

**Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)**  
**Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**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; Mark Wheeler; PJ O’Gorman; Deirdre Turner (Observation for her Business Study)

Apologies: None

**Welcome and Agenda Overview - Chair**

**Membership Update**

- Overview of status as of 14<sup>th</sup> December following formal update by Geraldine Walsh
  - 190 Paid Up Members
  - 372 across the full database of ALL categories
  - 100 – yet to sign up
  - 99% on-line (Pay-pal) process is now being followed
- Difficulties being experienced
  - Large number of members still renewing through auto-pay at the pre-2021 “rates”
- **ACTIONS**
  - Clean-up of categories : **Action - DaveT/Joan McA**
  - Re-publicise at the next AGM

**Planning Update : NMCE**

- **City Development Plan** – now at 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of Public Consultation, 1<sup>st</sup> Draft stage
  - <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028>
  - Submission has to be made by 14<sup>th</sup> February
  - The challenge and approach was outlined to coordinate groups per CDP Chapter (10 off chapters) and extract the hi-level commentary to be submitted. Overall coordination will be by Niall but initial outline groups were agreed to be :
    - Chapter 11 – “Heritage and Archeology” : (Lorna Kelly and Joan McArthur)
    - Chapter 12 – “Culture” : Irene Duffy Lynch
    - Chapter 10 – “Green Infrastructure & Recreation” : Jeremy Humphries
    - Chapter 9 – “Sustainable Infrastructure, Energy and Flood Risk Management” : Stephen Hurley and Jeremy Humphries
  - It was recognised that subsequent full engagement will be required with Pembroke Councillors who are required to give approval to the CDP by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022
  - Actions : **Working Groups to meet coordinated by NMCE**

**Dublin Port 3FM Project :**

- <https://www.dublinport.ie/dublin-port-launches-3fm-project-poolbeg-peninsula/>

## For Issue

- Following a meeting with DPC on 16<sup>th</sup> December, a SAMRA position paper was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> December (pre-planning consultation), to CEO Eamon O'Reilly, copied to Dublin South TDs, Pembroke Councillors, all SAMRA residents and posted to the SAMRA website.
- Positive responses have been received from many residents and acknowledgement replies from Ivana Bacik and Dermot Lacey.
- Consideration will be given to media escalation by the end of January.
- **A thank you to all contributors given the very tight deadline in the midst of the Christmas/New Year holiday period.**

### **Strand Road Traffic – DT**

- Further to the report presented at the December SEAC meeting  
<https://councilmeetings.dublincity.ie/documents/s35053/Traffic%20management%20measures%20for%20Strand%20Road.pdf>
- SAMRA has been advised by DCC that there are a number of traffic management measures which are now being implemented
- It was agreed that details are to be requested from DCC **Action : DT**

### **Committee/Sub-Committee Structure for 2022 Forwards : PJOG/DT**

- In May 2021, we looked at our organisation and agreed the need for a sub-committee structure to make the work of the main committee more manageable - and enable more people to come on board to take a devolved share of the workload. This work was led by PJ supported by a sub-committee of 2.
- We agreed for this to be implemented at the appropriate time with the clarity to simplify the way of working. With the number of new developments, it has been judged to start this implementation January 2022 onwards. This is building on evolved changes already in place.
  - Planning & Development – **NMcE/LK/???**
  - Flood Risk – **SH /NMcE/ DT**
  - Heritage & Natural History – **(To be discussed) / LK**
  - Safety, Transport & Access – **DT / IDL**
  - Membership / PR / Secretarial – **DT / ??? / MW /**
  - Environment & Climate Change – **Tba / SH/ JH / MD**
  - Community – **Tba / ???**
  - Strategy (to run until change embedded) – **PJOG / DT**
- It is recognised that additional people are required and the recruitment drive which is having success will continue. Until that point, the above gaps will continue to be covered in the interim by ongoing appropriate temporary measures.
- It was noted that in order to cover the wider agenda of items, there will be a greater focus on endorsement/recommendation at the main committee, with a greater level of delegation permitted to the working groups. This in turn will enable key topics to be worked at a greater level of detail by the working groups
- This approach was fully endorsed by the Committee
- **REQUEST** : ALL to consider reaching out to targeted SAMRA residents for assistance to Working Groups

