

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum September 2014

1. Planning & Development:

Residents of Malahide may not be aware that there are over 250 houses and apartments being developed in Malahide at the moment. This will have an impact, both positive and negative, on businesses, traffic, services and amenities in the area.

Broomfield / Kinsealy Lane East and Back Road: Permission has been granted for a large number of dwellings (150), albeit with several conditions attached. An appeal has been lodged to An Bord Pleanála by a third party. Concerns have been raised regarding the design of the proposed bridge over the railway which the Forum will investigate further.

Street Advertising / Sandwich Boards: Fingal CoCo are currently undertaking a survey to ensure that pedestrian obstacles are removed.

Casino: It is understood that progress is being made, slowly.

2. Transport:

The far waiting room in the station will be opened as soon as it has been connected to the electricity supply. This is due to be carried out at the same time as the bill boards beside the waiting room are electrified. The Forum will enquire if the timing of the lights at the Diamond will be changed in order to facilitate people crossing diagonally, as outlined in the Public Realm Strategy. We will also contact Fingal CoCo to repair a large pothole on Killeen Terrace.

3. Environment:

The Tidy Towns team are to be commended on achieving a Gold Medal this year and also on the jump to 300 points. Click here to view the full report for Malahide: <http://www.tidytowns.ie/reports.php?county=Dublin&year=2014>. A special thanks to all the residents of Malahide who supported the Table Quiz in July, which was a huge success.

A major upgrade of the drainage in Malahide is required in order to avoid further swimming advisory notices (two were issued in August this year). To date we don't know when this work will be carried out. It was also noted that, due to swimming restrictions imposed by the currents in the area, it is not possible for Malahide to be issued with a blue flag.

4. Neighbourhood Watch:

The Text Alert System has now been launched in 8 areas in Portmarnock and Malahide, and 4 more are due to go live in September. The reaction has been very positive. Contact your local Neighbourhood Watch representative if you would like to sign up for the alerts.

Residents are reminded not to do business on the doorstep with cold callers, to be careful of buying petrol that appears too cheap (it may be stretched) and to take the normal precautions before Halloween to ensure the safety of children, young adults and pets.

Be careful of leaving valuables in parked cars, as more thefts have occurred. Boat trailers, wheelie bins and bikes have also been stolen – keep these items secure.