

Notes from Malahide Community Forum January 2020

Ref.	Description
1. Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 16th December were approved.</p> <p>Chairperson welcomed new representatives, Dudley Potter from The Casino, Simon Carbery and Sean Brady from Ashwood Hall (off the Back Road).</p>
2. MCF Priorities for 2019/20	<p>1. Pathway/cycleway development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road MCF met Gemma Carr (FCC Senior Executive Parks Superintendent) and the developer on 18th Dec on site on Seamount Road. The developer committed to preparing a proposal early in New Year to clean up and hand over the route along the site hoarding early to FCC. Residents of Seamount Heights to be kept informed. Seapark Residents Association emphasised the urgency of this initiative, citing the risk posed to 60+ schoolchildren who use this daily. • New park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road. No update (Dependent on pending SHD planning application) • 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. MCF sent email on 10th Jan requesting follow up meeting with FCC. • New pedestrian / Cycleway from Seamount Road / Jameson Orchard to PSLC Fingal Development plan (2017 – 2023) includes a pedestrian/cycle route from Seamount / Jameson Orchard to Torcaill (Portmarnock) and PSLC, enabling walkers/cyclists to bypass the dangerous R124 and Blackwood lane. Gemma Carr confirmed on Dec 18th that when the Jameson Orchard development is completed, FCC will take in charge land between Jameson Orchard / Seamount Road and Torcaill, enabling this new link to be built. • New pedestrian / Cycleway from Malahide Community School to PSLC Fingal Development plan (2017 – 2023) also includes a pedestrian/cycle route from Malahide Community School to join the new route from Seamount / Jameson Orchard to Torcaill and PSLC. The indicative route is alongside the all-weather hockey pitch and connected sports grounds. • Broadmeadow Way – See item 5. Environment • Portmarnock railway station – Pedestrian / Cyclist access via existing footbridge Access to Portmarnock station along Station Road from the West is dangerous for walkers, cyclists and motorists. MCF is helping residents explore accessing the station and the new Greenway to the East of the station via the existing footbridge over the railway. This could provide a good template for the MCF proposed bridge over the railway at Ashwood Hall / Malahide Community School. <p>2. Step down accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-committee held second meeting on Wed 15th Jan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting to be held with Seabury Tidy Districts Association re possible site beside Seabury Church. It had been advised on this subject when it was first considered, two years ago. - Meeting held with Casino residents who are seeking to protect the ability of individuals to buy step-down accommodation in The Casino and to prevent NAMA from selling 37 units en bloc. MCF will write a letter to NAMA seeking to enable individuals to purchase at market price. - The sub-committee is researching a number of innovative new step-down accommodation options, such as re-configuring homes to allow upstairs to be sub-let. <p>AGM agenda to include step down accommodation</p>
3. Finance	<p>Treasurer briefed the meeting on accounts to end Dec 2019 distributed prior to meeting.</p> <p>No questions raised.</p>
4. Planning	<p>1. Planning Application for Seamount Malahide – Strategic Housing Development MCF submitted an objection to An Bord Pleanála on the grounds of height and density and the traffic impact for those living in Seamount Abbey.</p> <p>2. Back Road / Kinsaly Lane planning applications; School Streets "by design" Ashwood Hall residents informed MCF that the proposed site for the Malahide / Portmarnock Educate Together primary school is beside Ashwood Hall / Brookfield. MCF would like to see "School Streets by Design" applied to this new school to minimise additional traffic, especially on the Back Road, and maximise the opportunity for people to walk / cycle to the school instead. The MCF proposed cycling/walking bridge to Malahide Community School will enable</p>

	<p>Portmarnock residents to walk/cycle to the new primary school while enabling Ashwood Hall residents to walk/cycle to MCS and other community facilities.</p> <p>3. Airport Noise FCC was appointed (Sep 2019) as the Airport Noise Competent Authority (ANCA). The ANCA has appointed the consultant who previously advised An Bord Pleanála regarding Airport noise. It has sought a submission from Dublin Airport in relation to the aircraft noise implications of DAA'A application to FCC to raise the airport passenger ceiling from 32m p.a. to 36m.</p>
5. Environment	<p>1. Broadmeadow Way Clarification published 20 Dec 2019 on 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. O'Hanlon's lane residents have been informed by An Bord Pleanála that their decision will be made by 14th March (was due on 17th Jan). O'Hanlon's lane residents are inviting public representatives to visit the lane and see the safety issues.</p> <p>2. The Casino Model Railway Museum opens formally Tues 21st Jan – 5pm. MCF chairperson and secretary to attend. Opens to the public Wed 22nd Jan. Note: Disabled car parking is provided – All others to use Bridgefield car park.</p> <p>3. New street lights at The Diamond Generally perceived to be brighter.</p> <p>4. Recurring problem of drains at base of Margaret's Road MCF to send letter to FCC.</p> <p>5. Bicycle park at train station pools / flooding when rain is heavy MCF to send letter to Iarnrod Eireann.</p>
6. Transport	<p>1. St Oliver Plunkett's "School Streets" pilot Parental feedback continues to be positive. Malahide is first town in the country to pilot "School Streets". Initial success is generating interest nationwide.</p> <p>2. Facilities for mobility impaired residents No response received from FCC to MCF request to modify the speed bumps from Avoca to Main Entrance on Back Road to facilitate mobility impaired residents.</p>
7. Neighbourhood Watch	<p>No neighbourhood watch meeting held in January (there are 10 meetings per year). Serious Strand Road Portmarnock incident to be raised at next meeting with Gardai. Good feedback from neighbourhood watch attendees on re-assignment of Gardai to specific areas.</p>
8. AOB	<p>The AGM is expected to take place in 2nd half of March. Support group formed in Malahide to support a Syrian family – seeking to locate an appropriate property in Malahide – the original property in Portmarnock fell through. Table quiz – St. Andrews Jan 31st 20.00</p>