

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

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Lorna Kelly,; Niall McElroy; Liam Handy; Paddy Dunne; Mark Wheeler; PJ O’Gorman; Karl Anderson (Zoom); Stephen Hurley (Zoom)

Apologies: Irene Duffy Lynch; Jeremy Humphries (Treasurer); Margaret Brindley; Michael Duncan; Kristin Hadfield

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

- A relief to have returned to a face to face meeting, only the 2nd time in two years
- Welcome to Dr Kristin Hadfield, joining the SAMRA Committee from the next meeting forwards
- The meeting reports will now be via Sub-Committees, established previously
- A lot was accomplished over the last period and in particular the SAMRA City Development Plan and which will serve as a key reference document, integrating SAMRA’s position on many issues going forwards.

Planning & Development 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’s response was made 9th February and which has now been posted to the SAMRA.ie website <https://samra.ie/dublin-city-development-plan-2022-28-samra-submission/>
 - A particular thank you to Niall for integrating the cross-team inputs and producing such a comprehensive document.
- **Glass Bottle Site –**
 - Phase 1 plans have now been issued....
 - Point of Planning Legal clarification required **Action Niall/LK**
- **Dublin Port 3FM Expansion Plans -**
 - Further to SAMRA’s submission to CEO Dublin Port 31st December, only an acknowledgement of receipt has been made
 - SAMRA took part as a consultation body to the Project - Sustainable & Holistic Management of Irish Ports” (SHIP) – funded by the EPA, to produce guidance for the government. SAMRA’s position was inputted to this debate and the CDP response was formally provided, to further SAMRA’s formal position on this issue.
- **Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) –**
 -Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required **ACTION : LK**

Flood Risk Sub-Committee : SH

For Issue

- No action has as yet been started or observed by DCC and the next step is to expedite these works as per the SAMRA position paper <https://samra.ie/flood-risk-samra-positioning/>
ACTION : SH

Transport and Access Sub-Committee – DT

- **Pedestrianisation –**
 - The decision was made at the 7th February SEAC to implement Pedestrianisation at the eastern end of the Village Green at weekends with vehicle access removed from midnight Thursday to Sunday – from Easter until Halloween
 - This was considered to be the optimal solution with considerable input still being made from strong residential support to alleviate residual concerns
 - SAMRA welcomes this and has offered to continue to work a collaboration with DCC to further improve what can be achieved
- **Strand Road Traffic –**
 - 17 off speed ramps have now been installed down the Strand Road between Beach Road and the Merrion Gates. Traffic speed reduction has been observed and is now having a beneficial effect
 - As of 1st March the HGV 5axle+ ban has now come into effect. It has been observed that enforcement is now required, although early stages report an improvement in conditions.

Heritage & Natural History Sub-Committee – No report available

Membership / PR/Secretarial Sub Committee – DT

- **AGM Preparation –**
 - Date now confirmed for 25th April by Face to Face
 - Sandymount Hotel to be booked : **Action Joan McArthur**
 - The AGM “DESK OFFICER” – offered and accepted **Action Karl Anderson**
 - Invitations to be made to Councillors, TDs; An Garde Siochana Community Guards; Tidy Towns; **Action : DT**
 - 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 to be produced for local shop windows : **Mark Wheeler**
 - Request for Councillor re-tweets **Action DT**
 - Flyer to be updated for email issue to SAMRA members **Action : DT**
 - Banners for Village Green – **Action DT**
 - 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**
 - AGM presentation pack to be developed based on Sub-Committee Areas with visual material to support speaker notes **Action Sub-Committee Leads**

Environment Sub-Committee – No Report Available

Community Sub-Committee – Coordinator tba

- **Community FUN DAY -**

For Issue

- SAMRA Project Manager to be identified **Action : DT**
- 22nd May 2-5pm has been booked with DCC Parks Department
- Stage, Sound System, Generator, Gazebo 3x3m all booked
- 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)
- Arrangements to date :
 - Pat Hollingsworth & James from “PH Sound Systems – 086 259 0601 [/pat@thesoundco.ie](mailto: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
- Insurance for SAMRA (public liability accountability) to be arranged. Previously paid by TT and now to resolved for the future **Action Paddy Dunne**
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AOB

