

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum February 2015

- 1. Members:** A vote of thanks was passed to Mark Hely Hutchinson on his retirement from the Forum for his contribution over such a long period. Nuala Burke announced that she would not be going forward for re-election and thanks were extended to her also for her contribution over the years.
- 2. AGM Arrangements:** The paper for the AGM was approved. This will be held in the O'Carolan Suite at the Grand Hotel on Monday 2 March 2015. The poster advertising the AGM has been distributed to all members to display in their locality to encourage attendance.

At the AGM there will be an update on the acquisition and development of Casino and also an overview of current and proposed housing developments in Malahide.

- 3. Planning & Development:**
Back Road Railway Bridge: FCC has issued a report recommending acceptance of its proposals for alterations to Back Road railway bridge. Some alterations endorsed by the Forum have also been included.
- 4. Transport:** Forum has written to station master and District Dart Manager re lack of electricity supply to the waiting room. This is in progress and Irish Rail is sourcing funds. It was noted that only part of Church Road has been satisfactorily reinstated and the road beyond Hill Top stores is still in a very poor state. It was suggested that the poor standard of FCC road works should be raised at the AGM.
It was felt that the turn into the Bridgefield car park is very tight and should be widened. Also the hedge to the right at the exit should be cut back to improve visibility. Provision has been made to do this within the Public Realm Strategy.
- 5. Environment:** It was noted that €40k has been allocated by FCC to plan and install a set of pedestrian lights along the Mall near The Rise.
We have written to FCC enquiring about tree felling in the Demesne as notified to us by a local resident. It was felt that these are the trees on Back Road which are diseased and dangerous and we should suggest to FCC that they cut the ivy from the trees more regularly in an effort to keep them healthy.
The Forum will write to FCC asking what restrictions will be imposed regarding pathways and access etc during the Ireland/England cricket match in Malahide on 8 May.
The footpath along Back Road is in need of repair as pedestrians have to step out onto the road to avoid puddles when it has been raining.
FCC has removed all waste bins on the N. footpath between the tennis club and Portmarnock but there are now 8 around the steps at the bottom of Wendell Ave. It was agreed FCC should be advised that we feel a minimum of 3 bins are needed along this stretch of road. It was noted that the steps from Bath Ave into the Golf Links are always littered and a bin is needed there also.
- 6. Neighbourhood Watch:** The Text Alert System is working well in all areas where it is established and fully operational. Nationally over one million text alerts issued with some major successes. All areas not covered at present are encouraged to seriously consider setting up Text Alert as there are now more than sixteen schemes operating in the Malahide, Portmarnock, Kinsealy area.
Over Christmas sheds and houses were broken into and an ATM was skimmed in Malahide. Do not leave car engines running unattended as a few cars have been stolen in this way on cold mornings when driver returned to house to get warm water.