

## Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum September 2010

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

Fort Granite, Coast Road: Permission was refused by ABP. Letter of thanks received from adjoining property for support from Forum's objection.

Somerton, The Mall: Enforcement notice to remove sign was issued on 4 August. Owners had one month to comply but sign still in place. FCC awaiting Inspector's report.

Casino: An Endangerment Notice under Section 59 of Planning & Development Acts 2000-2010 has been served by FCC on Gannon Homes Ltd requiring certain works to be carried out to the Casino by 7 October 2010.

Alterations to core Malahide ACA: Under Draft Development Plan, Church Rd as far as Grove Rd on East side and up to St. Andrew's Grove on West side and The Mall as far as, and now including, the Grand Hotel grounds are included in the ACA. The Rise and Grove Rd have been excluded.

Development Plan: Manager's Report has been issued. Final motions from Councillors must be lodged by 28 September. Following some discussion it was agreed that the Forum suggests FCC makes provision for pedestrian cycle route from Seapark Hill to The Hill that runs behind Abbotts' Hill rather than through it. There is also an objective in the plan to make provision for an additional new primary school. It was agreed we should emphasise that provision should be made on the Western side of Malahide.

### 2. **Transport Issues:** Our suggested changes to traffic light sequence at McAllister's have been implemented by FCC at the morning peak and traffic flow has improved. FCC will monitor the pm peak now schools have returned to determine whether the same changes should be made for this period.

There is a new proposal to introduce pay & display of €1 per hour at Bridgefield car park which will go on public display but no extension is included. Local Councillors have proposed that parking should be free for the first hour. The Forum will forward a submission at the appropriate time.

There was discussion regarding the danger caused by buses travelling along Barrack Bridge but it was felt that there is no alternative route to serve Seabury. There was also discussion whether the speed limit around schools should be reduced to 30kph. Several RAs have already contacted FCC in this regard but they do not deem it necessary.

Taxis are still causing problems queuing in the village at night. We will write to Gardaí again in this regard.

The Shuttle Bus appeal to the Dept. of Transport has been refused. We will reapply to the new National Transport Authority when it is operational. In the meantime the Shuttle Bus Group has forwarded a submission regarding the formation of new guidelines for the NTA and has asked RAs to write in support.

### 3. **Environment Issues:** The Forum has forwarded submissions to FCC on the draft Forest of Fingal Tree Strategy and the draft Fingal Biodiversity Plan.

The Tidy Towns results were announced last week. Malahide increased marks very slightly and retained its Gold Medal. We fell down particularly on litter control and waste minimisation. We commend the Malahide Has It weekend and thank the Chamber of Commerce for running a quiz for TTs and also donating the surplus funds from the festival to TTs.

The Forum wrote in June to the Garda Superintendent requesting that additional Gardaí be assigned to Malahide to cope with the influx of people during the summer period. We were advised that this had been done for the duration of the holiday season with Garda Dog Units, Traffic Units, local resources and Garda Reserves.

### 4. **Public Relations:** The Fingal Independent and North County Leader carried items regarding the shuttle bus refusal.

Copy date for the next edition of The Guardian is Friday 1 October with distribution due mid October.

- 5. Assisted Living:** Two members of the working group were invited to a dinner with FOLD and had a meeting the following morning with the Chief Exec and Chair of Board. FOLD suggested developing a TeleCare scheme which they would join with and that we co-ordinate with the various groups doing work for the elderly in Malahide to assess the level of genuine interest in assisted living.  
The Malahide Care & Repair scheme is moving into the area of identifying and supervising contractors to do work for the elderly.
- 6. Non-sporting Facilities for Youth:** The Youth Club has restarted and has moved to the Grove Lawn Tennis Club to whom Foróige extends its thanks. Plans are now in place to develop a youth café to cater for 16-18 year olds which will be run by a youth committee in partnership with adult volunteers. Full training and ongoing support will be provided by Foróige staff and additional volunteers are needed. The café will be open one evening per week (possibly Wednesdays) for 1.5 hours. Please contact Bryan Gavin, Foróige Regional Youth Officer @ 0868519639 or email [Bryan.gavin@foroige.ie](mailto:Bryan.gavin@foroige.ie) if you would be interested in finding out more about the plans or would like to volunteer.