepare a draft for Committee discussion**

## Planning Update : N McElroy

- **Roslyn Park School**
  - Committee commitment has been given for FA to prepare a response to ABP, guided by NMCE for the 08/12 submission deadline.
  - Planning Consultants “Future Analytics” draft expected shortly – on-target
  
- **St John’s Hall** – reported to have received ABP refusal
- **Strategic Housing Development (SHD)** – Document previously forwarded from Eglinton Road and Richview Residents Association, seeking review and endorsement by SAMRA
  - Detailed discussion concluded that more work needs to be done before a considered SAMRA position can be taken Action N McE
  - Holding position response to be made to Eglinton RA (Marion/Robin), advising of an expected response January **Action : Eva Lloyd**
- **Dublin Port Development Plan - LK**
  - Reported that DP wish to reclaim 2 areas near Liffey/Incinerator and one larger area on N Side of Liffey, with dredging and materials to be deposited on Beaufort Bank Action : A letter of concern is required to be issued to DCC. **Action : EL to work with LK and circulate a proposed letter to the Committee**

## Archiving – PJOG – no further update available at this meeting

- Assessment of Jessica Handy costs Action PJOG
- Linkage to AVIVA funding grant Action DT

## AOB

1. Agreed that **Sandymount representation at “South East Area Older People’s Organisation”** would be transferred over to Irene Duffy Lynch. Although a Sandymount role, SAMRA records appreciation to Joan for the work she has done in the past and a Thank you to Irene for taking this forwards and maintaining continuity.
2. **SAMRA Postal address** : An-Post option agreed to be prohibitively expensive. Agreed that for planning matters, the Postal Address will link to the Committee Member with responsibility for that topic, will continue to suffice as a pragmatic way forwards.
3. **SAMRA Logo** : **Action EL to circulate options around Sandymount Village Green**, to be potentially used as a supplementary icon for use on letter-heads. Martello Tower to be retained. Discussion yet to be concluded.
4. **SAMRA Letter Head Template** : options have been discussed but conclusion on this follow finalisation of discussions regarding the logo.
5. **Christmas Mailshot** : **Action DT**

*The Chairman recorded a vote of thanks following a period of intensive work for SAMRA*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: agreed Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 7:30**

### SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
<b>New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting</b>			
1.	Summarise the Committee's majority position regarding Covid 19 temporary measures and send a note to the Councillors	DT	Closed – note sent 21 July
2.	Prepare and circulate draft newsletter to members ahead of the Summer break	SH	
3.	Explore new planning applications and come back to the Committee with recommendations	EL and Planning Sub-Group	
4.	Send a note to the Committee summarising current thinking on DCC development plan and the work needed to progress a SAMRA response	EL	Closed – note circulated 22 July
5.	Send thank you note and set up meeting with Jessica Handy on archiving proposal	DT	<b>Note sent 23<sup>rd</sup> July awaiting JH response</b>
<b>Ongoing Actions</b>			
6.	Identify possible candidates to carry out archiving	All	Jessica Handy proposal submitted, with follow up meeting to take place
7.	Prepare a draft response to the Lea Crescent resident who raised a planning concern	LK and EL	
8.	Prepare draft observations in relation to the application near Enable Ireland	EL and NM/CE	
9.	Prepare and send response to Elm Park residents	EL and DT	Sent 22/06 and cc'd all. CLOSED
10.	Circulate copy of SAMRA Constitution to Committee members	SH	Closed - Sent 19 June
11.	Prepare and circulate list of SAMRA subgroups	SH	Circulated on 20 July
12.	DCC updates on Irishtown Nature Park signage, new North Dublin wastewater treatment plant, protected status of Tram Sheds	DT / local councillors	Update sent by DT to Committee members w/c 8 June

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13.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
14.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
15.	Contact Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH / DT	<b>Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..</b>
16.	Follow up directly with any remaining lapsed members	JMacA	Ongoing. Lapsed members list sent by SH
17.	Invite Dublin Bay South TDs to SAMRA meeting following upcoming General Election	DT	Ongoing, awaiting Covid developments and government formation talks
18.	Research previous survey by Irish Rail regarding level crossings	LK	Ongoing
19.	AVIVA Funding application	DT	<b>Hon Sec -AVIVA Stadium Community Committee : "Fund has agreed to provisionally award you a grant of €2,300 towards IT project: database and archive."</b> <b>NOTE : Conditional on following Covid-19 guidance in all activities associated with this project. Sub-group to now take this forwards. Complete and invoice later. CLOSED</b>
20.	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
21.	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
22.	Research upcoming Dublin City Development Plan to understand topics and timescales	EL	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1 Expected August 2020: "Issues" - Public invited to submit Issues - will be advertised in the media.</li> <li>Phase 2 - Pre Draft</li> <li>Phase 3 - Draft</li> </ul> Phase 4 - Material amendments

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23.	Check the capacity of the Sandymount Hotel in preparation for the next AGM	JMacA	Oaklands suite 80 Conference but 120 Insurance Max
<b>Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)</b>			
24.	Expore potential Community Art Project for Victoria Baths	DT	Discussions concluded with SUBSET regarding non-suitability of Victorian Baths. Other opportunities to be considered CLOSED
25.	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
26.	Submit response to Bus Connects consultation	SH	Submission made to consultation, monitoring in progress
27.	Confirm status of Preservation Order St John's Church Hall	SH	Confirmed it's not on DCC list of protected structures
28.	Arrange slot for the rest of the Committee to meet with candidates	DT	COMPLETED: meeting held on 10/2
29.	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
30.	Submit nomination for Waste to Energy Community Gain Committee	DT	COMPLETED
31.	Contact Dermot Lacey regarding Jack Torpey Award	DT	COMPLETED
32.	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