

Monthly Notes of Malahide Community Forum for October 2013

1. **Planning/Development:**

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): A second Enforcement Order for removal of sign had to be issued. Matter was referred to Law Agent on 8 October.

Site off R124 (F12A/0242): An Bord Pleanála has granted permission but with multiple conditions. We have since met with representatives from Community School and FCC to discuss what can be done to manage pedestrian safety implications etc.

There is concern about new lighting at Westbury Club and the appropriate form will be submitted to FCC to check that this has been approved.

2. **Transport:** A launch reception for the Malahide Shuttle was held recently by Malahide Credit Union which has also kindly sponsored the bus stop signs. Initial costs are also being funded by a grant from Fingal County Council, a grant from Irish Rail and additional funding from Malahide Community Forum. A one price fare is necessary because child reductions are subsidised by Dublin Bus but Malahide Coaches will be unable to offer this initially.

Congratulations and thanks were extended to members of the Shuttle Project Group for their great work in bringing this project to fruition. Service will commence on Tuesday 29 October and full details, including timetables, can be found on the Shuttle website www.malahideshuttle.ie Please support this service to ensure its viability.

We have requested a schedule of short Dart trains from Iarnrod Eireann.

There is concern over safety of school children and pedestrians in area between Millview Road and Pope John Paul School as footpaths are very narrow and in bad condition. Forum is meeting with FCC and school representatives to investigate possible safety solutions. FCC has published notice of its intention to introduce taxi stand sites in Malahide near the Grand Hotel and by Gibneys. The Draft Malahide Appointed Stands (Street Service Vehicles) Bye-Laws 2013 can be inspected until Monday 18 November in Malahide Library or on-line on this link: <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Roads/TransportationBye-Laws/DraftMalahideAppointedStands/> Submissions are invited before 2nd December.

3. **Environment:** The Tidy Towns committee has attended the presentation of its Silver Medal award. It was agreed that Forum should consider taking on a project to help TT. Interest was expressed in seeing the 2013 Tidy Towns' adjudication report for Malahide and this can be viewed at www.tidytowns.ie on the following link:

http://www.tidytowns.ie/u_reports/2013/2013%20County%20Dublin_Fingal%20Malahide%20159.pdf

The Forum has contacted FCC regarding state of path around perimeter of cricket pitch after the ODI and damage to grass etc. We are advised that contractors didn't leave the site until near the end of September and FCC is now seeking quotations for reconstruction of the path. FCC will also survey the grass area and damage caused to it due to the event and will remedy as soon as possible, weather permitting.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There have been several break-ins recently so extra vigilance advised. Autumn/Winter is the high risk period for burglaries. A text alert system will be set up in Malahide which the Malahide Neighbourhood Watch Group will adopt.

Gardaí will be putting in place a free of charge bicycle marking scheme over coming months whereby a unique identifier will be put on to help with retrieval of stolen bikes.

5. **Other Issues:** The Malahide Pipe Band is looking for new members and would like anyone interested in learning to play the bagpipes or snare drums to contact them. Children from 12+ and adults are welcome and evening classes are organised in Malahide. For further information please email malahidepipeband@dublin.ie or look at the website at:

<http://www.dublin.ie/websites/malahidepipeband/default.asp>

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.