### **AGM Update**

- The previous tentative date of 24<sup>th</sup> January has been postponed as the prospect of a Face to Face is starting to emerge, which is considered will be beneficial to SAMRA, if possible, with no immediate urgent need to hold the AGM
- Availability as MC IF by Zoom process – confirmed SH
- 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 :**

- Request recirculation of Pedestrianisation report Action DT

*Deirdre offered the Committee a thank you for the opportunity to observe the meeting, which had proved to be really helpful to her. Post meeting, she had some ideas and offered some observations around the use of Revolut as a potential means for simplifying membership payment and also suggested the possibility of Instagram as a means of making good connection to a greater number of the community. To be discussed, when the committee considers the media and communications update in the near future. Thank-you for that to Deirdre.*

**AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**SAMRA Actions Log**

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
<b>New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting</b>			
1.	Membership report – clean up of listing	DT/JMcA	
2.	CDP Working Groups Coordination	NMcE + Members	
3.	Strand Road Traffic Calming - request details from DCC	DT	
4.	Recirculation of Pedestrianisation report	DT	
<b>Ongoing Actions</b>			
5.	<p>AGM Prep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Pack <b>Action tba</b></li> <li>• Membership report update - in hand <b>Action DT</b></li> <li>• Financial statement update <b>Action JH</b></li> <li>• Publicity Banners – <b>Action DT</b></li> <li>• Invitees to include Councillors, TDs; <b>AGS – Action DT</b></li> <li>• Publicity via Social Media FB and Twitter – <b>Action : DT</b></li> <li>• Also to request Councillors for re-tweets : <b>Action DT</b></li> <li>• Publicity via D4 News : <b>Action DT</b></li> <li>• Church notices were proposed : <b>Action PD</b></li> <li>• Individual Committee position for 2022 – <b>Action : ALL to consider their</b></li> </ul>		

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	<b>position as per the emailed 3 questions responding back to Chair</b>		
6.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
7.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
8.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
9.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	<b>DT</b>	
10.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	<b>NMcE</b>	
11.	D4 Newsletter article	<b>tba</b>	
12.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO <b>Action supported but post AGM2022</b>	<b>tba</b>	
13.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	<b>ALL</b>	
14.	Architectural Heritage	<b>NMcE</b>	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
15.	Merchants Archway – Planning Application	<b>IDL</b>	To review and recommend options available to SAMRA to support planning objection

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16.	Cycle route	<b>NMcE / DT</b>	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)	<b>DT</b>	Action transferred following EL departure from committee
18.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	<b>NMcE</b>	
19.	Membership Data Gaps	<b>JMcA/DT</b>	
20.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	<b>LK</b>	Will request support if needed in drafting
21.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	<b>DT/NMcE</b>	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
22.	PA – YMCA sale application	<b>NMcE/EL/LK</b>	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
23.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	<b>DT</b>	Ongoing
24.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	<b>DT/NmcE</b>	Pending High Court Decision
25.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	<b>DT/ALL</b>	Agenda item
26.	Constitution Update (09/11)	<b>DT/ALL</b>	Agenda item
27.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	<b>LK/EL</b>	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
28.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	<b>DT / local councillors</b>	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
29.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	<b>TBC</b>	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report

