

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum July 2011

1. **Planning/Development:**

Somerton, The Mall (F10A/0117): At court hearing on 21 June the Judge adjourned the case to September 2011 to allow the owner time to submit a planning application as the owner had previously consulted with the area planner and Conservation Officer in relation to the retention of the motorised sign.

Pedestrian Bridge at Railway Station (F11A/0195): We have objected to aspects of proposed new footbridge.

Silks Restaurant (F11A/0241), an application which includes provision of a terrace and covered smoking area at the back of the premises. Several residents of The Rise are concerned at the noise that may be generated and have asked that The Forum looks at this. It was agreed to ask the planning sub-committee to examine this and determine whether we should object to certain aspects of the application.

2. **Transport:** There is a new draft train timetable on the web. It is only at proposal stage and there are still gaps in the schedule which we would like to see eliminated. The Shuttle Group met the National Transport Authority to explore why the licence application had been refused. The reasons given make it clear that there would be no point in submitting a new, amended application to the current regulator as the NTA attitude echoes that of the old Department of Transport. We again raised the matter of cutting back shrubs at the junction of Moyne Road. We will chase up this issue with FCC.
3. **Environment:** A Forum member met with the consultants to discuss the location of a site in North County Dublin for the regional sewage treatment scheme. They are still looking at options. The **Great Malahide Quiz** will be held at **8pm in the Grand Hotel on Thursday 21 July** to raise funds for the **Tidy Towns Group**. It costs €40 for a table of 4. Please support. There was discussion on the judge's report on Malahide's entry for Ireland's Best Kept Towns 2011. One of the main negatives was the high level of graffiti, which the Tidy Towns is working on clearing.
4. **PR Matters:** A draft re-designed website has been received and is being considered by the communications sub-committee.
5. **Assisted Living:** The group has recently met. They were invited to the opening of an assisted living scheme which was very interesting and are now in discussion with 2 contacts that may be able to help to deliver a facility for Malahide.
6. **Any Other Business:** It was noted that FCC is proposing to erect a permanent piece of sculpture in the form of a functioning bird hide on Estuary Road. Submissions and observations may be made to FCC before Friday 19 August. Details can be viewed on-line at www.fingalcoco.ie/Planning/PlanningItemsOnDisplay/TheHideSculpture FCC is urging householders to be cautious if anyone calls to their property claiming to be Fingal County Council staff and seeking access to the house to check the water supply. These may be **bogus callers**, impersonating Council staff to gain access to houses. If in doubt ask for ID or call FCC on 890 5000 to verify.