

Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 4th April 2022

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Niall McElroy; Liam Handy; PJ O’Gorman; Irene Duffy Lynch; Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer) (Zoom); Kristin Hadfield (Zoom); Margaret Brindley;

Apologies: Karl Anderson; Stephen Hurley; Lorna Kelly; Michael Duncan; Mark Wheeler; Paddy Dunne;

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

- Welcome to Dr Kristin Hadfield, joining the SAMRA Committee for the first time – joined by Zoom and also a welcome to Margaret at her first face to face meeting
- The Committee offered Joan McArthur well deserved congratulations for her recent award of a Sean Moore Award made by DCC Lord Mayor for her long standing commitment to SAMRA.
- Also, at the same ceremony, delayed for 2 years due to Covid, the SAMRA prerogative to nominate and make the Jack Torpay award was finally achieved and made to Sandymount Tidy Towns Community Association (STTCA). (Thank you Joan for doing such a splendid job of delivering that) This had been a well-kept secret, despite the delay and was in recognition of the outstanding work that STTCA do year round in keeping the village centre in such outstanding condition. Maxine Pilkington and Mary Ryan recorded their surprise, delight and thanks to all on the SAMRA Committee, from all on the STTCA Committee. *(Ref to Appendix for the background to the JT Award)*

AGM PREPARATION

- **AGM Preparation –**
 - Date now confirmed for 25th April by Face to Face
 - Sandymount Hotel confirmed
 - The AGM “DESK OFFICER” – **Action Karl Anderson**
 - Invitations have been made to Councillors, TDs; An Garde Siochana Community Guards; Tidy Towns. Confirmations being received.
 - Publicity Bulletin to be issued (D4; Irish Times, II etc) : **Action Karl Anderson**
 - Photographer – **Action Karl Anderson**
 - Publicity via Church Notices – **Action Paddy Dunne**
 - Publicity Graphic has been produced for local shop windows
 - Request for Councillor re-tweets **Action DT**
 - Flyer to be updated for email issue to SAMRA members **Action : DT**
 - Banners for Village Green completed and installed at the Green AND Martello Tower
 - Use the opportunity to publicise future Social Events eg FUN DAY **Action ALL**
 - AGM Presentation Pack draft to be prepared and circulated for input **Action DT + SH**
 - AGM presentation pack to be developed based on Sub-Committee Areas with visual material to support speaker notes **Action Sub-Committee Leads**
- **AGM Prep Update Notes (04/04) :**
 - SAMRA 60th Anniversary with a “Founder Member” – a big ONE-OFF occasion,
 - Cake, Flowers; Picture Collage page, pictures ?? **Action DT**
 - Financial Statement Update – **Action JH** (Set to 18 months 31/03/2022 – v 12 months - as being the easiest course of action and acceptable wrt to SAMRA Constitution, under the abnormal Covid circumstances)

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- Make sure that we are clear what SAMRA wants from the AGM – PJOG
- Utilise the “Forward” in the SAMRA response to the CDP as a key INPUT to the AGM pack - NMcE
- Consider having a leaflet handout at the AGM reception desk : **Action Karl A**
- Assistant needed for the Reception Desk (recording of names and details); possibility of a contactless payment mechanism ?? **Action DT/KA** – to discuss
- Request approval by AGM for a Committee increase from 15 to 25 – to create space for the expanded work fronts and gaps within the Sub-Committees **Action DT**
- Facilities needed at the Hotel : Roving Microphone; Flip Charts x 2; Screen Projector **Action : DT**
- AGM Layout : Top Table : Focus down the number of presenters to DT/SH / ?? with the rest of the Committee on the front row ready and able to provide specialist input and do Q and As.

BY SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Sub-Committee – Coordinator tba

