

Notes from Malahide Community Forum November 2012

1. **Planning/Development:**

Bon Appetit (F12A/0232): Permission was refused by FCC for retention of signs and these have now been removed.

Kinsealy Lane (F11A/0386): An Bord Pleanála has granted permission for 76 dwellings. It was noted that the grant of permission to St. Oliver Plunkett N.S. has been appealed to ABP by local residents.

2. **Transport:** The rerouting and revision of bus timetables for 32 and 42 services came into effect from Sunday 18 November. The 102 schedule will not change until next year so the Shuttle Bus Group will not lodge a new licence application until this is in place.

The new rail timetable is generally the same as previously although the large gaps in service are worse at certain times. Please advise us if only 3 carriage trains are still being run, especially after a 50 minute gap in service.

The lifts at Malahide station are now in service. If anyone is aware of any problems at the station, please report them to the Station Master. It was noted that the Talbot Tower exit at station is in disrepair and needs attention. We will speak to Station Master.

Millview has requested traffic lights at the junction of Millview and Swords Road, with no success. It was agreed that Forum lobby for this.

3. **Environment:** We have still not been able to make contact with the relevant person at FCC to discuss their plans for trees in Malahide and we will continue to pursue this.

The Forum met with Superintendent Ronan Galligan and local councillors. Supt was surprised at criticism of policing level in Malahide but conceded that we do not have same resources as a few years ago. There are only a few public order offences at pub closing time as New St. taxi ranks disperse people quickly. Friday and Saturday from 9pm to 1am is most heavily policed period. An e-mail address has been set up to allow for speedier resolution of concerns or complaints: coolock.community@garda.ie Supt stressed that he watches this every day and monitors response times to issues raised.

We met Kevin Halpenny of FCC at Malahide Castle and discussed problems such as flooding along the Avenue in Demesne, deterioration of lodges, entrance at Swords/Malahide Rd etc as agreed at October Committee meeting. FCC is aware of problems and will be dealing with them in due course. A garden only visitors' ticket has now been introduced at €7.

There is bad graffiti on wall at front of Castle. We will contact FCC.

There is concern at the bad state of the Green on some mornings and it is felt that lighting is needed there at night. We will discuss these incidents with Gardaí.

The Tidy Towns has received its Gold Medal which is on show in a shop window on the Diamond.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Most burglaries in the last month were via front door or windows. 3 cars were broken into over one night so do not leave belongings in car.

5. **Other Matters:** The Irish Cancer Society needs around 40 volunteers as soon as possible to transport patients (in volunteers own cars) to and from their hospital treatments in the Mater, St. Vincent's, St. James's & Tallaght Hospital. Petrol expenses and all tolls will be paid. Please call Gail on 01 2310 566 or email gflinter@irishcancer.ie if you feel you can help.