

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum May 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 scheduled for 21 June.

Kinsealy Lane East (F11A/0070): Application for planning permission sought for 94 dwellings and crèche has been withdrawn.

2. **Transport:**

There will be 6 additional Dart services throughout the day to fill the gaps in the current schedule. This will be done in stages from June. There will be a temporary ticketing facility in front of the station building whilst the station is being refurbished.

There is still no decision on the shuttle licence appeal, although it is imminent. Details can be viewed on www.malahideshuttle.ie

It was noted that a number of the damaged road ramps have been replaced.

3. **Environment:**

We have received a reply from FCC to some queries raised at the AGM. We were advised of the official opening hours for Malahide Demesne and understand that FCC is examining the possibility of extending these. It currently opens at 10.00am and closes as follows:

November to January: 5.00pm, February to March: 6.00pm, April: 7.00pm, May: 8.00pm, June to August: 9.00pm, September: 8.00pm, October: 7.00pm. The Parks & Heritage Properties Division also opens the gates at the Pavilions Car Park and at Bridgefield at 8.00am

each weekday to accommodate school children and workers on their morning journey. These gates are not opened until 10.00am at weekends. In addition during April the Demesne remains open until 8.00pm to facilitate the playing of mid week evening matches by local clubs upon request.

The graffiti covered containers at the Bridgefield are in ownership of local sporting clubs and the Parks & Heritage Properties Division will arrange for meetings to discuss their possible removal. All fallen trees and branches are removed throughout the Demesne on occurrence. FCC has advised that the Growing Places Initiative is again operational this year and the following areas will remain as meadowland: Seapark Hill, Millview Lawns, Ard na Mara, Seabury, Seabanks, Gainsborough Green and Golf Links Road.

We were contacted by Fairshare to advise that FCC and 6 other local authorities have appointed consultants to find a coastal site in North County Dublin for a regional sewage plant to serve several counties. Fairshare is holding a meeting at 8.00pm on 24 May in the Parish Hall, Donabate.

The Tidy Towns AGM has taken place and there was a clean-up in the village on Saturday 7 May. More volunteers are needed to attend these clean-ups. It was suggested more prior public announcements are needed at Mass etc.

There was some discussion on graffiti and we understand that Dulux is offering free paint for improvement schemes so they might provide paint for the graffiti 'artists' who have been caught and will be removing their handiwork.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There were 5 burglaries in Malahide in April and 27 taxis were summonsed for parking on yellow lines and going the wrong way down a one way street. All alcohol is being confiscated from people on the beach. 11 young people have been apprehended for graffiti.

5. **PR Issues:** The latest edition of the Malahide Guardian is being distributed. Copies can also be obtained from the library or viewed on our website www.muintir.ie/malahide

- 6. Assisted Living:** The working group is still awaiting a response from an organisation they are interested in working with. A decision will be made at the end of the month on what further action to take.
- 7. Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:** The youth club has been very successful and is finishing next week for the summer. They held a barbecue on the beach and the members were going to clean up an area of the beach as part of their community activity.