

Monthly Notes of Malahide Community Forum November 2013

1. **Planning/Development:**

The Westbury Club: Neon lighting has been erected at the Westbury Club. The Forum has sent photographs of this to FCC who has issued a warning letter.

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): FCC issued a second Enforcement Order for removal of sign and the matter has been referred to Law Agent.

It was pointed out that a lot of posters are being erected around the village and referred specifically to one located at The Diamond. We will photograph and refer to FCC.

2. **Transport:** Millview Road RA, a Forum representative and Board of Management of Pope John Paul School met with FCC to discuss safety concerns for children and pedestrians in the area. FCC looking at possibility of putting safe crossing on Millview Road and will revert with their comments and suggestions. It was pointed out that the lighting along the green near the school is inadequate also.

3. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Burglaries are increasing again and main risks are leaving doors unlocked, windows open and not turning on alarms when out. Beware of 'distraction' burglaries where a thief uses false ID to gain entry and then takes something of value. Also do not leave car keys in hall where they can be stolen via a rod through the letterbox. To check how secure you are, do the checklist challenge in the crime watch section on www.garda.ie

The text alert system is now ready to be rolled out and should be in operation soon.

Gardaí expressed disappointment at how few calls they receive from the public about suspicious activity in their area and encouraged residents to ring the station if they have the slightest concern about anything.

4. **Public Relations:** The new Malahide Guardian is now ready for printing. It contains a question over the future of the Guardian and every RA is asked to encourage its members to complete the survey in this regard. Paper copies will also be available for people without internet access. A link to the survey has been placed on our website. It can be viewed on www.surveymonkey.com/s/98MS5D5 and we would appreciate if you would spend a couple of minutes to complete.

5. **Other Matters:** One of the ramps on the R124 by the Community School has been smoothed out and it was requested we ask for the far ramp is treated in the same way. Fingal County Council is continuing to work on the Public Realm Strategy for Malahide and hopes that details may be available before the end of the year. The Forum AGM has been arranged for Monday 24 February 2014 in the Grand Hotel. We wrote to the County Manager prior to his leaving to thank him and wish him well. He replied that FCC is still determined to deliver the Casino/Fry collection and regretted that he was unable to complete it during his tenure.