

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 13th December 2021

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Lorna Kelly, Irene Duffy Lynch; Niall McElroy; Stephen Hurley; Liam Handy; Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer); Paddy Dunne; Margaret Brindley; Michael Duncan

Apologies: Mark Wheeler; PJ O’Gorman;

Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chair

- Introduction and “round-table” to New Committee Members. A warm welcome to Margaret Brindley and Michael Duncan

Membership Update

- Membership database has been brought up to date with recent auto-renewals and is now awaiting overview and rationalisation to the end November by Geraldine Walsh. Membership update report will be forwarded once received. **Action : DT**
- Paypal account unlocked with new signatory information and AIB formal confirmations. Funds transfer of €1,350 confirmed

Planning Update

- **New Planning Application** : application for 2 story apartments 173 Strand Road.
- **Dublin Port 3FM Project** :
 - <https://www.dublinport.ie/dublin-port-launches-3fm-project-poolbeg-peninsula/>
 - A zoom meeting has been set up with developer representative for Thursday 16th December. This is an informational meeting from which SAMRA will develop a position paper to be submitted by 31st December. **Action : TBA**
 - Previous historic information around the previous 2FM Projects was raised and discussed. Commentary has been inputted across the SAMRA committee which will be incorporated into the submission.
 - Meeting attendees : N McElroy; Karl Anderson (SAMRA member); D Turner; L Kelly
 - A Sub-Committee and Lead is expected to be required for this, to give future focus and representation from SAMRA **Action DT**
- **Pembroke Quarter** – no update available
- **Pedestrianisation Update** – following analysis of 643 responses the DCC report was discussed at the SEAC Meeting earlier in the day. No further information available.
<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/documents/s35054/Consultation%20report%20Sandymount%20village%20Final.pdf>

For Issue

- To convene a meeting to review and develop a SAMRA position **Action : SH**
- **Cycle Route Update** – Reported that the decision by the Court of Appeal has been deferred to June 2023.
- **Strand Road Traffic** – a report had been presented to the earlier SEAC meeting, which over-viewed the current status and discussed potential traffic management measures. No further information available at this time.

<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/documents/s35053/Traffic%20management%20measures%20for%20Strand%20Road.pdf>

- **City Development Plan** – no update available

Dublin Bay Bill

- The Committee was made aware of the draft Bill which is currently being progressed by TD Ivana Bacik. The Dublin Bay Bill 2021 was recently introduced to the Order Paper of the Dáil and endorsed. The overview of proceedings in the Dáil are to be found at this link [link](#). TD Bacik will be looking to work constructively with the Ministers for Environment and Climate, and Housing, Local Government and Heritage to see the Bill become law. If enacted, it will establish a new statutory body, the Dublin Bay Authority, which will be tasked with the preservation, conservation, and development for public amenity of the Bay.
- The next step is to bring this Bill forward for debate early in the New Year.
- It is considered that this Bill is likely to be a major step forwards towards protecting and preserving the Dublin Bay environs which has been accredited as a UNESCO Biosphere and appears to align well with the strategic objectives of SAMRA. There appears to be a major benefit to be derived from this cutting through the multiplicity of actions across many bodies as it stands at present.
- The request is for all on the Committee to consider their position, from which a formal SAMRA position will be developed.

Flood Risk Defences – Stephen/Niall/Dave (sub-committee)

- Posting to the website and communicating via the newsletter has been completed
- The next step is to share the DCC position paper with DCC, Irish Water, TDs, Councillors and other stakeholders, with the express purpose of expediting the forward phase 1 and 2 plans of defence works.

SAMRA Profile

- D4 News article to reach a wider audience **Action tba**
- Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board **Action DaveT / Mark Wheeler**

AGM Preparation

- Date was set for 24th January and to be run by Zoom, given pandemic status and need for certainty. To confirm availability for MC of Zoom process – Action SH

For Issue

- Presentation Pack **Action tba**
- Membership report update - in hand **Action DT**
- Financial statement update **Action JH**
- Publicity Banners – **Action DT**
- Invitees to include Councillors, TDs; AGS – **Action DT**
- Publicity via Social Media FB and Twitter – **Action : DT**
- Also to request Councillors for re-tweets : **Action DT**
- Publicity via D4 News : **Action DT**
- Church notices were proposed : **Action PD**
- Individual Committee position for 2022 – **Action : ALL to consider their position as per the emailed 3 questions responding back to Chair**

AOB :

- Overview of website update. A new look to the website was unveiled (Jeremy) which received wide committee support to progress further. Opportunity exists to develop further and potentially utilise at the AGM : **Action JH/DT/SH to discuss and meet with Geraldine Walsh as necessary**
- Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO **Action supported but post AGM2022**
- Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details : **ALL**

AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 10th January 2022

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	<p>AGM Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation Pack Action tba • Membership report update - in hand Action DT • Financial statement update Action JH • Publicity Banners – Action DT • Invitees to include Councillors, TDs; AGS – Action DT • Publicity via Social Media FB and Twitter – Action : DT • Also to request Councillors for re-tweets : Action DT • Publicity via D4 News : Action DT • Church notices were proposed : Action PD • Individual Committee position for 2022 – Action : ALL to consider their position as per the emailed 3 questions responding back to Chair 		
2.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
3.	Dublin Port 3FM - Response of Position Paper by 31 st December	Dave T/TBA	
4.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	

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5.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
6.	Circulation of Membership Report	Dave T	
7.	Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board	DaveT / Mark Wheeler	
8.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
9.	Dublin Port 3FM Major Infrastructure Project – SAMRA input by 31 st December	NMcE/	
10.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
11.	AGS – to with and coordinate a WhatsApp Group and find ways eg AGM / Newsletter exchanges to strengthen linkages to AGS	MW / DT	
12.	D4 Newsletter article	tba	
13.	Graphic for MACE Notice Board	DT	
14.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
Ongoing Actions			
15.	Merchants Archway – Planning Application	IDL	To review and recommend options available to SAMRA to support planning objection
16.	Cycle route	NMcE / DT	Write a position paper which addresses the Strand Road traffic whilst incorporating the Off-Road solution, combined with Flood Defence needs
17.	SAMRA Logo for use on letter heads – develop options around the Village green and circulate committee (8/12)	DT	Action transferred following EL departure from committee

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18.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
19.	Paypal Due-Dilligence	DT	Ongoing
20.	Comment on Strategy Sub-Committee Draft to PJ	ALL	
21.	CDP - Set up sub-committee	NMcE	
22.	Treasurer Handover Meeting	DT/JMcA/JH	Ongoing
23.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
24.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
25.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
26.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
27.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
28.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/Nmce	Pending High Court Decision
29.	SAMRA Strategy development	PJOG/ DT/EL	Ongoing sub-committee support
30.	Communication &Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
31.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
32.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
33.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.

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34.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
35.	Contact Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH / DT	Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..
Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)			
36.	Tesco development query	NMcE	
37.	Strategic Housing development (SHD) (08/12)	NMcE	Discussion concluded that SAMRA had concerns regarding SHD attitude to SDZs & ABP. This has been relayed verbally by LK and it is expected that ERA will update their document, re-forward and SAMRA will then formally endorse. PENDING
38.	PA – Sandymount Avenue	NmcE/EL/LK	With ABP – Monitor
39.	Summer social	tba	
40.	Climate Action Plan/Flood Risk Agenda Item to be set to establish SAMRA’s formal position to Professor Ray Bates work	DT	
41.	Pembroke Quarter	NMcE	Re-establish communication updates as a registered consultation member
42.	Dublin Development Planning Alliance	NMcE	Letter confirming SAMRA
43.	Flood Defence work and SAMRA’s position	NMcE/DT	Position Paper for SAMRA
44.	CGLC Grant candidates	DT/ALL	Eligible 27 th September – 31 st October
45.	Strand Beach Pollution Incident	SH	Response to DCC letter

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46.	Issue Membership Report dated 30 th June	DT	
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48.	Pedestrianisation Trial	DT	Update email to members
49.	Architectural Heritage – establish process for protecting	NMcE	
50.	Sandymount Beach Raw Sewage Beach Erosion – Letter to DCC requesting actions to resolve	DT	
51.	Ray Bates presentation to be forwarded across SAMRA Committee	DT	
52.	Weedkiller Useage - Letter to DCC	LK	
53.	Letter to DCC requesting addition cycle parking pods	DT	Completed
54.	Letter to DCC regarding incorporation of actions with regards to Pedestrianisation concerns	DT	Completed
55.	CDP – Red Lines to be drafted	LK	Completed
	City Development Plan – Early Engagement	NMcE/LK	Completed
56.	Membership Status	DT	To seek endorsement from SAMRA Committee for the Membership Rules and Protocol and seek active support for ongoing actions
57.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Draft letter for Observation – time barred – unable to address due to lack of resource
58.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Letter to EPA – time barred, unable to address due to lack of resource

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59.	Research upcoming Dublin City Development Plan to understand topics and timescales	EL	<p>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 <p>Phase 4 - Material amendments</p>
60.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	SH	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps
61.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	IDL	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action
62.	Treasurer Successor	DT	
63.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	JMcA	
64.	Membership Report - May	DT	
65.	Summer Newsletter	DT/EL/PJOG	
66.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	NmcE/EL/LK	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions
67.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	NME	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
68.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	DT/ALL	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
69.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	SH	RCVD & CLOSED
70.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	DT	

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71.	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. “
72.	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 CLOSED
73.	Cycle Route Survey Question to SAMRA Members – agreed in principle : Single Topic, Simple Question	NMcE	Survey question to be agreed : Proposed by email debate : Q)What is your position on the current DCC proposal for an on-road 2-way cycle route along Strand Rd ? A)Support / Oppose
74.	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
75.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	COMPLETED
76.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
77.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
78.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
79.	12 th Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
80.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
81.	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

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