

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum March 2015

1. **Appointment of Officers for Year 2015:**

The following were elected:

David Greene (Chairman), Hazel Bolton (Vice Chairman), Irene Dehaene (Hon. Treasurer), Hon. Secretary – still to be appointed. It was agreed that this position will again be advertised.

2. **Financial Matters:** It was agreed that the subscription rates remain at the same level as last year.

3. **Planning / Development issues:**

Broomfield/ Kinsealy Lane East & Back Road (F13A/0459 & 0460): Permission has been granted by An Bord Pleanála and conditions should be available online from ABP around 18 of March. Regarding the traffic situation - the developers are to give €1m (split 30%/70% between the two developers) to FCC to widen Back Road Bridge, upgrade R107, install traffic lights and a right hand turn lane. No building work can commence until Iarnród Éireann signs a contract for the bridge improvements and no residential dwelling can be occupied until the works have been completed. The Forum is to keep a close eye on developments for the moment.

Schools: There was an enquiry about the development of Oliver Plunkett School. The school has acquired the portacabins and because of this were responsible for them. This could mean that the Department of Education is less likely to approve funding for the proposed new three story school. The issue of traffic at school drop off and collection times was raised. It appears the survey done by FCC was carried out on a non-school day. No update on a site for Malahide/Portmarnock Educate Together. Classes still remain in Holywell for the time being.

4. **Transport:**

Train Station: The waiting room in the railway station is now open during the day but not at night as it still has no electricity. There are two benches in it but no bin as of yet.

Dublin Bus: There is an additional bus on the 142 route at 17:50pm. Dublin Bus is not advertising this on timetables or real time information.

5. **Environment:**

Public Realm Strategy: There is progress on the Public Realm Strategy and Malahide has done well this year. Progress has been made at St. James Terrace, footpaths on the Coast Road and at Bath Avenue but there is still concern over flooding in that area. Work was completed at the Bridgefield Carpark on the Dublin Road but hedging has still not been cut which leads to restricted views when exiting. If anyone notices more flooding in any areas please let the Forum know. A meeting will be held by FCC to seek people's views on how the €150,000 allocation for Malahide Green should be used. Picnic tables, benches, lighting of the Statue & a market are some ideas so far. It was felt that if lighting is approved for the statue sunken LED lights in the ground should be used as they are vandal proof. We were asked to remind FCC to keep residents in mind who are living near the green.

Malahide Castle: The Historical society has acquired premises in Malahide Castle Courtyard which they hope to have opened by June.