

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum April 2013

1. **Planning and Development:**

Therapie Clinic, The Mall: FCC has issued a warning letter re unauthorised totem sign.

Site by St. Sylvester's GAA/R124 (F12A/0242): Permission granted for development of 74 dwellings. Appeal to An Bord Pleanála has been submitted and others are appealing also.

XtraVision site: Application for planning permission has been made to change the use of site to GP /medical centre, which includes an additional storey on current premises. FCC has requested additional information.

Taxis / Cabs Parking in Malahide Village: The Forum will raise concerns again with Sergeant Cox over the manner in which taxis and cabs occupy parking spaces etc. at night in the village.

Castle Concerts: The dates for the concerts on the Bridgefield site in the Castle grounds have been confirmed as Friday 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 May. The concerts will take place at 8pm costing €10 per ticket; there will also be an afternoon concert for teenagers aged 13-18 on the Saturday at €5 per ticket. It is understood the stage will be backing onto railway line to minimise noise disruption to local residents. FCC, the main organiser, is working closely with Malahide Chamber of Commerce on the organisation of the events. We will confirm with FCC the closing time of the concerts. It was agreed that Committee should also make representations to FCC to ensure litter and other debris is completely cleared directly after each concert.

It was noted at the Tidy Towns' AGM that FCC does now recognise that the opening of the Avoca shop and restaurant has taken a lot of business from the village. For the forthcoming concerts franchises for food and drinks stalls will be offered to Malahide businesses on a first option basis.

2. **Transport:** FCC has now completed work on the unfinished road at the top of Seamount. The issue regarding the incorrect location of the new coach parking spaces on James Terrace outside the Scout Den has been raised to all local councillors. The Gardaí have cordoned off the area with cones in the interim until the spaces are moved nearer to the tennis courts. The Committee expressed concern that this issue has taken so long to be resolved.

Shuttle Bus Licence application – Dublin Bus has advised that the route and timetable for the 102 bus will be unchanged until further notice. The Shuttle Project Group was waiting on update on this before finalising its application for a shuttle bus licence; this will now go ahead.

A request was received from a resident in Railway Avenue to talk to Station Master in Malahide station about the loud noise from tannoy system being used for announcements from early in the morning. This was raised and it is understood that it is now resolved.

We have received a response from Iarnród Éireann re our concern at the deterioration of the shelter on the northbound platform. Remedial repairs including timers, glazing and repainting will be undertaken shortly with work scheduled to be complete by the end of July.

3. **Environment:** The matter of flooding at The Bawn, which was raised last month, has been resolved by FCC.

The www.malahide.ie website was re-launched 2 weeks ago. This site is effectively a hosting page for local clubs and societies and public affairs groups. We will put a link to this from our website.

Public Realm Strategy: There was a meeting in March at which a team for a 'Movement' project was formed, which includes a Forum committee member. Looking at movement within the village and in/out of the village, the team is considering short term improvements /quick wins as well as longer term measures.

Malahide Tidy Towns committee has painted all the bins green in Malahide village centre and the Malahide town logo will be stencilled on them over the coming weeks. It is

proposed to add the slogan 'Keep Malahide Beautiful' to the bins in a variety of different languages. All this work is being funded by Tidy Towns committee.

We will advise FCC that some bins located on Coast Road are broken and need to be repaired. The Tidy Towns group held its AGM on the 11 April 2013. There was no FCC representation at the meeting but €10,000 has been approved by FCC for works around the Green at The Marina. Details of exact works to be carried out are not known.

- 4. Neighbourhood Watch:** The meeting was informed about a Crime Prevention Information Sheet from An Garda Síochána on Vehicle Security for Cars and Jeeps and a link to this sheet has been posted on the Forum website
Criminal damage was caused to cars in local car parks, handbags were stolen from cars parked in Malahide Castle and Estuary Road and a suitcase was also stolen from a car in the Castle. Best advice is not to leave anything visible in the car when parked.
Four bicycles were taken from Malahide Train station recently and two people have been arrested. The bicycles were recovered but are still unclaimed at Malahide Garda Station.
- 5. Public Relations:** The copy date for next proposed issue of the Malahide Guardian is 30 April. However, it was agreed that the Guardian would only be published if there are adequate contributions of interest to the community submitted for inclusion. If not, the publication will be postponed.