

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum January 2010

1. **Matters Arising from last Meeting:** A letter of thanks was received from the Malahide Chamber for our donation in support of the Christmas Lights Project.
2. **Finance:** The Treasurer advised that the accounts have been audited and there was a small deficit for the year, however we did make donations to the Tidy Towns, Low Rock Swimmers and the Christmas lights.
3. **Planning and Development:** The Chair of the subcommittee reported:
Seamount House: Permission was granted on 7 October. We have replied to a request from ABP to comment on a further submission made by consultants representing developer.
Fort Granite, Coast Rd: We have objected. Additional information requested in August 2009 has yet to be provided.
Maurice Mahon House, The Diamond: We have submitted an observation re change of use to restaurant.
Local Area Plan, Broomfield: We have submitted comments.
Casino: We have been in correspondence with FCC Conservation officer re condition of original house. Works to be undertaken in August 2009 have not commenced. Gannon Homes to be contacted again by FCC.
4. **Transport:** The Shuttle Bus Group is making good progress. The application for a bus licence is in and supporting letters have been sent.
FCC is in discussions with Iarnród Éireann regarding the provision of a pedestrian/cycle way between Donabate and Malahide.
FCC has advised that the low hanging sign near the tennis club will be dealt with by the area engineer in the next few days but it is due to be replaced as part of the Regional Road Signage Scheme. The dangerous stay wire on the pole near The Green is the responsibility of the ESB and FCC has asked them to examine this trip hazard.
5. **Environment:** The Chair of the subcommittee advised that he has contacted the Tidy Towns Committee to advise that MCF will provide 3 members.
FCC will no longer supply pooper scoopers as the cost to supply the Fingal area is too great so owners should take their own plastic bags with them. FCC is also unable to supply for sale through libraries etc.
We have written to Iarnród Éireann requesting that they reinstate the green area at the compound at Bissett's Strand.
The Environment subcommittee's plan for 2010 is to pay particular attention to coastal watch, litter & graffiti, green bin collections and energy conservation. Please advise if you feel there are any other matters requiring special attention.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There will be no January meeting. There is concern that some landlords are not as careful about who they are renting to at the moment and some tenants have caused problems in the area.
7. **PR Issues:** The new issue of The Guardian is in production and will be distributed in February.
8. **Assisted Living Group:** The group met with MARA before Christmas and also with an English service provider. A meeting with FOLD in N. Ireland has been rescheduled for next week due to the bad weather.
9. **Non-sporting Facilities for Youth Group:** A general meeting is scheduled in Scoil Iosa with An Foróige, which offers a wide ranging programme of activities for young people.

10. **AGM:** The AGM will be held on Monday 1 March in the Grand Hotel. A draft of the convening notice was approved.
11. **Any Other Business:** Three sponsors came forward to purchase defibrillators (AEDs) for Malahide village: The Dublin Airport Authority, Malahide Credit Union and a Malahide resident. The AEDs will be located in the taxi office to serve the west village, church and station etc, the second will be in the Garda Station to serve the east of the village, scout den, library etc, and the third has been placed in St. Sylvester's School.
There was discussion regarding the water shortage. Regular updates can be viewed on FCC website www.fingalcoco.ie and Aertel p624.
All bus and train timetables can be downloaded from our website www.muintir.ie/malahide.
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