

Notes from Malahide Community Forum December 2019

Ref.	Description
	Local resident Tom Sheedy (Seapark) addressed the meeting to express his support for the Broadmeadow Way and his concern that the objection lodged by MCF to An Bord Pleanála regarding the routing of the Broadmeadow Way along O’Hanlon’s lane could delay the development. Tom asked that the objection be withdrawn. See Environment.
1. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 19 th November were approved.
2. MCF Priorities for 2019/20	<p>1. Pathway/cycleway development MCF (Ken O’Connor and Kevin Daly) met Gemma Carr (FCC Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) on Fri 29th Nov regarding MCF’ four priority items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jameson Orchard to Robswall park link (we thanked FCC for completing this) 2. Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road Meeting scheduled for Wed 18th Dec on site on Seamount Road. 3. Create new park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road (Dependent on pending strategic housing development planning application) 4. Provide cycling/walking bridge over railway to Malahide Community School on site of the old Rugby club, together with a new entrance to Malahide Demesne at the entrance to Ashwood Hall / Brookfield on Back Road. <p>MCF to progress with Gemma and Paul Keane (Cycling) and Cornelia Raftery (Parks – Operations) in Fingalcoco in January.</p> <p>2. Step down accommodation The sub-committee met in Nov, studied population figures, age profile etc. and identified a possible site near Seabury Church. A meeting was held with Fr. Kevin Moore. A meeting with Seabury parish priest (Fr. Martin Noone) has been deferred to New Year. The Casino apartments were discussed – NAMA is planning to sell a tranche of 37 apartments en-bloc and O’Farrell Cleere currently has 12 apartments for individual sale. Concerns were expressed to the Forum by Casino residents that the NAMA sale could lead to short term and Airbnb type lettings. Planning permission would be required for such lettings and residents would have the opportunity to object.</p>
3. Finance	The Treasurer contacted those RAs that have not paid fees and three more payments have been received. Two RAs have ceased operation (Auburn Grove and Old Street). Fees received to date this year (€793) are higher than 2018 total (€744).
4. Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application for Seamount Malahide – Strategic Housing Development The revised application is for 142 residences to include 6 storey apartments on the highest point in Malahide (Approval was previously granted in 2016 for 47 houses, at which time, there were 50 objections). The meeting agreed to object on the grounds of height and density. 2. Back Road / Kinsaly Lane planning applications Revised application for 48 houses, six of which open directly on to Kinsaly Lane. The meeting agreed to object to six opening directly onto Kinsaly lane as this is a distributor road. 3. Dublin Airport Local Area Plan Not discussed
5. Environment	<p>Broadmeadow Way The points raised by Tom Sheedy were discussed and the meeting decided to post a clarification on the forum's website, emphasising that MCF supports the development of the Broadmeadow Way, while also supporting the safety concerns raised by O’Hanlon’s Lane. Clarification to include the original letter submitted by the forum to An Bord Pleanála and a photograph of O’Hanlon’s lane narrow section.</p>
6. Transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Oliver Plunkett School “School Streets” pilot FCC report that the first month has gone well. Air quality in the vicinity of St. Oliver Plunkett’s has improved by 20%. The council reported a “very positive” reaction to the scheme to date from parents, children, St. Oliver Plunkett’s and local residents. Some issues with traffic build up along the coast road have been resolved by updates to traffic signalling at The Diamond. Forum members expressed similar feedback and the view that the first month of the pilot has been a success. The meeting agreed to write to FCC to thank them.

	<p>2. Pedestrian lights at Hogan's Gate (Malahide Demesne – Casino / Train Station) The lights were activated on Friday 22nd Nov. They enable Park and Stride from Bridgefield car park to St. Sylvester's Infant School (350 metre walk).</p> <p>3. Facilities for mobility impaired residents MCF has asked FCC to modify the speed bumps from Avoca to Main Entrance on Back Road to facilitate mobility impaired residents.</p> <p>4. Bus Connects. Not discussed</p>
7. Neighbourhood Watch	<p>There's been an increase in attempted burglaries (25 compared to 15 in previous period). In many instances, there was easy access (door / window left open). Gardai urge residents to take common sense precautions.</p> <p>Theft of catalytic converters and thefts from workmen's vans has also increased.</p>
8. AOB	
9. Next Meeting	Monday 20 th January 2020.