

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum for September 2013

- 1. Planning / Development:** Therapie Clinic's application to retain its sign (F13A/0182) had been refused but so far the sign has not been removed.
An oral hearing on the proposed development located by St Sylvester's GAA / R124 (F12A/0242) was attended by a member of the Forum who reported that three main issues arose – flooding, traffic volumes and sewage. He felt that a strong case had been made for overturning the approval. However, a decision has now been made and permission has been granted by An Bord Pleanála.
- 2. Transport:** It was noted that Irish Rail has introduced 2-car DART trains in the off-peak hours. It is requested that anyone who travels on one and finds it full should let the Hon Sec know.
The Malahide Shuttle is scheduled to be launched on Tuesday 29 October. The service is specifically focussed on meeting trains in the morning and evening peaks. Bus timings will ensure that commuters can meet all DART trains and a proportion of commuter trains as well. No service is proposed outside the peak hours of 6.15 to 9.30 am and 4.15 to 7.45 pm. Further details can be found on the website www.malahideshuttle.ie
- 3. Environment:** There has been no progress on the Public Realm Strategy. FCC are still working on their tree strategy and, more specifically, on our proposal that felled trees might be replaced with "sponsored" trees. They hope to revert within the next couple of weeks.
The Committee felt that the recent International Cricket match had gone extremely well and asked the Hon Sec to congratulate both Malahide Cricket Club and FCC on the smooth running, although there is concern at the length of time being taken to dismantle the stands and make good.
The Committee offers its congratulations to the Tidy Towns Committee on getting a Silver medal this year.
- 4. Neighbourhood Watch:** Malahide / Portmarnock has been chosen as the pilot area for the text alert scheme, subject to the Commissioner's approval. Autumn / winter is the high risk period for burglaries.
- 5. Other Issues:** Malahide Foróige Youth Club is for all young people aged 12 and over from the area and meets on Thursday evenings from 8-9.30pm in Malahide Tennis Club. It has now reopened for the new club year and would welcome new members to get involved in various activities, games and events. It's a great place for young people to meet up with their friends and to make some new ones, whilst having fun. Further information is available from Bryan Gavin, Foróige at 086 8519639.