

Notes from Malahide Community Forum July 2012

1. **Planning/Development:**

Grove Rd, St. Oliver Plunkett NS (F12A/0162): Chair of Forum and members of Planning subcommittee have met with representatives of Board of Management to view and discuss plans. While residents of Grove Avenue and some others intend to object to proposed height of building on a restricted and prominent site, it is recommended that Forum remains neutral. There is no timescale for the building to commence.

Bon Appetit: A warning letter re unauthorised signs was issued by FCC Planning Department on 21 June.

Kinsealy Lane (F11A/0386): An Bord Pleanála has received Inspector's report but decision deferred to after designated date of 12 July.

Grove Rd, Maud Plunkett's (F11A/0307): ABP has refused permission for proposed development as medical centre.

Main St., Xtravision Store (F12A/0116): An appeal has been lodged with ABP by a third party against change of use to Beshoffs restaurant/café.

As buildings of various financial institutions may shortly become vacant it was agreed that we will draft letter to FCC requesting that they develop a retail plan for Malahide. The Forum will study the pattern of retailing in the village to ascertain what type of outlets would be desirable to create a good mix to try to avoid a proliferation of a single type.

2. **Transport:** We have surveyed the white line road markings in Malahide area and will now write to the Road Safety Authority detailing areas in need of attention.

3. **Environment:**

The Tidy Towns Committee is still meeting at 10.30am on Saturdays in the Station car park and **all residents are urged to come to help**, as there are very few volunteers and much work to be done. TT has had an allotment donated and volunteers are needed to help there also. The Forum commends the TT for the fantastic work they are doing on behalf of the community. Please also support the **TT Quiz at 8pm on Thursday 26 July in the Grand Hotel** as this is the main source of fundraising to carry out all the work around our village. The cost is €10 per person, €40 per table of 4, and tickets are available from committee members or on request to malahidetidytowns@eircom.net

The Forum has contacted a local politician regarding staffing levels at Malahide Garda Station. When a reply is received to questions he has put to the Minister for Justice, Equality & Defence, we will meet with him.

4. **Any Other News:** We have written to our 3 TDs requesting they make representation to the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation against the likely closure of the Consumers' Association of Ireland due to lack of funding. A reply has been received advising that the Minister has now met with the CAI.

At the request of FCC we have completed a survey reviewing our participation on the Malahide Community Liaison Committee. A meeting has not been held for 2½ years but it is hoped this Committee will be reinstated.

FCC is running a Flavours of Fingal Festival on 21/22 July in Newbridge House and Farm.

Tickets and further information are available from www.flavoursoffingal.ie

The Malahide Festival will run from 26 to 29 July. Full information on events and schedules is available at www.malahidehasit.com