

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum March 2014

1. **Appointment of Officers for the year 2014:**

The following were elected:

David Greene (Chairman), Hazel Bolton (Vice Chairman), Irene Dehaene (Hon. Treasurer), Margaret Cure (Hon. Secretary)

2. **Finance:** It was agreed that subscriptions rates remain at same level as last year.

3. **Planning & Development:**

The Wesbury Club: FCC has been advised that neon signage has still not been removed.

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): Matter of unapproved sign in hands of Council Law Agent.

Seamount Residents' Association has not objected to F14A/0030 for 22 residential units. An objection has been lodged to the development for 14 No. 2-storey houses F14A/0105 and there will be a meeting to determine whether to object to the 47 house development F14A/0106. It was agreed that the Forum Planning subcommittee will contact FCC to say we would like to engage with them over the possible traffic, drainage etc problems that may arise from all these applications.

It was agreed that the replacement footpath in front of St. Sylvester's Church was badly needed.

The question of sandwich boards in the village was raised and one member had counted 24 one day. The Planning s/c will discuss a course of action and contact FCC as the large number of these poses great difficulties to some members of the community.

4. **Environment:** There was discussion on the Broadmeadow Way, which is generally considered desirable. O'Hanlon's Lane RA feels that their road is not sufficiently wide to cope with the pedestrians and cyclists using the walkway via this route, although they do support the concept. The question was raised whether there will be certain access hours to the walkway and we will ascertain this information. Forum will forward a submission to FCC by 28 March in consultation between the 3 subcommittees.

FCC hopes to launch the Malahide tourist app in the next couple of weeks.

5. **Other Matters:** Concerns were raised whether the closure of Malahide Post Office and relocation to Clare Hall might be a possibility. It was agreed to write to our local TD, to Pat Rabbitte, Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources and to our local Senator to stress that Malahide Post Office is vital to our community and to seek assurances that it will not be closing.

It was noted that an Educate Together School for the Malahide/Portmarnock area will be opening next September. Initially it will be in temporary accommodation at Holywell ETNS in Swords whilst a suitable permanent location is determined.