

Notes from Malahide Community Forum September 2012

1. **Planning/Development:**

Bon Appetit (F12A/0232): We have lodged an objection re advertising banners on protected structure.

Site off R124 beside GAA grounds (F12A/0242): Objection has been lodged re permission for 74 dwellings.

We have been assured by FCC that they are conscious of the need to try to keep a balanced variety of retail outlets in the village.

We are concerned at the continuing deterioration of Casino before the start of work re the Fry Model Railway. It was agreed that we will contact FCC to request that they again inspect the premises.

2. **Transport:** We have contacted FCC Roads Dept regarding reinstatement of white line road markings. Some have been done already as roads are being resurfaced.

We are investigating the reason why the electronic bus sign opposite St. Sylvester's Church is not working.

3. **Environment:** We extend our congratulations to the Tidy Towns Committee on the excellent Gold Medal award and thank them for their hard work which is to the benefit of us all. The Malahide Tidy Towns have been working tirelessly this year combating litter and weeds and developing various biodiversity and environmental projects. They are always looking for new volunteers and you can contact them on their email – malahidetidytowns@eircom.net

We understand that a further award will be received for the Bee Garden at the library.

The occasional bad smell in Malahide is persisting. We called FCC on a day when smell was prevalent and they came out immediately to inspect drains, sewage treatment plant etc but could find no problems to which the smell could be attributed but which had dissipated in the interim. We will continue to monitor.

Following recent press speculation about the closure of a large number of Garda stations, the future of Malahide station was discussed. It was noted that a bigger Garda presence on foot patrols around the area had been observed during the day, but it was agreed to seek more information on staffing levels during night hours and at public house closing times.

We received several complaints that the Castle redevelopment did not open as scheduled on 12 September and the lack of communication. We did contact FCC on 12th but have received no reply to date. We will write again to FCC to express our disappointment at their handling of the situation and request an update on the current position. We understand from their Facebook page that they are working closely with the main contractor to ensure that the castle, gardens and new visitor centre will be open to the public in early October.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There was a meeting with the Crime Prevention Officer at the start of the month. It was noted that a high proportion of car thefts are with keys which are left on view in houses. Residents are urged to obtain snap-proof or break-proof locks for their doors as these are significantly safer than standard locks. It is requested that people remain vigilant and report to Gardaí anything at all that is suspicious.

5. **Public Relations:** The next edition of the Malahide Guardian is due to be published in mid-October.

6. **Any Other News:** The youth club will be run again on Thursdays in Malahide Lawn Tennis Club but the venue which had been used for the youth café has now closed. A new venue will be sought and also additional volunteers.