

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum March 2011

- 1. Presentation:** Mr Alan Markey, Chairperson, Board of Management and Mr Tony Healy, Principal, St. Oliver Plunkett School gave an update on the project for the new school. The school will now be redeveloped on its current site in Grove Road in 3 phases starting in June 2012 with completion scheduled for Summer 2014. It will house the same number of pupils but in one building. The old school will be retained and will be revamped after the new school is completed. The pupils will stay on site during the development as the cost would be too high to relocate for the 2 year period. This project was welcomed by the Forum committee.
- 2. Appointment of Officers for the year 2011:**
The following were elected:
Hazel Bolton (Chairman), David Greene (Vice Chairman), Irene Dehaene (Hon. Treasurer), Margaret Cure (Hon. Secretary)
- 3. Matters Arising from previous meeting:** There was some discussion regarding the relocation of the Fry Model Railway and Tara's Palace. The Hon.Sec advised that a motion has been tabled for the next local Council meeting requesting that The Manager gives a commitment to do everything in his power to ensure that the FMR remains in Malahide Castle.
We have received a very good response from local politicians to our request that election poster cable ties are removed. We will write to thank them and notify where a few ties are still in place.
- 4. Finance:** It was agreed to hold the subscription rate to the same as last year.
- 5. Planning and Development:**
Somerton, The Mall: As sign was not removed from La Spa Therapie by due date a prosecution was initiated by FCC with court hearing listed for 13 April. However, on 10 February application was lodged for retention of non-rotating sign in place of existing totem sign (F11A/0041). We have objected to retention.
Casino: A meeting took place between FCC Enforcement Section, Conservation Office and developer where an undertaking was given that the works listed in the Section 59 Notice will be carried out by end March. FCC will check site in early April.
Gibneys: An application has been lodged for roof garden, terrace and extension (F11A/0040). We have objected on grounds of loss of residential amenity.
Unauthorised Signage: There has been a marked increase in unauthorised signage throughout the village. Scotch Bonnet signs have not been removed despite warning from FCC and it was agreed to seek enforcement. As well as a banner, The Diamond Burger Bar has now extended free standing notices on the footpath. It was agreed that The Forum will photograph all banners and other temporary signs and bring to attention of Planning Office at FCC.
Kinsealy Lane East (F11A/0070): Ten year planning permission is sought for 94 dwellings and crèche. This is essentially the same development to which we objected in 2006 and which was eventually refused by APB in September 2008. Following discussion it was felt that there are still grounds for concern and it was agreed that the Forum will lodge an objection.
- 6. Transport:**
A response from Dublin Bus was received regarding the new routings for 32 and 42 buses. The 42 route has not yet been finalised and all revised routings will have a post implementation review. We received another reply advising there will be no direct bus route for customers travelling from the Coast Rd in Malahide to any point on the Malahide Rd. It will be necessary to board the 102 on the Coast Rd and change buses in the village.

Information has been forwarded to the Forum regarding the aim to establish a Malahide Road Train in the village with a road trial in late April. It was agreed to reply to the potential operator that if it runs only from the station to the Castle we would be in agreement but would have concerns that it might disrupt traffic if the train does a circuit around the whole village. We will ask the proposed route and the maximum permitted speed of the train. The shuttle bus licence application has been refused by the National Transport Authority and we have appealed. A decision on the appeal should be received by early May. Further information can be viewed on www.malahideshuttle.ie
We are advised that the lift shafts at Malahide Station will be limestone clad.

7. Environment:

There was a meeting in February of the Green Village. This aims to improve energy efficiencies and create greater lifestyle awareness. The full launch is at 8pm in the Grand Hotel on Wednesday 23 March.

There is a new Fingal Heritage Plan 2011-17 consultation process. A **public meeting** will be held in Malahide Yacht Club at **7.30pm on Thursday 31 March** which you should attend if you are interested in shaping Fingal's heritage. This includes landscapes, flora, fauna, wildlife, archaeology, architectural heritage, local history and folklore. Written submissions must be received by FCC by Friday 22 April 2011. Further information can be viewed on this link: [http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Planning/ConservationHeritage/HeritagePlan2011-2017/HERITAGE%20POSTER%20\[A4\]-01.pdf](http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Planning/ConservationHeritage/HeritagePlan2011-2017/HERITAGE%20POSTER%20[A4]-01.pdf)

We will contact the County Manager in relation to the items he agreed to deal with at the AGM, e.g. removal of sports containers at Bridgefield and damaged trees and branches. The Tidy Towns has been invited to participate in a large towns of Ireland competition which takes place before the TT competition. If any Residents' Associations are working in their own area please advise us so that this can be included on the Tidy Towns application.

8. Neighbourhood Watch: It has been fairly quiet in Malahide this month but there were 46 arrests in February.

9. Public Relations: There was an item and photograph on the AGM in the North County Leader.

10. Non-sporting Facilities for Youth: The youth café has been suspended due to insufficient attendance but it is hoped to relaunch in September/October. However, the youth club is going well with 29 members out of a maximum of 30.