- **AVIVA Community Fund** – closure date 31st March and entry mut be made on AVIVA template. Mark Wheeler to complete a submission **Action MW and DT** to forward the AVIVA proforma and previous SAMRA template
- **Dublin Port 3FM Boat Tour** - Cancelled due to adverse weather and to be re-arranged
- **Sean Moore Community Awards** : re-set for 22nd March 8pm Clanna Gael Fontenoy Club, Lord Mayor Allison Gilliland - tickets received, **Confirmations by DT/JMcA/PD/ ++**; pls advise if interested (Dermot Lacey 087 2646 960 Or dermot.lacey@labour.ie) ALL SAMRA COMMITTEE INVITED
- **Covanta Community Gain Liaison Committee** – selection process underway, no SAMRA submissions were made this round but this is to serve as a prompt for future annual opportunities **Action : ALL**
- **Hanging Baskets** – previous supplier for the village no longer in business, Request for any suitable contact for new supply to be provided to Mark Wheeler **Action : ALL**

AGREED DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 4th April 2022

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	AVIVA Community Fund	MW	To submit for 2022 – FUN DAY a good opportunity
2.	AVIVA Community Fund	DT	Forward the previous SAMRA template + AVIVA protocol
3.	Community FUN DAY – support actions	Various	As per minutes 7 th March onwards
4.	Community FUN DAY – appoint a SAMRA Project Manager	DT	Needed to progress and integrate the various support actions that have all been initiated by JMCA
5.	AGM Preparation	DT/Various	As per minutes 7 th March onwards
6.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
7.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) – a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required	LK	
8.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
Ongoing Actions			
9.	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
10.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
11.	Membership report – clean up of listing	DT/JMCA	
12.	Sean Moore Awards attendance	DT	

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13.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT	
14.	Dublin Port 3FM Boat Tour	DT	
15.	Community Day	JMCA +	
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.	CDP Completion	NMcE + DT	Adjustments and Submission
43.	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
44.	Recirculation of Pedestrianisation report	DT	

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

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

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73.	Letter to DCC requesting addition cycle parking pods	DT	Completed
74.	Letter to DCC regarding incorporation of actions with regards to Pedestrianisation concerns	DT	Completed
75.	CDP – Red Lines to be drafted	LK	Completed
	City Development Plan – Early Engagement	NMcE/LK	Completed
76.	Membership Status	DT	To seek endorsement from SAMRA Committee for the Membership Rules and Protocol and seek active support for ongoing actions
77.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Draft letter for Observation – time barred – unable to address due to lack of resource
78.	PA – Incinerator	DT	Letter to EPA – time barred, unable to address due to lack of resource
79.	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>
80.	PA – Poolbeg Glass Bottle Site	SH	To establish status of current actions and advise SAMRA steps
81.	Litter Proliferation at Strand Green	IDL	Letter + photo to 5x Pembroke Councillors - requesting action

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82.	Treasurer Successor	DT	
83.	Treasurer Hand-Over Statement	JMcA	
84.	Membership Report - May	DT	
85.	Summer Newsletter	DT/EL/PJOG	
86.	PA – St John’s Church Hall	NmcE/EL/LK	Supportive but to write to DCC and seek conditions
87.	Cycle Route – Consultation Process Paper (M Flynn)	NME	To circulate copy requesting SAMRA support
88.	Pedestrianisation Proposal	DT/ALL	To establish SAMRA Committee position on proposal. COMPLETED : 7 For; 2 Against; 1 x Abstention
89.	Pedestrianisation Proposal - Draft Letter	SH	RCVD & CLOSED
90.	Membership registration & clean-up; 2 actions 15/02	DT	
91.	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. “
92.	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
93.	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

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94.	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
95.	SAMRA Strategic development – prepare a draft for Committee discussion (08/120)	PJOG	COMPLETED
96.	Update PAYPAL/Website to new subscription structure €40/30/10 (23/11)	DT	Requested and awaited COMPLETED
97.	Planning Principles Re-Endorsement (09/11)	DT/ALL	Agenda item
98.	Railway Union Offer to SAMRA (25/01)	DT/Committee	Response required. CLOSED
99.	12 th Feb DWtE Community Gain Liason Committee	DT	Agenda has been issued
100.	DCC Virtual seminars On Development Plan 2022-2028	DT/Agree attendance	Closing date for submissions 22/02/2021
101.	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