

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)

Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 1st February 2020

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

Apologies: Liam Handy; Paddy Dunne

Welcome and Synopsis – Agenda Overview

AGM Feedback and extracted Key Issues

The AGM received positive feedback, attended by Minister for Transport Eamon Ryan, Lord Mayor Hazel Chu, Pembroke Councillors, SAMRA Committee and up to 138 members. Notes and Key proceedings have been prepared and posted separately and with the Presentation Pack, provide a formal record for all SAMRA members.

This was following a review by all of AGM discussion, Chatbox comments and multiple email feedback :

- Initiate a Poll on the Cycle Trial
- Re-summarise Roslyn Park School
- Draft an outline SAMRA mid-term STRATEGY for discussion/consideration amongst Committee
- Update Note on Flood Protection
- Update on VDS Projects

Strand Road Cycle Trial

- **NMcE – status update :**
 - No advice or update received from DCC on cycle trial start date
 - It is believed that a Safety Audit review has as yet to be carried out by Irish Rail of the proposed Merrion Gates junction arrangements, which if correct is likely to introduce a delay
- **Cycle Route Poll**
 - Debate and input by all on questions(s) to be polled against SAMRA members. General agreement on “Single topic”; “Simple Questions” to ensure clarity of response
 - Agreed to poll all members on data base, irrespective of current membership status
 - To use Google Forms as the process and draft produced for turnaround ahead of the next DCC Consultation Forum

Planning Update :

- **40 Park Avenue – Planning ref 4010/20**
 - This had been debated at length across the committee in the intervening period between the 11th January Committee Meeting and on the basis of this – a SAMRA position had been established v SAMRA’s Planning Principles and SAMRA decision had been communicated by the requested decision time (midday Friday 29th January)
 - It was requested at this meeting for this to be re-opened and following lengthy debate the position was revised to support a SAMRA submission letter against the principal of “Architectural’ and “Not in Keeping”
 - This letter to be re-drafted and copied across the Committee. **Action LK/EL**
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- **Planning Principles** - It was agreed by the Committee to review the Planning Principles and re-endorse at the next Committee Meeting **Action : DT/All**
- **Roslyn Park School** - An Bord Pleanála deliberations are ongoing
- **Strategic Housing Development (SHD)** –
 - Document previously forwarded from Eglinton Road and Richview Residents Association, seeking review and endorsement by SAMRA Action : Niall McEvoy
- **Dublin Port Development Plan - LK**
 - No update available. Action : EL to work with LK and circulate a proposed letter to the Committee

AOB – Review of Actions Log

The Action Log has been brought up to date for Committee Member progression and attention

This review was limited due to time availability, to actions not covered above and arising since the previous Committee Meeting of 11th January only

1. Railway Union offer of facilities to SAMRA. Reply will be made thanking them and looking for opportunities in the future **Action : DT**
2. Forthcoming DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee meeting 12th February. Invited attendee D Turner. Agenda received and will be forwarded **Action : DT**
3. South Georgian Core Residents Association – seeking support for petition of SAMRA members to avoid museum closure. AGREED. **Action DT**
4. Committee made aware of recent email of progress update from Roisin Kelly who is continuing to drive the Ectocarpus Weed issue with DCC on behalf of SAMRA on the agreed project basis
5. Reminder to Committee of DCC Virtual seminars currently running On Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 (Ref email from Stephen Hurley)

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: tbc Monday 16th February 2021 7:30

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	Draft - pending issue
2.	Strategic Housing development (SHD) (08/12)	NMcE	Detailed review and discussion required before SAMRA position can be taken
3.		EL	Holding statement to be sent to ERRA of delayed response to January
4.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
5.	SAMRA Logo for use on letter heads – develop options around the Village green and circulate committee (8/12)	EL	
6.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited
7.	Clarify status on AVIVA grant and potential SAMRA alternative funding needs (09/11)	DT	Hon Sec -AVIVA Stadium Community Committee : “Fund has agreed to provisionally award you a grant of €2,300 towards IT project: database and archive. “
8.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
9.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
10.	Communication Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
11.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required
12.	12 th Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
13.	South Georgian Core Residents Association 31/01	DT/ALL	Phillip O’Callaghan - seeking support from SAMRA to circulate a petition to resist closure by ESB of the Georgian House Museum in Fitzwilliam Street Lower
14.	Cycle Route Survey Question to SAMRA Members – agreed in principle : Single Topic, Simple Question	NMcE	Survey question to be agreed : Proposed by email debate :

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			Q)What is your position on the current DCC proposal for an on-road 2-way cycle route along Strand Rd ? A)Support / Oppose
15.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
Ongoing Actions			
16.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
17.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
18.	Contact Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH / DT	Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..
19.	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
20.	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
21.	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"> 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
Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)			
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