- **Community FUN DAY -**
 - SAMRA Project Manager confirmed to be Margaret Brindley, who is about to move into action, in support by Joan and other to be confirmed nominees. Offered to date : Liam Handy; Stephen Hurley; Paddy Dunne; Kristen Hadfield; Mark Wheeler)
 - 22nd May 2-5pm has been booked with DCC Parks Department
 - Stage, Sound System, Generator, Gazebo 3x3m all booked
 - Arrangements to date :
 - Timetable draft (Joan MacArthur)
 - 2pm Music (SAMRA to arrange)
 - 2:45pm “Paw Patrol Dance Off” on stage (3 songs) with Jack Flash as MC for their performance only. “Brilliant Promotions” to provide the 3 songs
 - 3:05pm “Jack Flash” Magic Show on stage
 - Announcements to follow on races from stage,
 - Prize Giving + Music (SAMRA to finalise ACTS and timings)
 - Pat Hollingsworth & James from “PH Sound Systems – 086 259 0601 /pat@thesoundco.ie
 - Park gates open by 11:00am for PH Sound Systems to enter and load
 - DCC Assistant Area Community Officer – Ronan O’Donnell; 01 222 3726; ronan.odonnell@dublincity.ie
 - 3rd Party Liability Insurance for SAMRA to be arranged. Previously paid by TT and now to resolved for the future **Action Margaret Brindley / Paddy Dunne**

Planning & Development Update : NMcE

- **Sandymount Avenue Apartments –**
 - SAMRA Submission of objection made and formal acknowledgement received from DCC
- **SDZ Boundaries**
 - Letter requesting clarification with respect to boundaries of the Nature Reserve and EU Habitats Directive has been sent to EPA, the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Acknowledgement has been received.

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- **Glass Bottle Site –**
 - Phase 1 plans (600 units) have received formal approval

- **Dublin Port 3FM Expansion Plans -**
 - Further to SAMRA's submission to CEO Dublin Port 31st December, only an acknowledgement of receipt has been made from the administrator. There has been **NO RESPONSE**
 - Lobbying continues with Irish Times etc – **Action Karl A**
 - The previously postponed Boat Tour (adverse weather) has been re-set to Wednesday 13th April. **Action ALL interested parties to reply directly as per :**
 - *Dublin Port Company would like to invite members from SAMRA to a one-hour guided tour of Dublin Port to meet with the 3FM Project Team, on board the St. Bridget, on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 1430.*
 - *Whilst on board the St. Bridget please adhere to any COVID restrictions.*
 - *The tour will depart from Berth 18 (see attached map) beside the Tom Clarke Bridge (East Link). The Red Line Luas Point Village stop is a 2 /3 minute walk to Berth 18. Parking (if required) can be made available at Dublin Port Company's head office, Port Centre, Alexandra Road, D01 H4C6, (approx. 8 minutes' walk to / from the berth). Please indicate if you require parking. Walking from O'Connell bridge will take approximately 30mins.*
 - *Please confirm if you wish to attend the tour by **Monday 11th April 2022** by emailing 3fm@dublinport.ie*
 - *Further information on the 3FM Project is available on www.dublinport3fm.ie NOTED ATTENDEES TO DATE : Lorna Kelly; Karl Anderson; Niall McElroy; Irene Duffy Lynch; Margaret Brindley **Action DT to forward to DPC, all others or changes to be direct to DPC***

Flood Risk Sub-Committee : SH

- Formal Letter has been sent to DCC :
 - Requesting expediting of the Phase 1 works
 - Requesting DCC to respond to the serious Public Health Hazard or raw sewage which occurs at each and every overflow event onto Sandymount Beach. The request is for DCC to facilitate a clean up on a limited area of affected beach 60x30 metres from the outfall with appropriate public health signage
 - An acknowledgement has been returned by DCC CEO PA – but **NO REPLY** has been received as yet

Transport and Access Sub-Committee – DT

- **Pedestrianisation –**
 - SAMRA has offered to continue to work a collaboration with DCC to further improve what can be achieved

- **Strand Road Traffic –**
 - Despite the Strand Road traffic speed ramp controls and 24 hour HGV 5 axle ban, HGVs have returned in major numbers due to non-prosecution. Numerous letters of complaint received. Letter required to DCC and Councillors **Action : DT**

Heritage & Natural History Sub-Committee – No report available

Membership / PR/ Media /Secretarial Sub Committee – DT

- Discussion of need to separate Membership from within this arrangement, to increase the available focus, with PJOG offering to take Coordination of Membership, forward. ACCEPTED
- Liam Handy offered to support the Membership Sub-Committee ACCEPTED
- There was no update of Membership data available at this meeting but will be provided for the AGM

Environment Sub-Committee – No Report Available

- Jeremy Humphries offered to take a future Coordinator role. ACCEPTED and Sub-Committee proforma to be updated.
- Proposed that additional odour sensors are required to provide the objective data needed for future actions to combat the regular odours and emissions believed to be coming from the Raw Sewage treatment plant **Action : Future Agenda Item JH**

