

## Notes from Malahide Community Forum Meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Due to COVID19, attendance was limited to Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Stepdown Committee Chair. Physical distancing observed. Gerry Duggan (Chair), Ken O'Connor (Secretary), John Shirey (Treasurer), Michael Giblin (Stepdown).

Ref.	Description
<b>COVID-19</b>	<p>MCF encourage all residents to protect themselves and others, especially more vulnerable members our community by following <a href="#">HSE guidelines</a>. See our <a href="#">website post</a>.</p> <p>Many older residents do not use the internet for information. MCF ask residents to phone elderly neighbours to keep up their spirits and inform them of great resources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- St. Ita's radio programme FM 85.9 – 10am till 2pm daily (North Fingal area) Also available online at: <a href="https://ieradio.org/saint-ita-s-hospital/">https://ieradio.org/saint-ita-s-hospital/</a></li> <li>- St. Sylvester's GAA club has established a volunteer team to assist those who need help with daily errands (call 086 174 3088)</li> </ul>
<b>1. Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting of 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.
<b>2. Priorities for 2019/20</b>	<p>1. <b>Pathway/cycleway development</b> Deputation meeting scheduled for 2.15pm on 6<sup>th</sup> May in Baldoyle Library with FCC Malahide Howth local area committee and council officials to cover 5 items below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1. <b>Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road.</b></li> <li>1.2. <b>New park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road.</b></li> <li>1.3. <b>New pedestrian / Cycleway from Seamount Road / Jameson Orchard to PSLC.</b></li> <li>1.4. <b>New pedestrian / Cycleway from Malahide Community School to PSLC</b></li> <li>1.5. <b>New pedestrian / cyclist entrance to Malahide Demesne</b> from Ashwood Hall / Brookfield on Back Road with new cycling/walking bridge from Ashwood Hall over railway to Malahide Community School (To enable "School Streets By Design" for new Malahide / Portmarnock Educate Together school which is planned for Ashwood Hall / Brookfield)</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b> Prepare supporting material for deputation meeting</p> <p>2. <b>Step down accommodation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1. The MCF step-down sub-committee met the Seabury Tidy Districts group regarding a possible site beside Seabury Church. They have also initiated discussion with the St Laurence O'Toole Trust, which is responsible for the Dublin Diocesan property portfolio. The discussion is in a very early stage. MCF will continue discussions while keeping Seabury Tidy Districts Group and all Malahide residents informed.</li> <li>2.2. Sub-committee considered <a href="#">NAMA's email to MCF dated Feb14th</a> and <a href="#">replied to NAMA on Feb 27th</a>. MCF has received no further correspondence from NAMA.</li> </ol> <p><b>Action:</b> Sub-committee to prepare material for press media explaining MCF concerns.</p>
<b>3. Finance</b>	<p>1. <b>Annual Accounts</b> The treasurer provided details of Income &amp; Expenditure for year ending 31 Dec 2019. Income for 2019 was 66% of that for 2018. <b>Action:</b> Treasurer to prepare 3 years of accounts for comparison purposes.</p> <p>2. <b>Payments during Covid-19 crisis</b> MCF will continue to make payments to St. Andrews School for use of school for monthly meetings and will continue to support the Tidy Towns initiative.</p>
<b>4. Planning</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Streamstown</b> Permission granted for road widening and pavement provision in Streamstown, to facilitate the development of 69 houses. Decision is now subject of an appeal to ABP.</li> <li>2. <b>Kinsealy Lane</b> Appeal lodged with ABP against FCC's decision to refuse planning permission for 54 houses</li> <li>3. <b>Seamount Rd.</b> Barrymore Property Developments Ltd. has applied for permission to extend the original planning permissions for the development of 47 houses on their Seamount Rd. site. This may indicate that they do not anticipate a favourable decision in relation to their application for 147 housing units on the site, which MCF objected to. Update 26<sup>th</sup> March: <a href="#">ABP granted permission (Source: Irish Independent)</a></li> </ol>

	<p>4. <b>Main Street</b> ABP refused permission for outdoor seating behind approved restaurant on Main St.</p>
5. Environment	<p>1. <b>Broadmeadow Way</b> Decision still awaited from An Bord Pleanála (was due by 14<sup>th</sup> March).</p> <p>2. <b>Redevelopment of The Green</b> MCF secretary attended the sod turning ceremony which took place on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Green will be closed for approximately 6 months.</p> <p>3. <b>Recurring problem of drains at base of Margaret’s Road</b> FCC Report presented at <a href="#">Malahide Howth local area committee meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup></a> stated: “St. Margaret’s Road and the Rear of Castle Terrace is monitored and inspected regularly, with the drains recently jetted and continually monitored to keep clear. Operations Department will continue to monitor the area.”</p> <p>4. <b>Bicycle parking at train station.</b> <b>Action:</b> Chair liaising with Iarnrod Eireann</p> <p>5. <b>Back road – footpath complete – pedestrian lights installed at Ashwood Hall</b> MCF welcome the completion of footpath connecting Ashwood Hall on the back road to the playground carpark on the Back Road and the installation of new pedestrian lights.</p> <p>6. <b>School Streets Pilot</b> The <a href="#">School Streets Pilot Review</a> was presented to the <a href="#">Malahide Howth local area committee meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup></a>. The report highlights many positive outcomes while acknowledging issues such as traffic congestion to the East of the village from changes to the traffic lights sequence at The Diamond. The report recommends the extension of the pilot to two additional schools in Fingal. <b>Action:</b> Post the report on website – with highlights (positive and negative).</p> <p>7. <b>Casino Model Railway Museum</b> <b>Action:</b> Ask FCC to improve visibility of the refurbished Casino by moving/removing 2 telegraph poles and regular grounds maintenance to keep hedges trimmed.</p>
6. Transport	<p>1. <b><a href="#">FCC Consultation – Road Traffic Speed Limits in Malahide and across Fingal</a></b> <a href="#">MCF posted details of the consultation process on forum website</a>. MCF made a <a href="#">submission requesting a 30km/h limit for the village area</a> based on <a href="#">safety statistics from the Road Safety Authority</a>. 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.</p>
7. Neighbourhood Watch	No report this month
8. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Moorings residents’ association raised concern regarding traffic congestion to the East of The Diamond due to the traffic light sequencing changes at The Diamond <b>Action:</b> Raise with FCC</li> </ul>
9. Next Meeting	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 -