

**Notes from Malahide Community Forum – Jan 2021**

Ref.	Description
1. Minutes	<p>The minutes of the meeting of 23rd November 2020 were approved.</p> <p>We welcomed three new members to the forum:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Paddy Walsh: Coill Dubh (new Residents Association)</li> <li>2. Catriona Dolan: Malahide Old Village Residents Association (Re-joined – welcome back)</li> <li>3. Clair Whymys: Castleview (Residents Association currently reforming)</li> </ol>
2. Active Travel Initiatives	<p>The Active Travel sub-committee emailed the council and local councillors to ask that the four routes approved by the forum be prioritised to provide safe walking / cycling routes to local schools. We received very positive feedback from the councillors i.e., offers of meetings etc. The Council was also very positive - they said that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The NTA is preparing a walking/cycling infrastructure work programme for 2021 for implementation by the new FCC department of Environment, Climate Change and Active Travel. Once the council receives this, the council will update us.</li> <li>2. The council are happy to meet us about the NTA routes and our proposed routes</li> </ol> <p>While we have not seen the NTA works programme, three of our four priority routes are already on the Fingal County Development plan and on the previous NTA map of planned cycle routes for the Malahide area.</p> <p><b>Other updates:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. We published an article introducing the Active Travel sub-committee seeking support for safe routes to school – see: <a href="https://malahidecommunityforum.ie/2021/01/13/would-you-like-your-kids-to-be-able-to-cycle-safely-to-school/">https://malahidecommunityforum.ie/2021/01/13/would-you-like-your-kids-to-be-able-to-cycle-safely-to-school/</a>. We got positive feedback, and a few parents want to get involved</li> <li>4. <b>Sutton to Malahide Greenway</b> Public consultation expected Q1 2021. The active travel subcommittee will review the proposal and prepare a submission for the agreement of the forum. We will pay particular attention to how it is proposed to connect this route through Malahide village to the Broadmeadow Way. We will also consider the ideas for cycleways in the village set out in the Malahide Public Realm Strategy document – see: <a href="https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-09/malahide_public_realm.pdf">https://www.fingal.ie/sites/default/files/2019-09/malahide_public_realm.pdf</a>. While we welcome greenways – we’re concerned that the Broadmeadow Way does not connect to a single school in the area, nor to the train station or any other community amenities like clubs etc.. Our focus is to enable residents to actively travel in safety to local amenities, with a particular focus on enabling schoolchildren to walk or bike to school.</li> <li>5. <b>Seapark Hill to Seamount Road (Safe route to MCS)</b> As per action from Nov. meeting, we published a “looped walk” to raise awareness of this route and help reduce anti-social behaviour. The Seapark Representative re-iterated that this particular “safe route to school” is solely intended to be a walking route given its steepness. <b>See: <a href="#">Malahide Looped Walks – 6. Seapark Hill to Seamount Road</a></b></li> <li>6. <b>Malahide looped walks – Stay Active – Stay Safe – Stay Healthy</b> We continue to add walks to help residents to stay active during this challenging time. All walks are well within 5k radius – most are within 3km. <b>See: <a href="#">Malahide looped walks – Stay Active – Stay Safe – Stay Healthy</a></b> <b>See: <a href="https://2kmfromhome.com/2km">https://2kmfromhome.com/2km</a></b></li> </ol>
6. Finance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As of year-end 2020, balance in bank: EUR9,888</li> <li>2. Any subscriptions paid in 2020 will be credited to 2021</li> <li>3. The treasurer will be writing to RA’s seeking subscriptions for 2021 (those who paid in 2020 will not have to pay for 2021)</li> <li>4. The treasure has prepared a “sell sheet” setting out the benefits to Residents Associations of joining the forum, which he will include in the email requesting subscriptions – he will also include details of AGM voting rights, as requested during the meeting. For reference: We did not hold an AGM in 2020 due to the pandemic.</li> </ol>
7. Transport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Traffic congestion in the Malahide Area</b> Two papers were circulated ahead of the meeting. The first suggests that a major component of the growing traffic problem is through traffic while the second suggests the primary cause is local</li> </ol>

