

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum

June 2011

1. Planning/Development:

Somerton, The Mall (F10A/0117): The motorised sign remains in place despite refusal of permission for retention. A prosecution under planning legislation was initiated by FCC and a court hearing is due on 21 June.

Pedestrian Bridge at Railway Station (F11A/0195): There was discussion regarding the proposed design of the new structure and it was agreed to lodge an objection to the application as this design is considered inappropriate.

Unauthorised advertising: Warning letters have been issued by FCC in several cases to which we have drawn their attention. Some banners have been removed. It was noted that advertising leaflets are again being put on car windscreens and it was agreed to take action if this continues.

Casino: Numerous suggestions have been received for possible use of original house but not for funding. It was agreed to discuss Casino with the FCC Conservation Officer.

2. **Transport**: It was noted that a few beneficial train timetable changes have been made to improve the schedule. The additional trains to fill in schedule gaps should begin around July. The appeal to the National Transport Authority, regarding application for a licence, was rejected without any additional information. However, the NTA has agreed to meet with the Shuttle Project Group in July to explain the thinking behind this and the Group will then be in a position to determine any possible further course of action. Latest information can be found at www.malahideshuttle.ie

It was noted that there will be only single lane traffic on the Swords Rd until the end of August due to laying of pipe work for the upgrade of the reservoir. FCC advised that the road will be left with a temporary surface for a time. It was agreed that the matter of the period of reinstatement is taken up with FCC.

It is felt that the shrubs need to be cut back at the junction of Moyne Rd/Drumnigh Rd as they are blocking sight for traffic. This also needs to be done at Blackwood Lane/The Hill and Back Rd/Dublin Rd junctions. We have noted that the white line has been realigned on the Dublin Road so that traffic coming from the city and turning right onto Back Road now prevents other traffic from passing on the inside to go straight on. We will contact FCC Transportation Dept on these matters.

3. Environment:

We have contacted FCC regarding the concert at the Castle on 30 July requesting details of public access, whether all the profits will go back into the Demesne and that a clean up will take place the following day. The questions was raised as to how the water supply will cope with a possible extra 35,000 people and it was agreed to seek assurances from FCC of continuity of water supply.

There has been a public consultation in Swords regarding the location of a site in North county Dublin for a regional sewage plant.

FCC has agreed to cut the hollow area between the toilets and car park at Seabanks car park to allow children to play and picnic etc. Gemma Carr of FCC has offered to meet with the Forum and Tidy Towns to discuss the most suitable area for this.

There will be a **Tidy Towns quiz** again this year on **Thursday 21 July at 8pm** in The **Grand Hotel**. Please keep this date free and give your support.

The Forum is researching obtaining shelters for exposed bus stops and sponsorship of benches in Malahide.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch**: A Garda had patrolled the Seabanks car park one evening and found that 27 cars had been left unlocked. Youths found drinking or doing graffiti are being spoken to by the Gardaí in the presence of their parents.

5. **Assisted Living:** Progress in this area has been very disappointing despite a lot of research. A meeting is being held to see if anything else can be done to move things forward.