

**Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)**  
**Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**Attendees:** David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Lorna Kelly, Irene Duffy Lynch; Mark Wheeler; PJ O’Gorman; Niall McElroy; Stephen Hurley; Liam Handy  
An Garde Siochana Irishtown Community Policing Unit p/t : Gardai Katie Sammon; Valerie Farrell

Apologies: Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer); Paddy Dunne

**Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chair**

**Recognition Moments**

- Congratulations to member Michael Sheary, BUJO Burgers who received an award from DCC in the business category for Environmental & Sustainability Initiative. He worked tirelessly to make the pedestrianisation trial a success and advised that the much needed 3 smart bins (heritage design) are now reported to be on order by DCC.
- Congratulations to Lorna Kelly after her <sup>\*\*th</sup> birthday and now recording more than 6 decades of support to SAMRA. The committee wanted to recognise this amazing milestone of commitment and support for the residential area.

**Pedestrianisation Trial Update –**

- DCC have advised (post meeting) that approximately 650 responses were received and are being analysed.

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

- SAMRA’s position paper has been finalised over the last month, based on the earlier draft and subsequently updated with various inputs and following a fact finding meeting with the DCC engineer.
- The Committee gave full support to this and to the sub-committee to move the necessary actions forwards, which include :
  - Sharing 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.
  - Posting to the website and communicating via the newsletter

**Community Police Update (Irishtown)**

- The meeting welcomed Gardai Katie Sammon and Valerie Farrell who provided an update following SAMRA’s expressed concern regarding 2x armed robberies and a spate of burglaries which have occurred recently in the Sandymount area. Progress is being made on the incidents and reassurance was given that increased surveillance and presence is now in operation in the area.
- It was agreed that SAMRA would work with AGS in coordination capacity to assist with set up of a WhatsApp communication channel with the local businesses **Action Mark Wheeler**

- Other useful discussion items and potential actions followed and it was agreed that following recent changes that it would be beneficial to restrengthen linkages and mutual sharing of newsletters. Note of the forthcoming AGM was discussed also where an invitation would be extended to Community Policing Unit Superintendent. **Action Dave T**

### **Planning** – Dave/All

- **Sandymount Avenue** : approval has been announced by ABP
- **Pembroke Quarter Development** : meeting to be set up with RGRE and Lioncor project developers representatives to start the engagement. \*Newsletter item. **Attendees : Niall/DaveT**
- **Dublin Port** – has today launched the 3FM Project for Poolbeg Peninsula, which will have major implications for the area. The project has now entered it's pre-planning stage with public consultation to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. SAMRA needs to engage with this **Action NMcE**
  - *How to take part in the conversation :*
  - *The next step in the planning stage of the project is the preparation of a detailed design and environmental analysis in advance of lodging a planning application in 2023. Before beginning this work in January 2022, Dublin Port Company is starting a conversation with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible, particularly local communities. All feedback and any ideas received by the end of December 2021 will help ensure that the 3FM Project is carefully and properly designed.*
  - <https://www.dublinport.ie/dublin-port-launches-3fm-project-poolbeg-peninsula/>
- **Dublin Demographic Planning Alliance** - SAMRA has joined this and attended the recent meeting and notes that ~200 re-zoning clarifications are being considered. This process is expected to extend to November 2022. **Action NMcE** to obtain the rezone listing from Local Councillors
- **City Development Plan** – 1st draft expected 25<sup>th</sup> November. Support to that review is needed from the Committee to enable a meaningful assessment and response. **Action NME.**
  - A newsletter item to seek support across SAMRA residents **Action Dave T**
- *It was noted by the Chair that there is a significant and increasing workload arising on Planning Matters and an increased support focus will be required here for a meaningful response to be possible . Action DT/NMcE to continue to look at options*

### **SAMRA Profile**

Following on from concerns with regards to SAMRA's profile and engagement with the local community, the challenge was discussed at length. SAMRA wants to expand it's membership recognising that there is currently only ~10% penetration.

The following practical measures were agreed :

- Winter newsletter gathering a status update **Action DaveT**
- D4 News article to reach a wider audience **Action tba**

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- Strategy and Sub-Committee previously agreed approach to be launched **Action PJOG**
- Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board **Action DaveT / Mark Wheeler**

### **AGM Preparation**

- Target date of 24<sup>th</sup> January – but potential for extension, if Face to Face becomes possible
- Presentation Pack
- Membership report update
- Financial statement update
- Publicity Banners
- Retain flexibility for Face to Face or Zoom
- Individual Committee position for 2022 – **Action : ALL to consider their position and advise Chair**