	<p>traffic. Neither paper was discussed in detail. A proper origin destination traffic study would be required to provide data upon which a meaningful discussion could be held.</p> <p>2. <b>Dublin Airport Authority application to FCC – Noise implications for Malahide</b>  DAA has applied to FCC to vary the “restrictive conditions” in its planning permission for the North Runway. These changes could impact the level of aircraft noise for Malahide residents, particularly between 6 and 7am in the morning, which the DAA has identified as their peak operating period. The main changes include:  2.1 Permission to reduce the restriction on the use of the North Runway to 00:00-06:00, rather than 23:00-07:00, specified by An Bord Pleanala  2.2 Permission to increase the night flights restriction for the airport from 65 between 23:00-07:00, as permitted by ABP, to approx 95, under a Noise Quota regime  <b>Action:</b> MCF lodged <a href="#">this submission</a></p>
7. Planning	<p>With reference to <a href="#">planning details for Jan 2021</a> circulated:  FCC website over the Christmas period experienced some difficulties.</p> <p>1. <b>Gibneys</b> – Granted permission on 17/12/2020  The planning sub-committee chairperson apologised for not submitting an objection on behalf of the forum as per action from last meeting.  <b>Action:</b> Support structures to be put in place on all sub-committees to cover illness, holidays etc. similar to the appointment of assistant secretary last year.</p> <p>2. <b>Oscar Taylors</b>  An Bord Pleanala granted the appeal to add an extra floor, contrary to FCC’s recommendation.</p> <p>3. <b>2 Ross Terrace</b> –  Planning application for a new serving Hatch window.  Following a brief discussion, it was decided not to lodge an objection.</p> <p>4. <b>Junction at Station Road Portmarnock and R106</b>  The R106 is the main road through Malahide along the coast to Portmarnock and on to Baldoyle and Howth. It’s important that any changes to the junction of Station Road and the R106 caters for everyone, whether they travel by car, bike or foot.</p>
9. Neighbourhood Watch	<p>1. No formal NW meetings or communications</p> <p>2. The Seapark Representative informed the meeting of a spate of burglaries in Portmarnock, with Gardai advising residents to be particularly vigilant between 4-6pm.</p>
10. New Street Update	<p>1. The poor aesthetics of the current layout and street furniture was raised.</p> <p>2. Inadequate access to the health centre was raised by a number of attendees – the reserved parking space provided is insufficient to enable vulnerable residents to safely get into / out of a car. The problem is exacerbated when bins are put out for bin-day on the path near the health centre.</p> <p>3. The St. Margaret’s Road representative highlighted public order issues on New Street and praised the Gardai for responding promptly to them. He also praised them for removing the non-fixed street furniture. He advised attendees of a public information meeting organised by residents and businesses scheduled for Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. Details to be provided to the Hon Secretary for circulation to members.</p> <p>4. An individual member from Seabury praised the excellent work done on The Village Green and asked that all future works to New Street be done to a similar standard.</p> <p>5. The Seapark Representative suggested that the increase in free parking at Bridgefield to 2 hours may have resulted in an unforeseen consequence – encouraging people to drive rather than walk to the village.</p>
8. AOB	<p>1. <b>Environment:</b>  A request was made to reinstate “Environment” to the agenda. Serious concern was expressed regarding the state of the footpaths in the village – cobble locking is breaking up; tree roots are breaking through again. The footpath near Scotch bonnet was raised – some people are using St. Margarets’ Avenue as a rat run and mounting the narrow pavement at the corner. Specific concern was raised by a member who regularly pushes a person in a wheelchair around the village and experiences severe difficulties due to the narrowness of footpaths – he asked if the forum would support the removal of parking on Main Street to widen the footpaths.</p>

	<p><b>Action:</b> Members to take pictures, with details of issues to enable a list of footpath issues to be raised and progressed with FCC. Send details to John Shirey (john@shirey.com)</p> <p>2. <b>Faith Building Award to St. Doulagh’s church</b> See: <a href="https://www.spab.org.uk/news/faith-buildings-award-st-doulaghs-church-balgriffin-co-dublin">https://www.spab.org.uk/news/faith-buildings-award-st-doulaghs-church-balgriffin-co-dublin</a></p> <p><b>Action:</b> MCF to formally write a letter of congratulations</p> <p>3. <b>Noise from M1 along estuary impacting Seabury &amp; Inbhir Ide residents</b> A request was made to write to FCC asking for barriers to be added to the M1 motorway bridge, as is the norm in other European countries.</p> <p>4. <b>Roving Carols initiative</b> The initiative was successful within the constraints of the pandemic. Anticipated expenses were avoided due to the Nolan brothers (Belvedere college students) providing their music equipment free of charge. The Nolan brothers would normally participate in the Christmas Belvedere fund raising for the Fr. McVerry Trust. A bucket collection raised over EUR500 which was donated to the Father McVerry Trust. It was suggested that the Forum match the donation of EUR500 using the EUR500 pre-allocated to cover expenses.</p> <p>5. <b>Annual contribution to Tidy Towns</b> It was noted that usual contribution to Tidy Towns of EUR500 was not paid in 2020. A proposal to increase contribution from EUR500 to EUR1,000 for one year was rejected. It was agreed to pay the 2020 contribution immediately and make the 2021 contribution early (total payment of EUR1,000 - covering both 2020 and 2021).</p>
<p>9. <b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Next meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.</p>