

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)

Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 23rd November 2020

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

Apologies: Eva Lloyd

Welcome and Synopsis

- DT welcomed the Committee and gave an overview of the agenda.

Strand Road Cycle Trial

- **NMcE – status update :**
 - Media Escalation :
 - Briefing notes provided for RTe Primetime 17th November
 - Interview D Turner / Sinead Ryan Newstalk, “The Home Show” Sat 21st Nov
 - News4 Advert proposed – rejected and to remove SAMRA from the accreditations.
 - News4 – Briefing notes as utilised for RTe Primetime sent for incorporation/extraction
 - Newspaper Connections to be established :
 - Irish Independent & Sunday Independent ACTION : IDL
 - Irish Times ACTION : NMcE
 - Pending Meetings :
 - Eamon Ryan : Wednesday 25th November
 - Chris Andrews : tba
 - Eoghan Murphy : tba
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 - Letter to DCC Owen Keegan
 - As a follow-up, following the JOC meeting and subsequent events, to develop increased pressure on DCC on tangible actions, to include the key points :
 - Meeting Village ACA obligations
 - Junction assessments as per the STC Merrion Gates review
 - Practical tangible mitigation at “hot spots” identified by the traffic analysis (as requested in the original SAMRA letters to DCC)
 - Eg Baseline Air condition measurements and installation of monitors
 - Failure and Success criteria, against which the Trial will be removed
 - Safety assessments at expected traffic “hot-spots” as has been done with the Merrion Gates and the STC proposal
 - Specific mitigation measures at specific locations
 - Back-up plans to roads of concern : Tritonville, Merrion Road, Church Avenue etc
 - Permanent Off-Road Routing : planning and engineering to start
 - Update from James Geoghegan :
 - Consultation Forum – date to be advised
 - Representatives number and names from SAMRA ?

- Questions for SEAC 14th December to be sent to James Geoghegan by Friday 27th
- Question from member Michael Griffin, regarding SAMRA's position on support of Lord Mayor as being sufficiently independent. The Committee agreed with the concerns expressed but viewed this as a question to be dealt with more broadly in the following questions
- DCC Consultation Forum – key issues to be worked and routed via James Geoghegan for response :
 - What are the Terms of Reference ?
 - Who are the invited participants ?
 - Who will be convening it ?
 - Concern regarding the independence of the Chair
 - Report out after each meeting ?

Planning Update : N McElroy

- **Roslyn Park School**
 - Department of Education has been permitted to make a response by An Bord Pleanala, against the SAMRA submission. SAMRA has until 8th December to respond.
 - NMCE in discussion with Planning Consultants "Future Analytics" on their potential role and costs. Intention is to understand by Friday 27/11

Archiving - PJO

- Close out details to be worked across the sub-committee
- Assessment of Jessica Handy costs Action PJO
- Linkage to AVIVA funding grant Action DT

AGM Preparation

- Subscription Fees agreed to be revised to €40/30/10 for the categories of Family; Single; OAP
- Banner agreed in principle. 1st Draft requires modification : reduced picture size; Changed text; No Zoom link (to be provided on email request/invitation by mail shot) **DT**
- AGM Notification agreed subject to typo and subscription rate changes **DT**
- Christmas Letter and AGM invitation to be issued as a Mail Shot in December **DT/SH**

AOB

- Enquiry from South Inner City Adult Education Service (CDETB). Seeking support from local RAs. Seeking contact name for liaison. Email to be forwarded across the Committee for take-up

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: agreed Monday 7th December 7:30

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
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	Note sent 23 rd July awaiting JH response
Ongoing Actions			
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 NMcE	
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	Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..
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	Hon Sec -AVIVA Stadium Community Committee : "Fund has agreed to provisionally award you a grant of €2,300 towards IT project: database and archive. " 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
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"> 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

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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
Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)			
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