

## Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum June 2010

### 1. **Planning/Development Issues:**

Seamount House: Permission has been granted by ABP.

Fort Granite, Coast Road: We have appealed to ABP and are still awaiting decision.

Draft Development Plan 2011-2017: Our submission for development plan was sent to FCC last week and thanks to subcommittee for their work.

Casino: We were advised in March that the matter of the works requested by the Conservation Officer in August 2009 has been referred to Planning Enforcement for official notice to be served. It appears no work has yet started and we have contacted FCC again. A meeting with Fr. Tanham regarding the possible relocation of St. Oliver Plunkett School was discussed.

### 2. **Transport Issues:** There is no further news on the Malahide Shuttle as the appeal is still pending.

Following our communication with FCC suggesting that the sequence of traffic lights at McAllister's should be altered there is a sign advising that this has been done. The sequence was different on the first day but now seems to be as originally. We will continue to monitor. It was suggested that if the verge on the left on the Dublin Rd were cleaned out and hardcore put into the potholes the road would be slightly wider on that side.

We have spoken to the Manager of Dublin Bus, Clontarf regarding the lack of a 42 bus in Seabury between 8.10 and 9.55am. He advised that they are rolling out new services all over the city but are unlikely to get to Malahide before the end of the year. However, the general plan is to run the 42 bus on the longer route through Seabury all of the time. We believe there will be public display/comment process before this.

We have discussed with Irish Rail the gaps in the timetable. The Chief Exec has accepted that there is a problem which they will try to improve but there are operational restrictions as the Dart terminates at Malahide on a running line. IR will investigate in the short-term the possibility of filling in some gaps and will endeavour from November to achieve not more than a 30 minute gap.

The latest proposal of 289 spaces for the Bridgefield Carpark received little or no support from local Councillors and will not be put before the full Co. Council for consideration. FCC is now working on a new proposal.

### 3. **Environment Issues:** There was a report on Tidy Towns. A new garden from Bloom Festival has been planted at the Library and the official opening will take place on Saturday 26 June at 11am. Senior members of Malahide Utd have undertaken to tidy up the area around the Green. The entry for TT has been submitted and there will be judging in June so would RAs and residents please ensure that all areas are kept tidy. The Chamber is running a Summer Event from 22 to 25 July which will include a table quiz in the Grand Hotel on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>. The majority of surplus funds will be donated to the Tidy Towns.

There is a draft Tree Strategy for Fingal which can be viewed at the library or on <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/CommunityRecreationandAmenitiesDepartment/Parks/ATreeStrategyforFingal/>. Submissions are due by 27 August.

The Forum contacted Senan Turnbull regarding the new Growing Places policy. He replied that as a result of consultations with Councillors and residents cutting patterns have been modified in some areas and website information has been updated – see <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/CommunityRecreationandAmenitiesDepartment/Parks/FingalGrowingPlaces/>. Councillors are still very much against this policy and we will continue to take action on this matter where appropriate.

### 4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** It was reported that 62 arrests were made in Malahide in May. A number of handbags and other items were taken from cars so please be vigilant and do not leave valuables in view. Of 8 burglaries in the Malahide East and West areas access was gained through an open door in 3 cases.

The Community Support for Older People Scheme has been replaced by Seniors Alert which means that community and voluntary groups, including Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, can apply for grant support for seniors. This grant is available for personal monitored alert systems, including smoke and carbon dioxide detectors, and other items to improve security and safety of the home. More info available on [www.pobail.ie](http://www.pobail.ie) or on 071 9186700.

5. **Public Relations:** An article on the Malahide Shuttle appeared in the current Fingal Independent. All copies of the Guardian should now have been distributed to every house. It can also be viewed on our website [www.muintir.ie/malahide](http://www.muintir.ie/malahide)
6. **Assisted Living:** The working group has met with FOLD and is writing to them formally to ask if they will assist. FOLD is a service provider only so a developer now needs to be identified to see if the project can be moved on.
7. **Any Other Business:** A visiting Norwegian band was playing near the playground in the Castle and was made to feel unwelcome by security staff even though it had a permit. We will ask FCC that staff is made aware when permits are granted. We have received complaints regarding the poor state of the facilities at the pitch and putt and the condition of the golf course so will contact FCC in this regard.