

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum May 2010

1. Financial Matters:

The Hon Treasurer advised that he has communicated with all RAs requesting that they forward subscriptions as soon as possible.

2. Planning / Development Issues:

Seamount House: An Bord Pleanála decision received 18 May advising that permission has been granted for the development of 159 dwellings with 283 parking spaces.

Fort Granite, Coast Road: Permission granted and we have appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

Draft Development Plan 2011-2016: The Development Plan Sub-Committee was authorised to send in the submission to FCC before the next Forum meeting. Any further comments regarding the draft development plan should be emailed to the subcommittee Chair within the next few days.

3. Transport Issues:

The licence application for the Malahide shuttle bus has been refused and this decision has been appealed. Full details are available in the Malahide Guardian and on the shuttle website, www.malahideshuttle.ie, where there is also a facility to support the appeal, which we would urge everyone to do.

The Forum has written to FCC suggesting alteration of the sequence of lights at McAllister's junction, to reduce blockages on the Dublin Road by cars waiting to turn right onto the Swords Road.

There have been complaints that there is no 42 bus from Seabury between 8.10 and 9.55am and we are taking up this matter with Dublin Bus.

4. Environment Issues:

The Chair of the Subcommittee reported that the sports containers at Bridgefield have been painted to cover the graffiti.

The shelter at the beach car park has been demolished and there is a project to put in a garden area there.

We are in continuing dialogue with FCC re inadequate and overflowing litter bins.

We have been advised there is a new FCC grass cutting regime with transition 'A' areas being mown once a year and 'B' areas once a month in 2010 until they are taken into the transition 'A' areas. It is felt that this will impact on Tidy Towns, will exacerbate hay fever and will make visibility poor beside some roads. It was agreed that we will write to FCC to ask what their policy is in this regard. 'A' areas are: Ard na Mara green, Millview Lawns green, Seapark Hill green, the Seabanks grassed area at the beach, Robswall, Old Yellow Walls Rd (Estuary end of Seabury) and Malahide Castle Demesne. Further details can be viewed on the Tidy Towns website, www.malahidetidytowns.com. Tidy Towns judging will start in June.

5. Neighbourhood Watch:

There have been a few burglaries in the area and fishing through letterboxes for keys is continuing. Staffing level of Malahide Garda Station is badly affected as a quarter of officers have been moved to other stations.

6. Public Relations:

The distribution of the May issue of the Malahide Guardian is now commencing to every house in Malahide. We are seeking a volunteer to deliver future issues to Gainsborough so please contact the Hon. Sec if you can assist. The Guardian can also be obtained from the library and various shops in Malahide and can be viewed on our website www.muintir.ie/malahide.

7. Assisted Living:

A presentation by FOLD has taken place and a meeting of the working group will now be arranged to see how best to progress this project.

8. Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:

The Foróige youth club has now been running for 2 weeks. At the next meeting the members will elect a committee and decide what activities they would like to undertake for the community.

A youth café grant is administered by the VEC and this is being investigated.

9. Any Other Business:

There was discussion regarding the presentation last month on the proposed development plans for St. Oliver Plunkett NS and it was felt that there are a number of issues to be examined.