### **AOB :**

- Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details

**AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

## SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
<b>New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting</b>			
1.	Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board	DaveT / Mark Wheeler	
2.	Strategy and Sub-Committee previously agreed approach to be launched	<b>PJOG</b>	
3.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	<b>DT</b>	
4.	Dublin Port 3FM Major Infrastructure Project – SAMRA input by 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>NMcE/</b>	
5.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	<b>NMcE</b>	
6.	AGS – to with and coordinate a WhatsApp Group and find ways eg AGM / Newsletter exchanges to strengthen linkages to AGS	<b>MW / DT</b>	
7.	Winter Newsletter	<b>DT</b>	
8.	D4 Newsletter article	<b>tba</b>	
9.	Graphic for MACE Notice Board	<b>DT</b>	
10.	AGM	<b>DT/All</b>	Prepare invitation for 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec CM
11.	NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER options	<b>ALL</b>	
12.	Merchants Archway – Planning Application	<b>IDL</b>	To review and recommend options available to SAMRA to support planning objection
13.	Architectural Heritage	<b>NMcE</b>	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
<b>Ongoing Actions</b>			

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14.	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
15.	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
16.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
17.	Paypal Due-Dilligence	DT	Ongoing
18.	Comment on Strategy Sub-Committee Draft to PJ	ALL	
19.	CDP - Set up sub-committee	NMcE	
20.	Treasurer Handover Meeting	DT/JMcA/JH	Ongoing
21.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
22.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
23.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
24.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
25.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
26.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
27.	SAMRA Strategy development	PJOG/ DT/EL	Ongoing sub-committee support
28.	Communication &Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item

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29.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
30.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
31.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
32.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
33.	Contact Martello Tower owner to explore future plans	SH / DT	Outstanding action, awaiting progress report from Councillors..
<b>Completed Actions (to be refreshed and deleted monthly)</b>			
34.	Tesco development query	NMcE	
35.	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
36.	PA – Sandymount Avenue	NmcE/EL/LK	With ABP – Monitor
37.	Summer social	tba	
38.	Climate Action Plan/Flood Risk Agenda Item to be set to establish SAMRA’s formal position to Professor Ray Bates work	DT	
39.	Pembroke Quarter	NMcE	Re-establish communication updates as a registered consultation member

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40.	Dublin Development Planning Alliance	<b>NMcE</b>	Letter confirming SAMRA
41.	Flood Defence work and SAMRA's position	<b>NMcE/DT</b>	Position Paper for SAMRA
42.	CGLC Grant candidates	<b>DT/ALL</b>	Eligible 27 <sup>th</sup> September – 31 <sup>st</sup> October
43.	Strand Beach Pollution Incident	<b>SH</b>	Response to DCC letter
44.	Issue Membership Report dated 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>DT</b>	
45.	Issue Membership Report dated 30 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>DT</b>	
46.	Pedestrianisation Trial	<b>DT</b>	Update email to members
47.	Architectural Heritage – establish process for protecting	<b>NMcE</b>	
48.	Sandymount Beach Raw Sewage Beach Erosion – Letter to DCC requesting actions to resolve	<b>DT</b>	
49.	Ray Bates presentation to be forwarded across SAMRA Committee	<b>DT</b>	
50.	Weedkiller Useage - Letter to DCC	<b>LK</b>	
51.	Letter to DCC requesting addition cycle parking pods	<b>DT</b>	Completed
52.	Letter to DCC regarding incorporation of actions with regards to Pedestrianisation concerns	<b>DT</b>	Completed
53.	CDP – Red Lines to be drafted	<b>LK</b>	Completed
	City Development Plan – Early Engagement	<b>NMcE/LK</b>	Completed

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54.	Membership Status	<b>DT</b>	To seek endorsement from SAMRA Committee for the Membership Rules and Protocol and seek active support for ongoing actions
55.	PA – Incinerator	<b>DT</b>	Draft letter for Observation – time barred – unable to address due to lack of resource
56.	PA – Incinerator	<b>DT</b>	Letter to EPA – time barred, unable to address due to lack of resource
57.	Research upcoming Dublin City Development Plan to understand topics and timescales	<b>EL</b>	<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"> <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> <p>Phase 4 - Material amendments</p>
58.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	<b>SH</b>	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps
59.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	<b>IDL</b>	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action
60.	Treasurer Successor	<b>DT</b>	
61.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	<b>JMcA</b>	
62.	Membership Report - May	<b>DT</b>	
63.	Summer Newsletter	<b>DT/EL/PJOG</b>	
64.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	<b>NmcE/EL/LK</b>	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions



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65.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	NME	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
66.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	DT/ALL	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
67.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	SH	RCVD & CLOSED
68.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	DT	
69.	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. “
70.	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
71.	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
72.	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
73.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	COMPLETED
74.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
75.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item

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76.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
77.	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
78.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
79.	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