

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 7th February 2022

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Lorna Kelly, Irene Duffy Lynch; Niall McElroy; Liam Handy; Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer); Paddy Dunne; Margaret Brindley; Michael Duncan; Mark Wheeler; PJ O’Gorman; Karl Anderson

Apologies: Stephen Hurley

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

- Welcome to Dr Karl Anderson, joining the SAMRA Committee and a special thankyou to him for the contributions to the Dublin Port 3FM submission made on 31st December, by SAMRA.

Treasurer Update - deferred

Planning Update : NMCE

- **City Development Plan (CDP)** – now at 2nd stage of Public Consultation, 1st Draft stage
 - <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/planning/strategic-planning/dublin-city-development-plan/development-plan-2022-2028>
 - **SAMRA Response** – Niall McElroy
 - Following contributions from across the committee a draft response had been prepared and circulated across the Committee prior to the meeting. Since that point a Forward had been added and an Appendix consisting of the Dublin 3FM submission.
 - The document is a comprehensive of all of the inputs received, interpreted back to refer to the various chapters of the CDP.
 - This meeting was primarily dedicated to review and endorsement of the CDP response document focussing through the Forward section, which was discussed in detail.
 - Adjustments were agreed to be required to summary sections :
 - **Pedestrianisation** – to reflect the breadth of discussion. Many new ideas were floated. It was agreed that this is complex, the DCC consultation report after the trial was comprehensive and instructive but that the optimum solution requires more working and in conjunction with DCC to deliver a plan which can not only deliver the immediate needs but also be a pathway to what has to be a different vision for the future. It also needs to be an integrated part of the village plan.
 - **Flood Risk** – more expansion to be brought from rear pages to the Forward
 - Phase 2 status to be taken off-line for detailed discussion
 - **Sustainable Movement Traffic & Transport** –
 - addition of Enforcement/Compliance wrt to speed/HGV ban

For Issue

- Bus Connect / Dart + - impact commentary to be added
 - LUAS extension to Pembroke Quarter – to be added
 - **Poolbeg Peninsula** – SAMRA position paragraph to be cut and pasted to the Forward
 - **Environment** – currently silent on Dredging and a piece to be added
 - **Zoning** – to be added to the Forward
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- **AGM Update** - Target date – APRIL 25th by when it is hoped a face to face may be possible

PENDING

- *The previous tentative date of 24th 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 :

- **AVIVA Community Fund initiative** – close 31st March. If anyone on the Committee has a candidate for funding please advise. SAMRA has previously been successful. AVIVA protocol to be followed
- **Utilisation of the Green SAMRA Notice Board** – to reflect the information provided onto the MACE Electronic Notice Board : **Action tba**
- **Community Day** : to be set and resurrected **Action JMCA ++**
- **Dublin Port 3FM Boat Tour** : 8th March : response with interested attendees
DT/LK/KA/NMcE **Action : DT**
- **Sean Moore Community Awards** : re-set for 22nd March 8pm Clanna Gael Fontenoy Club, Lord Mayor Allison Gilliland - 4 tickets received, **Confirmations by DT/JMCA/PD/ ++**; pls advise if interested (Dermot Lacey 087 2646 960 Or dermot.lacey@labour.ie)
- **Public Liability Insurance** – previously paid by TT. Action to resolve for the future DT /PD/JMCA

AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th March 2022

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	Pedestrianisation	DT/SH	Working Group to develop a formula in conjunction with DCC for the optimum way forward, based on Trial, DCC Report and Consultation
2.	CDP Completion	NMcE + DT	Adjustments and Submission
3.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
4.	Community Day	JMcA +	
5.	Dublin Port 3FM Boat Tour	DT	
6.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT	
7.	Sean Moore Awards attendance	DT	
8.	Membership report – clean up of listing	DT/JMcA	
9.	Public Liability Insurance	PD	
Ongoing Actions			
10.	AGM Prep <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 		

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11.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
12.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
13.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
14.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
15.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
16.	D4 Newsletter article	tba	
17.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	

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18.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
19.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
20.	Merchants Archway – Planning Application	IDL	To review and recommend options available to SAMRA to support planning objection
21.	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
22.	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
23.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
24.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	
25.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
26.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
27.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
28.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
29.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
30.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
31.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item

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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.
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.	Recirculation of Pedestrianisation report	DT	
37.	Strand Road Traffic Calming - request details from DCC	DT	
38.	CDP Working Groups Coordination	NMcE + Members	
39.	SAMRA Strategy development	PJOG/ DT/EL	Ongoing sub-committee support
40.	Paypal Due-Dilligence	DT	Ongoing
41.	Comment on Strategy Sub-Committee Draft to PJ	ALL	
42.	CDP - Set up sub-committee	NMcE	
43.	Treasurer Handover Meeting	DT/JMcA/JH	Ongoing
44.	Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board	DaveT / Mark Wheeler	
45.	Dublin Port 3FM Major Infrastructure Project – SAMRA input by 31 st December	NMcE/	

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46.	AGS – to with and coordinate a WhatsApp Group and find ways eg AGM / Newsletter exchanges to strengthen linkages to AGS	MW / DT	
47.	Circulation of Membership Report	Dave T	
	Dublin Port 3FM - Response of Position Paper by 31st December	Dave T/TBA	
48.	Tesco development query	NMcE	
49.	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
50.	PA – Sandymount Avenue	NmcE/EL/LK	With ABP – Monitor
51.	Summer social	tba	
52.	Climate Action Plan/Flood Risk Agenda Item to be set to establish SAMRA’s formal position to Professor Ray Bates work	DT	
53.	Pembroke Quarter	NMcE	Re-establish communication updates as a registered consultation member
54.	Dublin Development Planning Alliance	NMcE	Letter confirming SAMRA
55.	Flood Defence work and SAMRA’s position	NMcE/DT	Position Paper for SAMRA
56.	CGLC Grant candidates	DT/ALL	Eligible 27 th September – 31 st October
57.	Strand Beach Pollution Incident	SH	Response to DCC letter

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

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71.	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>
72.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	SH	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps
73.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	IDL	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action
74.	Treasurer Successor	DT	
75.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	JMcA	
76.	Membership Report - May	DT	
77.	Summer Newsletter	DT/EL/PJOG	
78.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	NmcE/EL/LK	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions
79.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	NME	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
80.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	DT/ALL	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
81.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	SH	RCVD & CLOSED
82.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	DT	

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83.	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. “
84.	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
85.	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
86.	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
87.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	COMPLETED
88.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
89.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
90.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
91.	12 th Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
92.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
93.	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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