

WELCOME TO OUR EARLY SUMMER EDITION

Greetings from SAMRA – we hope that you and your families are well !

After a year of lock down, we do finally have a summer to look forward again and as vaccines are getting distributed, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter ! We also now have the long summer nights with us, even if it has been one of the coldest starts in memory. Despite that, our Village Green has become a great focus for the community as families re-emerge.



SAMRA has continued to meet virtually and in fact the committee has met regularly since last May 2020 using Zoom.

5 Year Planning

We flagged previously that we have taken opportunity to consider this and here's a brief summary so far :

SAMRA.....Looking to the Future

Established in 1963 SAMRA is Dublin's longest established residents' association, and it has played a significant role in the preservation of Sandymount village and its broad hinterland including the environs of Dublin Bay.

Over the past two years SAMRA has expanded its membership and accelerated its involvement in a variety of issues that are of significant concern to the residents of the Sandymount and Merrion Area.

To ensure the efficient functioning of SAMRA and its capacity to deliver meaningful results for its membership, we are currently expanding our sub-committee structure. Our goal is to increase focus on key areas and open out to involve more members, whilst endeavouring to keep it as simple as possible.

Proposed new subcommittee structure:

- Planning
- Community
- Environment
- Flood Risk
- Heritage Natural History
- Transport & Access (Cycle Route will be part of this)
- Membership
- PR
- Strategy

We are optimistic and excited about the future of SAMRA and the work ahead.

Sandymount is a very special and scenic location, set on the edge of Dublin Bay with its unique city Biosphere – the only City Biosphere worldwide.

SAMRA is committed to preserving and enhancing all that Sandymount has to offer.

You can help us!!!

If you wish to take a proactive role in SAMRA's work, through membership of one of our subcommittees, we invite you to email us at samracommittee@gmail.com , speak to any committee member or call David Turner directly 089 985 8666

SAMRA Updates

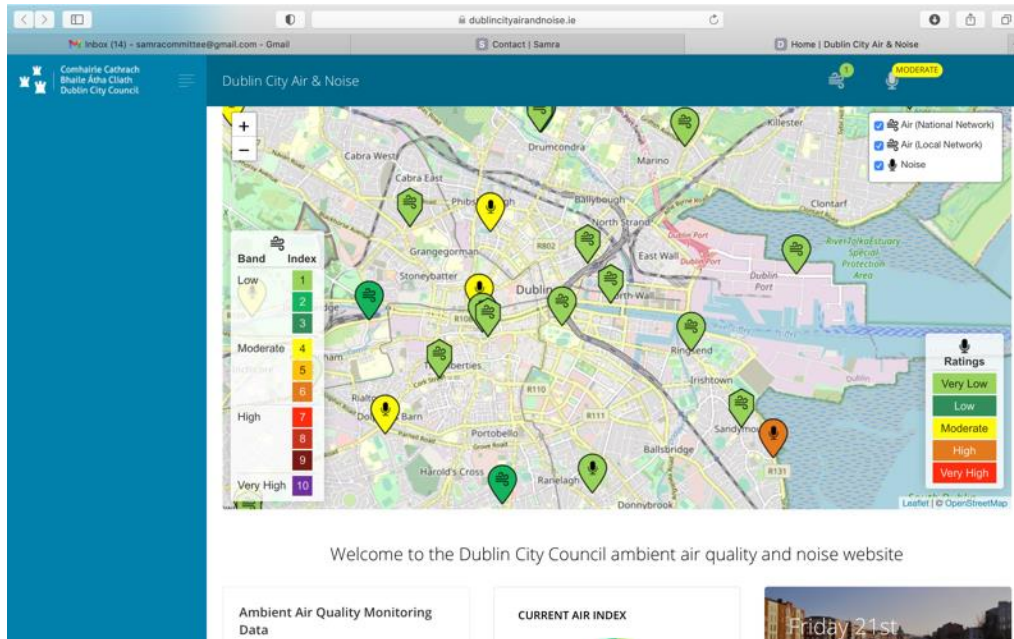
Further information can be accessed on the website, including the meeting minutes :

- **Committee vacancies** – we now have two important vacancies which we need to fill :
 - (1) SECRETARY
 - (2) TREASURER

Both of these roles are key to the efficient running of SAMRA and again, we would like to hear from you if you can help. Please email samracommittee@gmail.com or contact any Committee Member or the Chair directly 0899858666

- **Pedestrianisation Trial : Sandymount Green.** Following representation by SAMRA, DCC launched a Consultation process and we are awaiting to hear the outcome. The proposal is for a limited period trial, perceiving that this will have considerable overall public benefit.
- **Strand Cycle trial** remains on hold pending a High Court Hearing, set for 24th June
- **Dublin Waste to Energy Grant scheme** will be re-launched in September 2021, with opportunity for deserving local candidates
- **DCC Ambient Air Quality and Noise Website** - included again, for your personal monitoring as traffic patterns re-emerge. Please

access the live updates by clicking on this link :
<https://dublincityairandnoise.ie>



We do look forward to hearing from you.

In particular, from any members willing to step up and support the committee – and especially we need to close the roles of SECRETARY and TREASURER.

Best wishes for a long and Happy Summer !

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