

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum November 2014

- 1. Planning & Development:** There are no new cases of concern to us currently. An excellent submission has been forwarded to FCC by a local resident with suggestions regarding the proposed pedestrian footbridge at Back Road. MCF will write to FCC to endorse this submission. Public submissions and observations must be made by 2nd December and details can be viewed at <http://www.fingalcoco.ie/planning-and-buildings/development-plans-and-consultations/public-consultations/currentconsultations/> The lighting at The Westbury Club has still not been removed so we will follow up with FCC.
- 2. Transport:** The Forum attended a meeting regarding the Swiftway Bus Rapid Transit Swords/Airport to City Centre and feels that it should not impact on Malahide. We have received no response from FCC regarding Forum's support of a proposal to relocate the bus stop opposite St. Sylvester's Church. Following a complaint from a resident regarding parking of trailers in Estuary parking bays, we have been advised by FCC and Malahide Gardaí that provided parking is legal it is available for anyone, as it is a public area. Bissett's Strand residents suffer serious problems caused by cars parked illegally and we will discuss with local Gardaí. The timing of the lights at The Diamond has still not been changed to allow people to cross on the diagonal. Forum will follow up. Some improvement works have been carried out on Millview Road footpath but safe pedestrian crossings and traffic lights at Millview/Swords Road junction are still outstanding. The road surface has been reinstated very badly following works from Church Road to The Hill and it was decided to write to FCC to advise that this is unsatisfactory.
- 3. Environment:** The Forum has received a response from FCC regarding progress on the Public Realm Strategy. The shop front design guidelines will be completed by the end of the year. Plans for the Marina Green are being prepared to allow its redevelopment in phases. Car parking and resolving same is on FCC's agenda to find a comprehensive solution. We will write to the new FCC Chief Executive requesting a formal update on the PRS. The emerging preferred route outlined in the Broadmeadow Way Public Consultation Report appears to be the most practical available. This report can be viewed at <http://fingal.ie/planning-and-buildings/development-plans-and-consultations/public-consultations/items-previously-displayed/> The sailing club at the Estuary seems to have erected a small barrier with a notice prohibiting entry on the beach in front of the club. Forum to follow up.
- 4. Neighbourhood Watch:** Houses have been broken into in The Golf Links and Abbott's Hill recently and burglaries have increased significantly in the Malahide area now it is dark early. Please report any suspicious activity to Gardaí to assist their efforts to reduce crime. Many cars have defective lights so please check all lights are working. There is a new scam targeting BMW cars. Windows are smashed and nothing taken but the car is then stolen a few days later as a device has been used to make an electronic copy of the car key. If the window of your BMW is smashed it is advisable to get a new key system immediately.
- 5. Other Matters:** The date for our AGM is confirmed as Monday 2 March 2015 in The Grand Hotel.