

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum July 2013

1. **Planning and Development:**

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): An application for retention of the sign has been lodged and the Forum has lodged an objection. We have just been notified that on 12 July FCC refused retention of the sign..

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

We have been advised that the exterior of the new scout den will have cladding to a specification agreed with FCC.

It was noted that trees have now been cut down to enable FCC to widen the Demesne entrance opposite Yellow Walls Road to allow access for broadcasting vehicles for the international cricket match in September.

2. **Transport:** Following the Forum survey of residents in 2008 where 85% of respondents said that they would welcome a shuttle bus we are delighted to confirm that licence approval for a Malahide Shuttle has just been received from the NTA, subject to certain conditions being met. The Shuttle Project Group, comprising members of the Forum, the Chamber of Commerce, Fingal County Council and Malahide Coaches who will provide the service, will now be working towards the launch. Malahide Community Forum extends its thanks to the Shuttle Project Group for all its hard work over a very long period to bring this project to fruition. Keep an eye on the website to get the latest news –

www.malahideshuttle.ie

Irish Rail had advised us that the shelter on the North-bound platform would be refurbished by the end of July and it was noted that this is almost complete.

3. **Environment:** Tidy Towns and the Forum have been asked by VOICE to become involved in a food waste reduction challenge. They are looking for participation of about 10 households with younger children in Malahide to try to reduce their food waste by 1Kg per week. VOICE will conduct food waste audits, help with shopping lists and menus and consult on how to use leftovers and compost whatever food waste is left over (peelings, carcasses, etc). Please contact Heidi Bedell if interested – heidibedell@eircom.net

The TT annual Great Malahide Quiz will be held on Thursday 25 July at 8pm in The Grand Hotel at €10 per person – 4 per team. Please try to get a team together.

The 'Malahide Has It' festival will be held from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July and New Street will be closed for 2 days of the weekend. The Fairground will be operating from Friday 19 to Sunday 28 July. As in previous years the music and activities will finish at 9.45pm with a view to the site being cleared by 10pm.

FCC advises that the new bases around some trees in the village are a 6 month trial in an attempt to solve the root problem without having to cut down trees but they are hugely expensive. The Forum is unaware how many trees will have to be removed but it was agreed to enquire if we can work with FCC to get sponsorship for replacements.

We also spoke with FCC regarding the access ramp at the beach which now has a big drop down due to erosion. They will inspect it and work will probably need to be done but, as 2013 budgets have already been agreed, any remedial work would be carried out in 2014.

4. **PR Issues:** A report is due to appear in the Fingal Independent on Forum's appeal against permission for housing on R124 beside St. Sylvester's GAA grounds.
5. **Other Issues:** Enquiries have been made about the progress of Casino/Fry Model Railway. We have been advised that the project is still progressing but the legal aspect is

a lengthy process.