

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum April 2010

1. Financial Matters:

The Hon Treasurer asked members to respond to his subscription request sent late in March. He reported that he was arranging to open new accounts at AIB.

2. Planning / Development Issues:

Seamount House: no further information

Fort Granite, Coast Road: FCC approved this application and we have appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

Casino: FCC has referred the matter of maintenance etc to its enforcement officials.

County Development Plan: The Sub-Committee dealing with this matter plans to report to the Committee at its May meeting.

Meanwhile all members of the Committee are urged to study the Draft Plan, which is on display in the Library, or attend the open day at Swords (County Hall) on 27th April or at Baldoyle Library on 4th May. The link to the County Plan on the FCC website is

<http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Planning/FingalDevelopmentPlan2011-2017/NewDevelopmentPlan- Stages/CurrentStageStage2/>. The subcommittee recommends that members read the written text Chapters 1, 4 and 7 and Appendix 3; also the Map (Sheet 9 Malahide / Portmarnock) and the Local Objectives relating to Sheet 9.

4. Transport Issues:

There is still no news on the licence application for the Malahide Shuttle. The working group has put in an application to the National Lottery for launch costs.

There is no definite news on the Bridgefield car park plans, though it is understood that FCC is still anxious to construct a greatly enlarged car park.

It was suggested that the Subcommittee might look at the sequence of lights at McAllister's junction, to reduce blockages on the Dublin Road by cars waiting to turn right onto the Swords Road.

5. Environment Issues:

The Chair of the Subcommittee commented on a number of new signs appearing in Malahide. It was also reported that signs for wildlife etc, which have been requested, will be put up soon. The demolition of the shelter at the Beach Car Park was also reported.

There are still problems with overflowing bins and rubbish dumped around the village at weekends, despite FCC's assurances that they clean up regularly.

The new Tidy Towns Committee is to be launched at a public meeting on Thursday 29th April at the Grand Hotel.

A public meeting on "Headshops" was taking place at the same time as our Committee meeting. There was discussion about the role that the Forum should take and it was agreed that we should continue to pass on information to our members when appropriate, but that it is not within our remit to get directly involved in the lobby group.

6. Neighbourhood Watch:

Burglaries etc had been fairly low in March. However, Gardaí advise that a number of burglars have been arrested in the Malahide/Portmarnock area who have been putting a cane through letter boxes and fishing out car and house keys from hall tables. **Please ensure that you do not leave keys where they are visible from outside the house.** There had been a number of arrests for disorderly behaviour.

7. Public Relations:

There will be a new issue of *Malahide Guardian* in mid-May.

8. Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:

Training has continued on but the final training session is awaiting a choice of the ongoing venue for the programme and this has yet to be decided.

There is a possibility of Government funding for this programme, as announced recently, but so far we have not found out what Government agency is handling it. It was suggested that this item should be covered in the next edition of *Malahide Guardian*.

9. St. Oliver Plunkett's NS:

Alan Markey (Chair) and Tony Healy (Principal) attended to describe the development plans for the school. At present over 300 pupils out of the total of over 900 are taught in Portacabins and this is totally unacceptable. It would not be possible to redevelop the school with its full complement of 32 classrooms on the Grove Road site, due partly to the existence of the quarry beside the site and the slope on the site. The Board is proposing a Greenfield development at Broomfield, close to Scoil Iosa. There were a number of merits in the case for a Greenfield site, including continuity of the existing operations while building progressed, room for expansion to up to 40 classrooms etc. They invited our comments.