

Notes from Malahide Community Forum June 2012

1. **Planning/Development:**

Main St. (F12A/0116): Observation was submitted re application for change of use from Xtravision to restaurant/takeaway. Permission has now been granted.

Fragrance House, Marina (F11A/0326): An Bord Pleanála has approved change of use to food hall/café/off licence.

St. Oliver Plunkett NS, Grove Rd (F12A0162): Residents of Grove Avenue intend to object. Following discussion it was agreed not to forward an observation at present.

Bon Appetit: Concern has been expressed to FCC re large banner sign and confirmation requested that permission has been sought and granted.

There was some discussion regarding the limited mix of business types in the centre of the village and it was agreed that we write to FCC requesting that they take into consideration in future planning permissions that variety is desirable.

2. **Transport:** There will be no further movement on the shuttle bus licence application until the amended Dublin Bus schedules are operational.

We have been advised of a Public Consultation on 2014 Bus Public Service Contracts. Submissions to be made by 5pm on Wednesday 11 July 2012. A public consultation document and questionnaire are available to download below:

[Public Consultation on 2014 Bus Public Service Contracts](#)

[Non Statutory Public Consultation Questionnaire on 2014 Bus Public Service Contracts](#)

It was agreed to contact the Road Safety Authority to request that they urge repainting of white lines in the middle of roads as they are extremely faint in some locations.

3. **Environment:** Seamount residents have been advised by FCC that works on the new reservoir should be started around October 2012 and will take approx. 9 months to complete.

Two Forum members met with Sgt. Cox regarding residents' concerns over the new station opening hours and manpower levels. Following the problems on the beach on the last Bank Holiday weekend Sgt. Cox will now be advised by Dublin Bus and Irish Rail when large groups of youths are travelling to Malahide or Portmarnock and they will be met on arrival and all alcohol confiscated.

We are still awaiting a response from Gemma Carr regarding Bridgefield car park and Coast Road shrubberies.

FCC has advised that renovations in the Castle are now due for completion in late August, together with the redevelopment works in the old Courtyard. After systems testing and staff training they hope, subject to progress on the building works, to open the Castle, West Lawn, new Courtyard (including the visitor centre) and access to the Talbot Botanical Gardens by mid-September. AVOCA is targeting its opening for the first week of October. If any RAs or communities are interested in adopting an area or patch of land FCC will provide advice and remove any litter that is collected, but no green waste will be taken.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Coolock Garda station prisoner cells are now available again and most people are taken there into custody as there is insufficient staff in Malahide. There have been a number of burglaries where the power source has been cut to alarms and telephone lines and also incidences of cars stopping and occupants taking mobile phones from people in the street. Thieves have been caught on CCTV stealing bags from coffee shops and pubs so particular care is needed.

There is a Garda publication, The Community Times, which is available on-line:

<http://garda.ie/Documents/User/Community%20Times%20-%20March%202012.pdf>

5. **Public Relations:** We have a sponsor for the next edition of The Malahide Guardian and probably also for the following 2 issues. There was some discussion whether we should continue with distribution to each house as it is increasingly difficult to get volunteers. It was agreed to monitor the next few editions closely and possibly switch to leaving in various locations for collection or perhaps on-line publication only.
6. **Assisted Living:** There is no financial support forthcoming for an assisted living project. The group will meet to decide whether it is worth trying to progress this matter.