

Monthly Notes from Malahide Community Forum April 2014

Planning & Development:

The Westbury Club: FCC has been advised that neon sign has not been removed. They have since applied for retention.

Therapie Clinic (F13A/0182): Matter of unapproved sign in hands of Council Law Agent. Sign still in situ.

Seamount House (F14A/0030): Several substantial objections have been submitted for the 2 large Seamount planning applications.

Pavement advertising: FCC have been contacted regarding the increase in pavement ads in Malahide, some of which are hazardous to pedestrians and those with restricted mobility. PN reported 26 on last count. FCC have been contacted and they advised that due to pressure of Giro d'Italia cycle race, no action until after this event.

Environment: Several letters have been sent re: the possible closure of the Post Office; local representatives replied that there is no danger of the PO closing, the Public Affairs Manager of An Post contacted the Forum to confirm this and Minister Rabbitte's office has also been in contact with us. We have been assured that the service is safe.

Extra seating and benches have been requested by residents. The Forum will contact FCC, particularly in the context of the Public Realm Strategy, and to request update of same. Also to advise FCC of overgrown shrubbery on pedestrian access from Bridgefield carpark and Bissett's Strand pathways, and once again, the overgrown grass on the coast opposite Seabank restaurant.

There are some objections from farmers on Donabate side to the proposed Broadmeadow Way, which is likely to delay the development.

Environmental Impact Study of water treatment plant is under way.

Water meter installations have commenced in some areas,

Containers at Seabank car park have been painted.

Neighbourhood Watch: Text alert to be launched over next few weeks for minimum charge of €10 per mobile phone. The majority of recent break-ins are the 4pm-7pm timeframe linked to brighter evenings, with ongoing Garda warnings re: keeping front and back doors and windows secured. Also warning re: thieves posing as window cleaners, which have been reported in the area. Concern that response time of Garda is getting longer; Gardai will still wish incidents to be reported after Text Alert systems is in place.

AOB:

The Giro d'Italia race will pass through Malahide on 11th May with temporary road closures.

Concern expressed re: the poor condition of the iron walkway and steps at the railway station.