

Notes from Malahide Community Forum January 2014

1. **Planning/Development:**

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): The unapproved sign is still in place but the file has been referred to the FCC law agent.

The Westbury Club: The neon lighting has not been removed from the Westbury Club following FCC's warning letter so Forum will follow up.

Broomfield & Kinsealy Lane (F13A/0459 & F13A/0460): A comprehensive observation has been submitted to FCC regarding significant issues relating principally to drainage, roads and transport.

Casino: Significant progress has been made on the acquisition of Casino and FCC is now in a contract position with the owner which they hope to conclude as speedily as possible. Terms have been agreed to acquire the Fry collection from Fáilte Ireland. FCC Heritage and Architectural departments have been carrying out works to maintain the building in the interim.

2. **Transport:** The outcome of the Malahide Shuttle Project has been very disappointing with the service having been suspended due to lack of passengers. It was noted that FCC has scheduled improvements to the footpath by St. Sylvester's Church into the 2014 works. The speed ramp at Broomfield will also be repaired by FCC in 2014 if a source of funding can be identified.

3. **Environment:** There is concern at the fall-off in staffing levels and coverage in Malahide Garda Station and a meeting will be held to examine this. The Public Realm Strategy is due to be launched in January. This will cover all outdoor spaces within the town, including the streets, parks, footpaths, squares etc. In 2014 FCC will prepare permissions for larger works required to improve the village such as traffic, cycle lanes etc. but they will do minor works in the interim. A representative from FCC will attend the Forum AGM in February to give a presentation on the PRS and plans for the village centre. There is now uncertainty over the timing of water and drainage works envisaged by FCC following the transfer to Irish Water.

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** A new crime prevention/detection initiative called "Text Alert" is being set up in Malahide which the Malahide Neighbourhood Watch Group will adopt. Residents' Associations which are not participating are encouraged to do so by calling into the local Garda station to enquire.

5. **Public Relations:** The next edition of the Malahide Guardian is due for issue at the beginning of February and will carry notice of the AGM on Monday 24 February in The Grand Hotel. There was a very poor response to The Guardian readership survey and future editions will be accessed online with printed copies available in locations such as the library and various shops. The Forum will encourage residents to sign up to website email alerts to notify them when monthly notes and The Guardian are put online.