

## Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum November 2010

### 1. **Planning/Development Issues:**

Somerton, The Mall: As the sign at La Spa Therapie has not been removed by the due date a prosecution under planning legislation has been initiated by FCC.

Casino: An Endangerment Notice under Section 59 of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 has been served by Fingal County Council on Gannon Homes Ltd requiring certain works to be carried out to the Casino, Dublin Road. The Conservation Architect of FCC has confirmed that these works have not taken place by the specified date and papers have been sent to their Legal Department. Meanwhile The Forum has written to An Taisce, Dublin Tourism, The Heritage Council, The Irish Landmark Trust and The Georgian Society requesting their help and advice.

It was suggested that we draw up a list of items for residents to raise with canvassing politicians, including the deterioration of Casino and progressing the proposed walkway/cycleway to Donabate.

### 2. **Transport Issues:** We have been advised that payment will be implemented at the Bridgefield Car Park from 1 January 2011 with the first hour free and a charge of €1 for each hour thereafter.

The possibility of getting a licence for the Malahide Shuttle Bus looks brighter. A presentation by the Shuttle Group was made to a meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport on 20 October and the National Transport Authority then attended on 3 November. The NTA has confirmed that its primary driver in licensing will be the needs of the travelling public and these will take precedence over protecting subsidised services such as Dublin Bus. The new guidelines for Bus Licensing are expected to be finalised in the near future by the NTA and we would expect that a new licence will be applied for early in the New Year. Full details can be found at [www.malahideshuttle.ie](http://www.malahideshuttle.ie)

It was noted that the bus shelters at St. Sylvester's School and Seapark have been removed. We will check whether they are to be replaced.

Causeway Cycle/Walkway - Irish Rail has completed driving the piles for the bridge section, but construction has now ceased as the National Parks and Wildlife Service has told Fingal County Council that a comprehensive plan for the entire project should be developed for approval. There is concern about funding for the walkway after the builder goes off site.

### 3. **Environment Issues:** The Forum has contacted FCC concerning the installation of new benches and sponsorship of benches by private individuals. The repair of public benches on the walkway behind Malahide Tennis Club is on FCC's list of works for this season.

The grass by the sailing club on the Estuary is being ruined by cars parking on it. We will investigate if there are any proposals to replace with a hard surface to remedy this.

Works on Malahide Castle redevelopment are due to start early next year. It was decided to ask FCC to make a presentation on this at our meeting in January.

It was noted that the hedges near Pope John Paul N.S. are very overgrown and a tree branch has broken along the Estuary. We will contact FCC in this regard.

### 4. **Neighbourhood Watch:** There was a presentation by a Garda who specialises in investigating burglaries. He advised that items were stolen from 8 cars locally which were left unlocked so it is important to ensure that cars are locked at all times.

### 5. **Public Relations:** Some areas had not received the most recent issue of the Guardian up to a month after availability from the printer and this needs to be addressed for the future. Copies can be obtained from the library and various local shops and also viewed on our website at [www.muintir.ie/malahide](http://www.muintir.ie/malahide).

6. **Assisted Living:** The Group met recently, is progressing various matters and will meet again on 1 December.
7. **Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:** Foróige will be doing a presentation at local schools to encourage attendance of 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students at the youth club. It was suggested that they might hold an open night where members could bring a friend.
8. **AGM Arrangements:** Our AGM will be held on Monday 28 February at the Grand Hotel.
9. **Any Other Business:**  
It was agreed to make a contribution to Malahide Chamber of Commerce to help fund the Christmas Lights project. Santa will turn on the lights and entertainment will be provided from 6 – 8pm on Saturday 20 November on New Street.  
We have made contact with FCC regarding flooding in Seamount. An auxiliary reservoir will be built there in 2011.