AOB

- **AVIVA Community Fund** –entry was made by Mark Wheeler v Community Fun Day Expenses
- **Illegal Parking on pavements** - was raised by Kirsten as a serious issue to be considered owing to the number of Sandymount pavements which are currently impassable to pedestrians and wheelchair users.
- This is now becoming a National issue and the 24th September is now set :”**About Make Way Day**” As a post meeting note :
 - *One possibility for addressing the footpath parking would be to highlight the Disability Federation of Ireland and their work with Make Way Day (<https://www.makewayday.com/about/>) and other activities surrounding footpath parking. The high levels of footpath parking affect all Sandymount residents who walk, but particularly those with mobility issues, those pushing buggies, etc. If we don't want to alienate people parking illegally and antisocially on the footpath, perhaps just mentioning at the AGM that there are activities going on around Ireland and in Dublin to address this issue would be a 'light-touch' way to start. **Action : Future Agenda Item DT***
- Consideration proposed (Kristin) to survey sampling SAMRA members ahead of AGM. **Action DT to follow-up with Kristin**
- **Post Meeting Action ALL Committee** : to consider and test the following draft survey and respond back

▪ https://tcdecon.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5vYshulpHFCzcLI

AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th May 2022

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APPENDIX

WHO WAS JACK TORPAY

- The late Jack Torpay was a founding member of SAMRA 60 years ago !
- He Championed the call "Save our Strand" - which is as relevant today as it was then
- He was elected to Dublin City Council on that issue in 1967 and made many positive impacts

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING THE AWARD

- SAMRA have been given the privilege of making the award in Jack Torpay's memory
- It is a special award and was first awarded in 2017
- The criteria for receiving the award is for long standing service and support for the community
- SAMRA Committee offered nominations for this award 2 years ago for 2019 BUT it was deferred due to Covid until now

HISTORY OF THE AWARD

- The award has always previously been made to individuals but on this occasion there was an overwhelming argument for it to be made to an organisation

SELECTION OF WINNING NOMINATION 2019

- They are entirely voluntary
- They are understated and quire unrecognised for the work that they do
- They continuously carry out the work of beautifying Sandymount Village Centre
- Bedding plants, Leaf Clearing Litter clearing, drain unblocking etc etc
- The work that you see is supported by DCC but Sandymount Tidy Towns are responsible and the hand behind getting it done
- We are all very grateful to them for their hard unstinting work over many years

WHO WON IT IN 2022 ??

SANDYMOUNT TIDY TOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	Follow-up on possibility of Survey Sampling ahead of AGM	DT/KH	
2.	Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item	KH	
3.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	
4.	Strand Road Traffic letter to Councillors	DT	
5.	Confirmation to DPC on Boat Trip for noted names	DT	
Ongoing Actions			
6.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
7.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) – a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required	LK	
8.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
9.	AGM Preparation	DT/Various	As per minutes 7 th March onwards
10.	Community FUN DAY – support actions	Various	As per minutes 7 th March onwards
11.	Public Liability Insurance	PD	TT has previously paid for SAMRA + liabilities and this to be re-quoted, re-set for 2022 and the future provision
12.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	

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13.	Membership report – clean up of listing	DT/JMcA	
14.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT	
15.	Dublin Port 3FM Boat Tour	DT	
16.	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 • 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 		
17.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
18.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	

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19.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
20.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
21.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
22.	D4 Newsletter article	tba	
23.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	
24.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
25.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
26.	Merchants Archway – Planning Application	IDL	To review and recommend options available to SAMRA to support planning objection
27.	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
28.	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
29.	Pembroke Quarter – establish Sub-Committee	NMcE	
30.	Membership Data Gaps	JMcA/DT	

