

## Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum May 2012

### 1. **Planning/Development:**

Main St. (F12A/0116): Application for change of use from retail to restaurant/takeaway which is under consideration by the planning sub-committee.

Maud Plunkett's (F11A/0307): Decision deferred by An Bord Pleanála and no new date given.

Kinsealy Lane (F11A/0386): Decision postponed by ABP, now expected before 12 July.

Casino: Future of building now seems assured.

### 2. **Transport:** The Shuttle Group cannot put in a new licence application until the amended schedules for Dublin Bus are operational and the timing for the implementation of these has still not yet been agreed. Dublin Bus advises that it will be widely advertised before any changes and a leaflet drop will be done on affected routes.

Irish Rail had intended to move backwards the station waiting room on the up platform but there are no funds to do this presently. It is being used as a store room in the meantime.

The access road along the viaduct area from Bissett's Strand needs to be preserved in case more weir maintenance is needed. Irish Rail has agreed that additional planting and reseeding needs to be done on their station works access route at Casino.

### 3. **Environment:**

FCC advises that on completion of the new development works at Malahide Castle & Demesne new litter bins will be provided to cope with the predicted increase in visitors. It is hoped to carry out some resurfacing works to the paths running along the southern perimeter (by Back Road) in the second half of the year. Work is currently being done on a large extension to the car park by the Castle.

There was discussion about the poor state of the Bridgefield car park with weeds, the shrubs not being attended to and bits of wall falling down. Forum to contact Gemma Carr about that and also about pruning of shrubberies in Malahide and the weeds in those along the Coast Road. FCC is to liaise with residents' before cutting down trees and we will request that they contact the Forum also. FCC has confirmed that the grassed area opposite Seabank will remain meadowland and will not be mown.

There is concern at the deterioration of the gate lodge at Bridgefield. We will contact FCC. Seamount residents' concerns regarding the new reservoir works were outlined as FCC has written to them to advise that the project is now going ahead.

We would again urge people to help the Tidy Towns on Saturdays and meet at 10.30am in the station car park with tools and gloves etc. Only 2 people came to help last week and judging starts at the beginning of June so all help would be greatly appreciated.

### 4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** A number of thefts of handbags/purses have taken place recently in shops and public places, i.e. the Castle, streets, from trolleys and buggies in supermarkets and counter tops in shops so greater vigilance is needed. Any suspicious activity should be reported to Gardaí, no matter how trivial it may seem.

Concern was expressed at the new Garda Station opening hours and it was felt it would be beneficial to meet with Sgt. Cox to discuss policing in the Malahide area.

### 5. **Public Relations:** The May issue of the Guardian is being distributed and sponsorship is required for future issues. It can also be viewed on our website [www.malahideforum.ie](http://www.malahideforum.ie). More **volunteers are needed to deliver to Seabury**. Please contact the Hon. Sec., Margaret, at [curegmw@indigo.ie](mailto:curegmw@indigo.ie) if you can give just half an hour of your time, 3 times per year to deliver to a small area of Seabury. Without volunteers it will be impossible to continue distribution and it really isn't a big task.