

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum

September 2011

1. Planning / Development:

The Mall (Somerton) F10A/0117: The Court had ordered that the applicant reapply for retention of the motorised sign. This application has not yet appeared.

Pedestrian Bridge at Railway Station: permission has now been granted.

Silks (F11A/0241): The Rise residents objected to this development and additional information has now been requested.

Diamond Burger Bar (F09A/0606): FCC required the owners to comply with their permission by not playing music outside their premises. Loudspeakers were removed for short time but have now been reinstalled and are back in use.

Marina Village (F11A/0326): The Marina RA will object to this change of use to a cafe, off licence etc and the Forum will support their objection.

Maud Plunkett's (F11A/0307): In principle it was felt that a medical centre was appropriate but it was suggested that the Planning subcommittee looks at the parking arrangements.

Casino / Fry Model Railway: The proposal to bring the Fry Railway back to Malahide and build premises behind Casino house was welcomed but there seem to be many steps still to be taken, which are by no means certain.

2. Transport:

Temporary buildings in the Railway Station yard have now been removed through the intervention of Forum members. This was welcomed.

New timetables for rail services are due to start on 26th September. Timetables may be seen on line. The version most useful for Malahide residents is at

http://www.irishrail.ie/your_journey/printed_timetable_pdfs/sep2011/Dublin%20Dundalk%201.1.pdf, though a shorter version giving only Malahide departures is at

http://www.irishrail.ie/your_journey/printed_timetable_pdfs/Dart%20Timetables%20sep2011/Malahide%2011.pdf.

The Swords Road pipe laying has run beyond its scheduled time but seems near to ending. Road resurfacing will probably not take place until next year.

The Shuttle group has been in dialogue with the NTA over the process used for assessing the Shuttle licence application. It is too early to see whether this is likely to produce a change in the NTA's view.

3. Environment:

It seems likely that the FCC policy of "Growing Places" (i.e. leaving grass unmown) will be extended.

Allotments are proposed for Waterside on the Swords Road and the Seamount area. Details will be available later.

It was noted that there were complaints about the siting of the summer Fun Fair in the car park opposite Oscar Taylor's, but it doesn't seem likely that it can return to the Castle Demesne, due to the changes at the Cricket ground. The subcommittee will lobby for a better site next year.

The enlargement of the reservoir appears to have fallen behind the schedule to complete this autumn. A question has been put down by a Councillor and we will wait for the reply.

The outcome of the Tidy Towns was disappointing with a score only 2 points higher than 2010. Malahide Scored low on Wildlife and Natural Amenities, Waste Minimisation and Tidiness. The Forum will continue to work with the Tidy Towns Committee and plan to improve next year.

It seems that the bin collection regime is about to change, with FCC no longer doing collections. Details will be circulated.

4. Neighbourhood Watch:

Reported burglaries were low for the month of August. Burglars are gaining access to homes by breaking front door lock and residents are advised to ensure that all their locks are "snap" proof.

Bicycles at Malahide Railway Station are being targeted by thieves; high quality bike locks are recommended.

Half of all reported thefts are from cars and 40% of these cars were unlocked.

Eight youths who were caught making graffiti have spent some time removing their work.

5. Public Relations:

The new Website, which was liked by members who viewed it in recent weeks, will go live shortly. The domain name will be circulated by the Hon Sec when it has been set up.

6. Assisted Living: Meetings with potentially interested developers are being held.