

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum March 2012

1. **Appointment of Officers for the year 2012:**

The following were elected:

David Greene (Chairman), Hazel Bolton (Vice Chairman), Irene Dehaene (Hon. Treasurer), Margaret Cure (Hon. Secretary)

2. **Finance:** It was agreed to keep subscriptions rates at same level as last year. As National Irish Bank will no longer accept cheques it was agreed to transfer our account to a different bank.

3. **Planning and Development:**

Castle Terrace – rere (F11A/0464): Permission has been refused by FCC.

Casino: Concerted action is now being taken, involving several organisations, to endeavour to get the Fry Model Railway relocated to Casino.

4. **Transport:** The Chair of the subcommittee advised that the reorganisation by Dublin Bus will mean that the 42 will no longer go to the Coast Road and there will be no service on the Dublin Road between St Sylvester's School and McAllister's. The No. 32 routes will be amalgamated. There are indications that real time bus information is being erected by St. Sylvester's Church.

The Shuttle Group is doing research with a view to putting in a new licence application for a Malahide shuttle service. We urge all residents, their family, friends etc aged 15 or over to complete the on-line survey as it is hoped to total 1000 participants and there are only about 430 to date. This survey can be accessed on the Shuttle website www.malahideshuttle.ie Your participation would be greatly appreciated, will only take a few minutes and without this it may not be possible to submit a new application for a licence.

We will notify FCC that there are two large potholes in Townyard Lane.

5. **Environment:** It was noted that there have been substantial water supply problems in the areas around the Swords Road caused by the final phase of commissioning the new pipeline. The Tidy Towns group is looking for help and is organising work parties, the first of which is Saturday 28 April, meeting in the station car park at 10.30am until 1pm. Please volunteer if you possibly can. For any queries please contact Heidi on 087 2301894 or email malahidetidytowns@eircom.net. The TT AGM will be held on Thursday 29 March at 8pm in the Grand Hotel and all residents are encouraged to attend.

From Thursday 8 March the Estuary Recycling Centre's hours have been extended and it is now open from 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 6pm on Saturday.

6. **Public Relations:** The Forum has been active in obtaining publicity for the campaign to save Casino and secure it as the location for the Fry Model Railway. There has been major coverage in the Fingal Independent, the Irish Independent and on RTE Radio (Liveline).

7. **Any Other Business:** Some members of the sheltered accommodation working group had a very positive meeting last week with Kathleen Lynch TD, Minister of State, Department of Health and Department of Justice, Equality and Defence with responsibility for Disability, Older People, Equality & Mental Health. They will be reporting back to the working group this week and deciding on the best course of action.

It was noted that the Health Centre in New Street is closing to the public this month and all facilities will be moved to Kilbarrack.

The outgoing Chairman was thanked for her enormous and invaluable contribution to the Forum over the years. She thanked all those involved through the years and gave her best wishes to the new Chairman.

