

Notes from Malahide Community Forum February 2020

Ref.	Description
1. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 20 th January 2020 were approved. Welcome to Roberta Hynes from Inbhir Ide.
2. MCF Priorities for 2019/20	<p>1. Pathway/cycleway development Update received from FCC on 12th Feb. for the 1st four items below:</p> <p>1.1. Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road FCC has contacted Ballymore Homes to arrange a meeting to agree access onto their lands from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road in terms of legal documents etc.</p> <p>1.2. New park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road. No update (Dependent on pending SHD planning application – See planning)</p> <p>1.3. New pedestrian / Cycleway from Seamount Road / Jameson Orchard to PSLC FCC believes the developer may request the land to be transferred to the Council in Spring/ Summer. The onus is on the developer to request the land to be taken in charge.</p> <p>1.4. New pedestrian / Cycleway from Malahide Community School to PSLC This project is not yet on any Capital Works Programme. Action: MCF to raise with Malahide Howth Area committee.</p> <p>1.5. Provide cycling/walking bridge over railway to Malahide Community School Action: MCF progressing with Iarnród Éireann.</p> <p>1.6. New entrance to Malahide Demesne from Ashwood Hall/Brookfield on Back Rd Action: MCF to raise with Malahide Howth Area committee</p> <p>1.7. Broadmeadow Way – See item 5. Environment</p> <p>2. Step down accommodation The chair of the Step-down committee read out two letters: Letter from MCF to NAMA on 7th Feb seeking to enable individuals to purchase Casino Apartments at market price and NAMA's reply on Feb 14th. Two issues emphasised by Dudley Dolan (Casino Apartments residents):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduction in housing stock 2. Reduction in net return to the state from an en-bloc sale. <p>Action: The sub-committee will respond to NAMA.</p>
3. Finance	No change.
4. Planning	<p>1. Planning Application for Seamount Malahide – Strategic Housing Development FCC sent report to An Bord Pleanála on 27th Jan regarding this application. The conclusion (pg 28) is that, with the exception of height, the application is acceptable, subject to conditions on pages 30 to 38.</p> <p>2. 39 St. Margarets Road - Issue raised by St. Margarets Road RA. Work has commenced prior to planning approval. Normal work times breached (work done Sunday 16th Feb). Action: St. Margarets Road RA to write to owner and copy Fingal enforcement section.</p> <p>3. Back Road / Kinsealy Lane planning applications; School Streets "by design" Action: MCF to raise with Malahide Howth Area committee.</p> <p>4. Kinsealy lane – 47 houses. MCF did not object having seen excellent objection from resident (Christopher Healy). FCC issued report – which does not appear to take account the resident's objections.</p> <p>5. Dublin Airport Noise In granting planning permission for T2 at Dublin Airport, An Bord Pleanála imposed a condition limiting the aggregate capacity of T1&T2 to 32m passengers p.a. In Sept 2019 DAA applied to FCC to have up to 3m transit passengers p.a. treated as exempted development. In Jan 2020 ABP rejected this application. Thus, DAA were in breach of this planning condition in 2019 when 32.9m passengers used T1&T2.</p>
5. Environment	<p>1. Broadmeadow Way Decision from An Bord Pleanála expected by 14th March (was due on 17th Jan).</p> <p>2. The Casino Model Railway Museum opened to the public on Wed 22nd Jan. New lights discussed. LED, hence minimal energy and cost. May act as security measure. Sand has been replaced with a tarmac surface – final dressing still to be applied. Action: MCF to ask that daffodils be re-instated.</p> <p>3. New streetlights throughout the village Generally perceived to be brighter. At St. Sylvester's Church and Killeen Terrace (Bus stop), the</p>

	<p>additional height will result in the lights being in the treetops. Action: MCF (through chairperson) will liaise with FCC on this matter.</p> <p>4. Recurring problem of drains at base of Margaret’s Road On three occasions in past month, flooding prevented residents accessing homes. Action: MCF to send letter to FCC.</p> <p>5. Bicycle parking at train station. The issue of pools / flooding has been addressed. Action: MCF to send letter to Iarnrod Eireann regarding the provision of covered bike parking as was in the original plan when the previously covered bike parking was moved.</p> <p>6. Back road – footpath being surfaced on Castle side MCF welcome the fact that work has commenced on replacing the gravel/dirt footpath surface with a tarmac surface between the back road Main entrance and the back-road playground carpark, in response to letter to FCC from Ashwood Hall residents.</p> <p>7. Overhanging hedges Concern raised regarding overhanging hedges blocking footpaths, causing particular difficulty for people pushing buggies, visually and mobility impaired. Action: Resident to raise issue with FCC using FixMyStreet (copy details to the Forum Secretary)</p>
6. Transport	<p>1. <u>FCC Consultation – Road Traffic Speed Limits in Malahide and across Fingal</u> The current plan is to permit 50km/h throughout the village. Attendees agreed that a 30km/h limit would be more appropriate for the village area based on safety statistics from the Road Safety Authority. This area includes Strand Court, Strand Street, Old Street, Railway Avenue, New Street, Townyard Lane, St. James Terrace, Main Street from the railway bridge through The Diamond to The Grand Hotel, Church Road from The Diamond to St. Andrew’s Church. Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> MCF to post details of the consultation process on forum website MCF to contact other organisations in Malahide (Retail Forum, Chamber etc.) to seek to agree submission to FCC regarding speed limits for the village area. MCF to send submission to FCC (closing date 20th March)
7. Neighbourhood Watch	<p>Report from first meeting of the new year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 burglaries, 15 domestic calls. New sergeant appointed - Now 3 sergeants and 30+ officers covering Malahide Portmarnock and Kinsealy. 7 vehicles seized (No NCT, tax etc.) Portmarnock beach assault – definite line of enquiry being pursued. Area is now divided into regions – one area mentioned they had not seen any guard. The sergeant gave the person the number of the guard saying the Garda Commissioner regards all guards as community guards.
8. Forum Planning	<p>1. Communications - Publicising the Forum Enjoy Malahide Facebook page happy to post our (MCF) website updates. Enjoy Malahide enables people to raise an issue. The Forum enables people to do something about the issue.</p> <p>2. AGM – Wednesday 25th March 8pm Malahide Lawn Tennis Club Invitations to be issued to local councillors and TDs. Agenda items to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Step Down Accommodation Pathway/cycleway development (including Broadmeadow Way update) Malahide speed limits Propensity of planning authority to approve higher density development <p>Expanding membership. Representatives of Casino apartments; Ashwood Hall and Inbhir Ide recently joined. We continue to seek representatives from all areas, especially recent developments.</p>
3. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking has regressed since warden numbers reduced Concern raised regarding traffic congestion since changes made to traffic signals at The Diamond. The pedestrian wait time at The Diamond has also increased substantially. Increased congestion on the Dublin Road to Balgriffin. School times particularly bad. Chairperson: 1 million vehicles in Ireland in 1990, there are now 2.7 million. Shop Malahide is organising a St. Patrick’s Day parade for the village