

## Notes from Malahide Community Forum – April 2020

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

Ref.	Description
<b>COVID-19</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Covid-19 Malahide Community Response published on our website</a></li> <li>Meeting agreed to write to Fingalcoco to suggest they consider the use of car parks that are currently closed to enable construction to re-start while facilitating social distancing</li> </ol> <p>On Saturday 26th April, Fingalcoco published a plan to facilitate Social Distancing in the Public Realm across Fingal. The forum has requested feedback from member residents associations and published an article on our website - <a href="#">New Street to become pedestrian zone to facilitate social distancing.</a></p>
<b>1. Minutes</b>	The minutes of the meeting of 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 were approved.
<b>2. Priorities for 2019/20</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pathway/cycleway development</b> FCC informed MCF that, due to Covid-19, councillors are not proceeding with council, committee or other meetings. Hence, our deputation meeting, scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> May will not occur. We were due to discuss the 5 items below, which are now of increased importance, as they all facilitate social distancing.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Formalise right of way from Seapark Hill to Seamount Road.</b></li> <li><b>New park from existing "Open Space" between Seapark Hill and Seamount Road.</b></li> <li><b>New pedestrian / Cycleway from Seamount Road / Jameson Orchard to PSLC.</b></li> <li><b>New pedestrian / Cycleway from Malahide Community School to PSLC</b></li> <li><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) <b>Action:</b> Ask Fingalcoco to reschedule deputation meeting to September. Continue progressing the above items via email with the council and councillors.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Step down accommodation</b> Activity in the accommodation market has slowed dramatically due to the COVID-19. <b>Action:</b> Sub-committee to continue research step down initiatives across the country.</li> </ol>
<b>3. Finance</b>	Not discussed
<b>4. Planning</b>	The planning sub-committee noted that planning permission was granted on the former Parsons/Techcrete site near the Dart station in Howth for 500 apartments.
<b>5. Environment</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Broadmeadow Way</b> Decision still awaited from An Bord Pleanála (was due by 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020).</li> <li><b>Redevelopment of The Green</b> Redevelopment has been suspended due to COVID-19. (expected to restart May 18<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li><b>Speedbumps in Malahide Demesne adjusted to facilitate mobility impaired</b> MCF welcomes that Fingalcoco adjusted the speedbumps between Avoca and the Back Road entrance to facilitate mobility impaired park users, cyclists etc. MCF believe both sides should be adjusted (only one side adjusted) and the changes made permanent. <b>Action:</b> Write to FCC to ask both sides to be adjusted and changes made permanent.</li> </ol>
<b>6. Transport</b>	1. MCF noted dramatic reduction in traffic and public transport use due to COVID-19
<b>7. Neighbourhood Watch</b>	Not discussed
<b>8. Forum Planning</b>	Not discussed
<b>9. AOB</b>	None
<b>10. Next Meeting</b>	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 -