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Sandymount & Merrion Residents Association (SAMRA)
Minutes from Committee Meeting dated 13th June 2022

Attendees: David Turner (Chair/interim Secretary), Joan MacArthur; Liam Handy; Irene Duffy Lynch; Margaret Brindley; Karl Anderson; Kristin Hadfield

Apologies: Niall McElroy; PJ O’Gorman;

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Chair

Lorna Kelly

- The SAMRA Committee extends it’s deep condolences to the family of Lorna Kelly after the sad news of her passing on 2nd June, with funeral mass held Friday 10th June, with many of the Committee in attendance.
- As a tribute, Patrick Hugh Lynch prepared these photographs of Lorna, which have now been forwarded to Lorna’s family
- <https://www.flickr.com/photos/189242571@N04/albums/72177720299654244>
- Lorna Kelly will be sadly missed having committed herself to SAMRA for many years. SAMRA just recently celebrated her as the last surviving founder member at the 60th Anniversary AGM
- **FUN DAY OVERVIEW**
 - The Community Fun Day was a great success, congratulations to the whole committee but in particular to Margaret Brindley and Joan MacArthur who lead the event. <https://twitter.com/i/status/1528733162582466561>
 - FUN DAY Report – as a future blueprint, copied across the committee. **Action request ALL** to read and consider the recommendations to be made for the future
 - FUN DAY – List of donors to the event, prepared by Margaret and copied across the committee. Action: to send letter/email of thanks to each **Action : DT**

BY SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Sub-Committee – Coordinator tba

Planning &Development Update : NMCE

- **Planning Applications** - none this month warranting SAMRA's involvement

Flood Risk Sub-Committee : SH

No update Report available

- A formal Letter of response needs to be sent to DCC : with positioning by the will of the committee :
 - **Flood Defences** : Requesting expediting of the Phase 1 works – ongoing delays are not acceptable
 - **Raw Sewage to the Merion Beach** - Requesting DCC to respond to the serious Public Health Hazard caused by over-flow of raw sewage which now occurs at each and every overflow event onto Merrion Beach at an expected frequency of 5-6 per

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annum. This matter raised strong reverberations across the committee who believe that a different approach now needs to be taken to gain greater commitment from DCC to clean-up, whilst the system design progresses to ensure that a serious Public Health incident cannot occur. Repeat event of 3rd June has demonstrated the inadequacy of DCC's actions. Formal complaint required to EPA **Action : Sub-Committee**

Transport and Access Sub-Committee – DT

- **Pedestrianisation –**
 - In response to SAMRA request, meeting held at the Green 3rd June between DCC Director Services, Karl Mitchell, Brian Hanney Manager SEAC; / SAMRA DT; NMCE; Mark Wheeler (MACE) ; Michael Sheary (BUJO)
 - Guidance given and letter sent to DCC making requests for short term, medium and long term. Awaiting DCC response.
 - Action letter to be circulated across the committee. **Action : DT**

- **Strand Road Traffic –**
 - Traffic has been moderated in speed but volume appears to have increased. Many concerns emerging and being reported.

- **Cycle Route –** awaiting Court of Appeal ruling due 15th June. SAMRA to prepare a response statement **Action DT/KA**

Heritage & Natural History Sub-Committee – DT (interim coordinator)

- YEATS DAY held 13th June coordinated for the last time by Anthony Jordan. A successful event, initiated by the Star of the Sea choir
- SAMRA member Joseph Lynch has supported and developed an understanding in this transition year as a blueprint for stewardship by SAMRA and the running of the event for the future.
- SAMRA to request Joseph Lynch to confirm the date for 2023 and recommend /summarise the requirements for future events. **Action DT**
- (Post meeting note) The potential for “Pop-Up Ghaeltacht” language speaking events was promoted by Irene Duffy Lynch. Proposal for this to be brought to a future committee meeting for further discussion **Action IDL**

Membership Sub-Committee – PJOG / DT/KH

- Kristin Hadfield has joined the Membership SC led by PJOG. Sub-Committee now comprises PJ / KH / LH / DT . Sub-Committee meeting to be held in the near future. **Action PJOG**
- Sub-Committee to consider the use of a WhatsApp group for the broader membership. Opportunity to exchange experience with David Kelly **Action : PJ to convene a meeting to discuss**

PR/ Media Sub Committee – KA / DT

- SAMRA Twitter account established

SAMRA Facebook account go be transferred to avoid loss of ~ 800 followers. Anne Baenzigger expected to make contact with DT to propose method. **Action DT**

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- Website lagging behind SAMRA development. Meeting to be to be set up to agree forward plan **Action DT/KA/JH**

Environment Sub-Committee – No Report Available

AOB

- SAMRA forward rolling calendar to be set up Step 1 **Action Margaret Brindley**
- Step 2 – ALL to feed in dates and details of forward events **Action ALL**

PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Monday 11th July 2022

Monday 8th August 2022 ??

Monday 12th September 2022

SAMRA Actions Log

No.	Action	SAMRA Lead	Latest Status
New Actions from Latest Committee Meeting			
1.	Letter of thanks to Fun Day Donors	MB	
2.	Raw sewage spills to Merrion Beach ongoing and inadequacy of DCC action	SH / Sub Committee	Formal letter of complaint to EPA
3.	Pedestrianisation area – requested improvements	DT	Letter to be circulated to Main Committee
4.	Cycle Route announcement	DT/KA	Response statement to be prepared
5.	Future YEATS Day Events	DT	Email to JL
6.	Membership SC – potential use of WhatsApp for greater connectivity	DT	Zoom meeting with David Kelly to glean his similar experience
7.	Facebook account	DT	Awaiting contact with Anne Benzeiger
8.	Website development	KA/JH/DT	To call meeting to set up plan forward
9.	Forward Calendar template set up	MB / ALL	
10.			
Ongoing Actions			
11.	Footpath parking discussion – future agenda item	KH	
12.	Odour detectors – future agenda item	JH	
13.	Glass Bottle Site - Point of Planning Legal clarification required	NMcE/LK	
14.	Dublin Democratic Planning Alliance (DDPA) –	LK	

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	a.Request for map of SAMRA physical boundaries required		
15.	Response to DCC letter	SH/Flood Risk SC	Letter to DCC
16.	Flood Risk next steps to expedite DCC to initiate phase 1 construction and Phase 2 planning	SH	As per DCC position paper
17.	SAMRA Green Notice Board update	Tba	
18.	Dublin Port 3FM : Media publication of SAMRA 31 st submission	DT/KA	
19.	Establish case for SAMRA backing to Ivana Bacik Dublin Bay Bill	Dave T	
20.	Establish a Chair/Lead of Dublin Port 3FM sub-committee	DaveT	
21.	Establish Update SAMRA position paper to Pedestrianisation Report	Stephen Hurley	
22.	Beach erosion and sewage incident – forward plan required for public health hazard events	DT	
23.	DD Alliance – re-zoning list to be sought from Councillors	NMcE	
24.	Proposal as a future action to engage local schools for a new SAMRA LOGO Action supported but post AGM2022	tba	

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25.	Post Meeting request – to send Committee Member photo (as required) for updating of website Committee details	ALL	
26.	Architectural Heritage	NMcE	Facilitation of Sandymount survey
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	
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

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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)			