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30.	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>			
31.	SAMRA Strategy development	PJOG/ DT/EL	Ongoing sub-committee support
32.	Paypal Due-Dilligence	DT	Ongoing
33.	Comment on Strategy Sub-Committee Draft to PJ	ALL	
34.	CDP - Set up sub-committee	NMCE	
35.	Treasurer Handover Meeting	DT/JMcA/JH	Ongoing
36.	Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board	DaveT / Mark Wheeler	
37.	Dublin Port 3FM Major Infrastructure Project – SAMRA input by 31 <sup>st</sup> December	NMCE/	
38.	AGS – to with and coordinate a WhatsApp Group and find ways eg AGM / Newsletter exchanges to strengthen linkages to AGS	MW / DT	
39.	Circulation of Membership Report	Dave T	
	Dublin Port 3FM - Response of Position Paper by 31st December	Dave T/TBA	
40.	Tesco development query	NMCE	
41.	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.

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			PENDING
42.	PA – Sandymount Avenue	NmcE/EL/LK	With ABP – Monitor
43.	Summer social	tba	
44.	Climate Action Plan/Flood Risk Agenda Item to be set to establish SAMRA’s formal position to Professor Ray Bates work	DT	
45.	Pembroke Quarter	NMcE	Re-establish communication updates as a registered consultation member
46.	Dublin Development Planning Alliance	NMcE	Letter confirming SAMRA
47.	Flood Defence work and SAMRA’s position	NMcE/DT	Position Paper for SAMRA
48.	CGLC Grant candidates	DT/ALL	Eligible 27 <sup>th</sup> September – 31 <sup>st</sup> October
49.	Strand Beach Pollution Incident	SH	Response to DCC letter
50.	Issue Membership Report dated 30 <sup>th</sup> June	DT	
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52.	Pedestrianisation Trial	DT	Update email to members
53.	Architectural Heritage – establish process for protecting	NMcE	
54.	Sandymount Beach Raw Sewage Beach Erosion – Letter to DCC requesting actions to resolve	DT	
55.	Ray Bates presentation to be forwarded across SAMRA Committee	DT	



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56.	Weedkiller Useage - Letter to DCC	<b>LK</b>	
57.	Letter to DCC requesting addition cycle parking pods	<b>DT</b>	Completed
58.	Letter to DCC regarding incorporation of actions with regards to Pedestrianisation concerns	<b>DT</b>	Completed
59.	CDP – Red Lines to be drafted	<b>LK</b>	Completed
	City Development Plan – Early Engagement	NMcE/LK	Completed
60.	Membership Status	<b>DT</b>	To seek endorsement from SAMRA Committee for the Membership Rules and Protocol and seek active support for ongoing actions
61.	PA – Incinerator	<b>DT</b>	Draft letter for Observation – time barred – unable to address due to lack of resource
62.	PA – Incinerator	<b>DT</b>	Letter to EPA – time barred, unable to address due to lack of resource
63.	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"> <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>
64.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	<b>SH</b>	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps

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65.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	<b>IDL</b>	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action
66.	Treasurer Successor	<b>DT</b>	
67.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	<b>JMcA</b>	
68.	Membership Report - May	<b>DT</b>	
69.	Summer Newsletter	<b>DT/EL/PJOG</b>	
70.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	<b>NmcE/EL/LK</b>	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions
71.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	<b>NME</b>	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
72.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	<b>DT/ALL</b>	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
73.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	<b>SH</b>	RCVD & CLOSED
74.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	<b>DT</b>	
75.	Clarify status on AVIVA grant and potential SAMRA alternative funding needs (09/11)	<b>DT</b>	Hon Sec -AVIVA Stadium Community Committee : “Fund has agreed to provisionally award you a grant of €2,300 towards IT project: database and archive. “
76.	Push for container removal on Sandymount Strand, improve general state of disrepair of promenade	<b>DT</b>	Covered in detail with pictorial evidence Councillors meeting in September 2019 CLOSED
77.	Cycle Route Survey Question to SAMRA Members – agreed in principle : Single Topic, Simple Question	<b>NMcE</b>	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

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78.	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
79.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	COMPLETED
80.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
81.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
82.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
83.	12 <sup>th</sup> Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
84.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
85.	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