

Notes from Malahide Community Forum – May 2020

Ref.	Description
COVID-19	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> MCF provided feedback in early May to FCC regarding: New Street to become pedestrian zone to facilitate social distancing. Residents most directly impacted (e.g. Old Street, New Street and The Marina) expressed concerns, while other feedback was supportive. Concerns were also raised regarding disabled parking spaces and access for New Street residents. FCC invited MCF, Malahide chamber, Malahide Shop Local, Malahide Tidy Towns and other stakeholders to a meeting on Tuesday 19th May to discuss plans to facilitate social distancing in Malahide village (including New Street). MCF chairperson and secretary attended. Decision made at the meeting to trial making New Street a pedestrian zone for period of 10 weeks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access will be provided to emergency services and residents (via permit) - Deliveries permitted prior to 10am daily. - No alcohol permitted on the street. - Businesses invited to extend into street (e.g. rail of clothes from Mischief) - All street furniture to be removed at night. - Traffic management plan will be published. - FCC will monitor closely and tweak as necessary - as happened with the School Streets pilot. - Meetings will be held with stakeholders during course of the pilot. Work underway on the Bridgefield car park to provide additional parking spaces to offset those lost due to social distancing measures in the village centre.
1. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting of 20 th April 2020 were approved.
2. Priorities for 2019/20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Pathway/cycleway development MCF held a zoom meeting with David Hayes (Principal of Malahide Community School - MCS) and his colleague John Causey, to brief them on the pathway / cycleway initiatives below that MCF has been progressing with FCC. These initiatives will enable more MCS students to walk / cycle more safely to school, while observing social distancing, avoiding the narrow footpath beside the R124 where possible. The principal expressed the school's support, subject to the approval of MCS patrons and board. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road. 1.2. New park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road. 1.3. New pedestrian / Cycleway from Seamount Road / Jameson Orchard to PSLC. 1.4. New pedestrian / Cycleway from Malahide Community School to PSLC 1.5. New pedestrian / cyclist entrance to Malahide Demesne 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) <p>Action: MCF chair to prepare a proposal document for the consideration of the patrons and board of MCS.</p> <p>Step down accommodation. Little happening due to Covid-19. Dudley Dolan (Casino) writing to the comptroller and auditor general regarding proposed NAMA en-bloc sale of some Casino apartments.</p>
3. Finance	No material change.
4. Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application for the site of The Westbury Club, The Green MCF published a post asking for opinions on this application. The planning sub-committee reviewed responses ahead of making a submission to FCC. The architects involved are well respected with record of delivering good developments. Action: MCF will object on the following grounds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Development is one storey too high 1.2. Need architectural view from The Green 1.3. Need a daylight impact on the Boatyard apartment complex in Gas Yard lane 1.4. Construction traffic and traffic management plan 1.5. Parking arrangements for construction workers
5. Environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Broadmeadow Way An Bord Pleanála published its approval decision on 19th May. Read the ABP decision: http://www.pleanala.ie/casenum/304624.htm.

	<p>Initial works to take place this year, major works in 2021, with completion scheduled for late 2022. See FCC promotional video on Youtube: https://youtu.be/Q5uymHhtBcM. MCF support the development of the Broadmeadow Way and will continue to lobby for additional access routes from Malahide Demesne to the Estuary, in addition to the route through O'Hanlons Lane.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment of The Green Redevelopment restarted on May 18th. It's expected to take 26 weeks to complete (Nov 2020) Adjustment of speedbumps in Malahide Demesne to facilitate mobility impaired MCF met Eamon Lynch (FCC Senior Executive Officer - Operations – Howth Malahide Area) and his colleague Colin Gilhooly on site in Malahide Demesne on Thursday 7th May to review the speedbumps between Avoca and the Back Road entrance. MCF believe both sides of each speedbump should be adjusted to leave a space of approx. 1 metre to facilitate mobility impaired park users, cyclists etc. FCC disagreed with the MCF proposal citing safety issues with motor traffic veering towards the space. FCC also stated that they had received no complaints about the re-enforced plastic pathway. New pathway in Malahide Demesne from Bridgefield carpark to depot FCC informed MCF that a new pathway will be built from Bridgefield car park along the left of the carriageway that runs from Hogan's Gate towards Avoca. This is necessary as the number of FCC staff based in Malahide Demesne will increase significantly, with associated maintenance traffic to and from the depot. Vegetation on the left of the existing carriageway will be removed to provide space for the new path. Pathways within Malahide Demesne – need to "Share with care" All park users, be they walkers, joggers or people on bikes are asked to respect other park users and maintain social distancing.
6. Transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Road traffic is beginning to rise again as lockdown is eased Public Transport – 90% reduction in capacity if 2metres social distance to be enabled In response to Covid-19, cities worldwide are reallocating space to pedestrians and cyclists. This is likely to happen in Ireland also when a government forms.
7. Neighbourhood Watch	No updates as no meetings held due to Covid-19.
8. Forum Planning	Awareness of the forum continues to rise via co-operation with Enjoy Malahide (Facebook page).
9. AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> New Street pedestrianisation: Concern raised of risk that licenced premises will use pedestrianised space to extend drinking space. MCF would prefer if this did not occur – with preference for coffee shop atmosphere. The gradient of New Street may prohibit tables and chairs in the street. Social Distancing Challenges: Narrow footpaths outside St. Sylvester's Church, Duffys, and on Church Road outside Manor Books. Similarly Barrack Bridge (between Seabury and Yellow Walls Road) has an extremely narrow footpath, which will pose serious social distancing challenges to the re-opening of schools in September. FCC have identified 26 locations across Fingal that pose social distancing challenges. The first 8 are in town/village centres and are being progressed at the moment (including New Street, and Main Street Malahide). Action: Forum members to identify locations that require social distancing measures
3. Next Meeting	Monday 15 th June 2020 -