

Notes from Malahide Community Forum October 2012

1. **Planning/Development:**

Bon Appetit (F12A/0232): Permission refused by FCC for retention of sign.

Site off R124 beside GAA grounds (F12A/0242): Permission sought for 74 dwellings.

Additional information requested by FCC.

Condition of Casino: Conservation Architect of FCC reports that there is a caretaker residing in the property and that FCC has met with representatives of Gannon Homes about ongoing maintenance of premises and grounds. They have been asked to carry out repairs to wall render as soon as possible, to keep the area immediately around the house tidy and to prevent the paddock from becoming overgrown.

2. **Transport:** FCC has advised that there is no budget until next year for white lining the R124.

The National Transport Authority has advised that the electronic bus sign opposite the church is not working due to the current building works there.

There is no big difference in the new draft train timetable but there are still a couple of large gaps which we will point out in our submission. There is concern that occasionally a train has only 3 carriages. Please advise Forum if this happens again and we will take up the matter with Irish Rail.

There is little progress on the new bus timetables as they are still under discussion within Dublin Bus. For the latest information on the Malahide Shuttle project please go to www.malahideshuttle.ie

The Forum contacted FCC to request that a pedestrian light at the Diamond be re-orientated so that it was visible whilst waiting to cross and the volume on the green man crossing was also increased.

3. **Environment:** The Forum attended a meeting with Gemma Carr of FCC. She has budgetary approval for coastal seats and benches. Flower bed areas outside St. Sylvester's School and 2 along the Coast Road will be lost due to lack of resources and will be grassed over unless some groups or RAs are willing to take on the planting and maintenance. A couple of circular areas will be cut in the meadowland opposite Seabank to allow people to sit for picnics in that area. Every tree has been mapped and logged and trees to be cut down have been identified, which are those whose roots are making pavements unsafe or trees within 5m of a lamp post. It was agreed that we will ask FCC for a method statement and schedule of trees identified for removal. It was felt the Forum could raise funds to use methods that would save some of them.

The Forum attended the recent Fingal Joint Policing Committee meeting where pressure was applied to maintain the current opening hours of Malahide Garda Station. The Superintendent advised that he has not reduced the number of Gardaí operating in Malahide but undertook to look at this issue. Peak time for burglary of houses is 5 to 10pm. Always put on alarm when going out, even if only for 10 minutes.

It was decided that Forum will request a meeting with FCC to discuss the problems caused by the Castle development, such as flooding along the avenue by the cricket pitch. The walkway within the Demesne parallel to Back Road is very muddy and needs to be attended to. The entrance at Swords Road also needs attention.

DG and MC met with Sales & Marketing Executive of Shannon Heritage at the Castle and made point that residents would like a price for visiting the Walled Garden only. They are considering this.

4. **Public Relations:** The latest Malahide Guardian is now being distributed. We are still short of delivery people in Seabury so please contact Hon. Sec. if you could spare a little time to deliver to just one road in that area only 3 times per year.