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31.	DCC Dev Plan – biosphere protection	LK	Will request support if needed in drafting
32.	Sandymount VDS Village Project Programme	DT/NMcE	To meet with DL and establish a way forwards
33.	PA – YMCA sale application	NMcE/EL/LK	Establish status and consider SAMRA steps
34.	Secretarial Role candidates - Resource a Secretary for SAMRA	DT	Ongoing
35.	Cycle route – Success/Failure Criteria	DT/NmcE	Pending High Court Decision
36.	Communication & Media Needs of SAMRA (28/09)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
37.	Constitution Update (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
38.	Dublin Port Development Plan – reclaim land proposal by DP (08/12)	LK/EL	Circulation of a proposed letter to Committee
39.	Write to owner of Martello Tower requesting visit for SAMRA	DT / local councillors	Update provided by Dermot Lacey w/c 8 June.
40.	Engagement regarding Poolbeg Incinerator	TBC	No progress to report. Potential future actions: EPA meeting / review Notifiable Incidents report
41.	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)			
42.	Sean Moore Awards attendance	DT	
43.	AVIVA Community Fund	DT	Forward the previous SAMRA template + AVIVA protocol
44.	AVIVA Community Fund	MW	To submit for 2022 – FUN DAY a good opportunity
45.	CDP Completion	NMcE + DT	Adjustments and Submission

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46.	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
47.	Recirculation of Pedestrianisation report	DT	
48.	Strand Road Traffic Calming - request details from DCC	DT	
49.	CDP Working Groups Coordination	NMcE + Members	
50.	SAMRA Strategy development	PJOG/ DT/EL	Ongoing sub-committee support
51.	Paypal Due-Dilligence	DT	Ongoing
52.	Comment on Strategy Sub-Committee Draft to PJ	ALL	
53.	CDP - Set up sub-committee	NMcE	
54.	Treasurer Handover Meeting	DT/JMcA/JH	Ongoing
55.	Graphic to the MACE electronic notice board	DaveT / Mark Wheeler	
56.	Dublin Port 3FM Major Infrastructure Project – SAMRA input by 31 st December	NMcE/	
57.	AGS – to with and coordinate a WhatsApp Group and find ways eg AGM / Newsletter exchanges to strengthen linkages to AGS	MW / DT	
58.	Circulation of Membership Report	Dave T	
	Dublin Port 3FM - Response of Position Paper by 31st December	Dave T/TBA	
59.	Tesco development query	NMcE	

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60.	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
61.	PA – Sandymount Avenue	NmcE/EL/LK	With ABP – Monitor
62.	Summer social	tba	
63.	Climate Action Plan/Flood Risk Agenda Item to be set to establish SAMRA’s formal position to Professor Ray Bates work	DT	
64.	Pembroke Quarter	NMcE	Re-establish communication updates as a registered consultation member
65.	Dublin Development Planning Alliance	NMcE	Letter confirming SAMRA
66.	Flood Defence work and SAMRA’s position	NMcE/DT	Position Paper for SAMRA
67.	CGLC Grant candidates	DT/ALL	Eligible 27 th September – 31 st October
68.	Strand Beach Pollution Incident	SH	Response to DCC letter
69.	Issue Membership Report dated 30 th June	DT	
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71.	Pedestrianisation Trial	DT	Update email to members
72.	Architectural Heritage – establish process for protecting	NMcE	

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73.	Sandymount Beach Raw Sewage Beach Erosion – Letter to DCC requesting actions to resolve	DT	
74.	Ray Bates presentation to be forwarded across SAMRA Committee	DT	
75.	Weedkiller Useage - Letter to DCC	LK	
76.	Letter to DCC requesting addition cycle parking pods	DT	Completed
77.	Letter to DCC regarding incorporation of actions with regards to Pedestrianisation concerns	DT	Completed
78.	CDP – Red Lines to be drafted	LK	Completed
	City Development Plan – Early Engagement	NMcE/LK	Completed
79.	Membership Status	DT	To seek endorsement from SAMRA Committee for the Membership Rules and Protocol and seek active support for ongoing actions
80.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Draft letter for Observation – time barred – unable to address due to lack of resource
81.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Letter to EPA – time barred, unable to address due to lack of resource
82.	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

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 3 - Draft Phase 4 - Material amendments
83.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	SH	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps
84.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	IDL	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action
85.	Treasurer Successor	DT	
86.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	JMcA	
87.	Membership Report - May	DT	
88.	Summer Newsletter	DT/EL/PJOG	
89.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	NmcE/EL/LK	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions
90.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	NME	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
91.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	DT/ALL	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
92.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	SH	RCVD & CLOSED
93.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	DT	
94.	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. “
95.	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

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96.	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
97.	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
98.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120	PJOG	COMPLETED
99.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
100.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
101.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
102.	12 th Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
103.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
104.	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