

Notes from Malahide Community Forum October 2014

1. **Planning & Development:**

Broomfield/Kinsealy Lane East & Back Road (F13A/0459 & 0460): The Forum has submitted an observation to An Bord Pleanála. Meanwhile Fingal County Council has published proposals for the widening of the railway bridge on Back Road to make it safer for pedestrians. The Forum believes that this work must be completed before any construction is permitted to begin on the Broomfield lands.

2. **Transport:**

The subcommittee is looking into the proposed Swiftway Bus Rapid Transit – Swords/Airport to City Centre. This will involve, for example, the replacement of roundabouts with traffic light controlled junctions between Malahide and the airport and public consultation is open until 28 November. It was noted that local residents in Swords welcomed the amended proposed route as it does not impact on their green spaces.

There appears to be no progress on the Malahide Public Realm Strategy.

The timing of traffic lights at The Diamond does not allow time to cross on the diagonal. We will contact FCC. It was noted that the Public Realm Strategy made provision for traffic lights to be installed in the area around the front of the tennis club and these are badly needed.

Transport subcommittee to contact Fingal Co. Co. Traffic Dept in this regard.

Transport s/c has written in support of a suggestion by a resident to FCC to relocate bus stop from opposite St. Sylvester's Church to outside the nearby shops, whilst removing a few of the parking spaces there to create extra room. It was agreed that the Transport s/c will discuss further to see if there are any better solutions.

3. **Environment:** The Forum has received information on the Fingal Community Network which is being set up by FCC to give groups the opportunity to participate at decision making level and will be the main link through which FCC will connect with community and voluntary sectors. We have nominated a Forum contact on this initiative. There was a reception for FCC Cleaner Communities Award at which Seabury won the Best Example of Community Environmental Initiative for Malahide / Howth Area. There were various other Malahide winners and details can be viewed at <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/environment/clean-community/community-clean-up-and-awards/> Other residents' associations are encouraged to enter next year. Problems with roads & footpaths, street lighting, water & drainage, parks, graffiti or litter can be reported online at Fix Your Street, www.fixyourstreet.ie

4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** The Crime Prevention Officer gave a talk on Social Networks. To report harmful internet websites call 1890 610710. For up to date information on internet safety visit www.webwise.ie Crime in the area in September included hostage taking for a robbery, cars and bikes being stolen to order and keys being fished out through letter boxes.