

## Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum June 2013

### 1. **Planning and Development:**

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): An application for retention of the sign has been lodged. The Forum will object.

Site by St. Sylvester's GAA/R124 (F12A/0242): An Bord Pleanála to hold an oral hearing on 16 July at which the Forum will be represented by GD.

An application for retention has been lodged for the advertising signs at both Casino and Robswall. It was agreed the Forum will not object as it is desirable that these estates are finished as quickly as possible.

It was agreed that the Forum will check that the external appearance of the scout den is to be improved during renovations.

### 2. **Transport:** It was felt that the Malahide road train does not seem to causing undue traffic problems.

We contacted FCC regarding the maintenance of pay and display machines in Malahide as they have frequently been running out of tickets and the time needed to be reset on several. We are advised that teething difficulties in relation to ticket replenishment and meter repair caused by a change of service provider have now been dealt with and there should be no further problems.

### 3. **Environment:** MHH advised that the Church Road RA has been having problems with the Scotch Bonnet blocking the pavement with sign boards and, on occasions, tables and chairs so that people had to go onto the road to pass. They are also blocking the junction of St. Margaret's Avenue and Church Road with motorbikes and a 4WD parked on double yellow lines. Church Road RA will contact FCC planning enforcement.

There was concern at the recent trouble on Portmarnock beach and the safety of local children. It was agreed that the Forum will write to the Garda Superintendent before next year's May Bank Holiday requesting that extra Gardaí are allocated prior to there being trouble. FCC has written to advise that Clonsaugh has been chosen as the site for the waste water treatment plant for the Greater Dublin Drainage Scheme. As part of the public consultation that runs from 10 June to 2 August there will be 3 open days in Fingal County Council, Swords on 26 and 29 June and 3 July. Full information can be found at [www.greaterdublindrainage.ie](http://www.greaterdublindrainage.ie) and the report is also available in County libraries. A Forum representative attend an open day.

There is still a great deal of work to be done coming into the judging period for Tidy Towns. They are always extremely short of volunteers and would very much welcome any assistance so please meet in the Station car park at 10.30am any Saturday if you can help.

Access to Malahide beach from the car park is now difficult as there is a very big drop from the access ramp due to erosion. Forum will contact FCC.

It was felt that the work done by FCC to level the pavement around the tree roots on one corner of the Diamond is very effective. It was agreed to contact FCC to enquire whether this will be done in every place where the pavement has been lifted by roots.

### 4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There was criminal damage to three cars in Beach car park with handbag and cash taken. Residents should be aware that geotagging can cause serious problems. When a photograph is taken on a smart phone and uploaded onto Facebook etc the GPS on the phone has personal details, address etc. If people are aware from Facebook comments that residents are on holiday they can access personal details and houses have been burgled as a result. It is advisable to delete the GPS on smart phones.