

Notes from Malahide Community Forum April 2021

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1. Minutes	The Minutes from the 15 th of March was approved
2. Active Travel	<p>Seapark Hill to Seamount Road (footpath) – The Chair of the (Seapark Seamount New Park sub-committee) provided detail on the report which he had prepared on the park; this report can be found here https://malahidecommunity.files.wordpress.com/2021/04/april-forum-report-on-seamount-park-area-1.pdf</p> <p>The short-term situation is to maximize the school routes while minimizing the anti-social behaviour. The long-term situation is to get the views of the various groups on the type of development that would be appropriate for the area. The Chair suggested that a 3d model be prepared by the Council showing what is planned & consultation will inform both designers & users. The Chair suggested that the forum should ask for a meeting with the Council to get the latest information on what is happening.</p> <p>New bridge over the railway into the back of MCS (safe route connecting to Malahide Demesne via Ashwood Hall) - Awaiting feedback from MCS on our proposed route.</p> <p>Caves Marsh Boardwalk - Safe route from Seabury to Pope John Paul II school - (In FCC County Development plan) The Active Travel emailed the Council giving the pros and cons of the two potential routes & explicitly asking them to investigate if the route to the yacht club was feasible</p> <p>A resident from Milford stated that the proposal of a bridge behind Milford was presented before and stopped on the grounds of Health & Safety</p> <p>This area was brought up at the last LAC Meeting & a request was put in for the Council to do a feasibility study to see what routes were possible.</p> <p>If/When the feasibility study happens, Public Consultation should follow it.</p> <p>The Chair of the Sub Committee stated that he believed the forum should push for all options to be part of the consultation, i.e. changes to Barrack Bridge itself such as shuttle lights and or changes to Barrack Bridge between 8-9 am & 1.30-3.00 on schooldays</p>

<p>Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Application at Gasyard Lane - The development will consist of demolishing the existing single-storey cottage and the construction of s four-storey residential apartment block comprising four no. Apartments (2 no. One-bedroom and two no. two-bedroom units • Planning Application for 32, St.Margarets Road, Malahide, Co. Dublin, including partial demolition and an extension to the rear. • FCC rejected a proposal for a new House on St Josephs on the Hill as it was felt it would be out of character of the surrounding area & unduly out shadowed properties to the north • Siam Thai’s have appealed a decision to an Bord Pleanala in regards to their proposal for an upstairs outdoor area <p>An Bord Pleanala rejected a Proposal to develop 57 Semi-detached houses to the east of Streamstown Wood which was approved by FCC (the land is zoned for housing). The reason being was the development did not meet the current government guidelines in terms of density. The Government policy is that development should be built in existing urban areas & higher density than in the past.</p> <p>The Malahide Old Village Residents Association representative said that there is an emerging pattern of illegal behaviour by businesses in the village & that there are seven enforcement orders in place in the village. An email will be sent to the Chair detailing these issues.</p>
<p>Auburn House</p>	<p>There is a planning application in for 405 Units at Auburn House. There are 305 apartments included in this, of which 44% of these are single bedroom apartments. These meet but do not exceed the minimum size for one-bedroom apartments.</p> <p>The entrance to the development will be at the crossroads to the Backroad with separate access for people on bikes and people walking. There is no provision for Shops on the site.</p> <p>In contrast to the Streamstown Wood application (above), this application appears to meet the current guidelines, i.e. in terms of density</p> <p>The planning application for Auburn House has approx. One thousand four hundred pages of documentation & due to the scale & the diversity of the specialities inputting into the application, it would be impossible for one person to have the expertise to review the application.</p> <p>Due to the scale of the application, The Chair has asked to form a subcommittee to assist with the review of the application & there was one volunteer. It was suggested that residents in the estates who were not at the meeting & have expertise might volunteer. Timewise, this needs to be reviewed before our next meeting in May</p>

Environment	Tidy Town AGM is scheduled for the 24 th of April. Secretary to forward link to members
Neighbourhood Watch	<p>No Neighbourhood Watch meetings have taken place recently</p> <p>The St Margaret's Road representative described numerous issues of lawlessness in Malahide, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Drug Dealing, ☒ People who beg are buying alcohol for teenagers, ☒ Littering, ☒ Illegal Consumption of Alcohol ☒ People going to the toilet in public ☒ Gangs coming in and attacking local teenagers <p>The police have indicated to him that they are under-resourced & in recent times, they have suffered attacks themselves</p> <p>Every incident Forum members are aware of should be reported to the station and the associated reference number needs to be retained</p> <p>The Malahide Old Village Residents Association stated that there have been constant issues in the village & that she would not be surprised if a senior resident had a heart attack due to the lawlessness on the street. She called for a meeting between the forum & the Gardai on Malahide Green</p> <p>The Seapark representative stated that with sports coming back for U18s, some of the issues might be lessened.</p> <p>The Chair stated that we should write to the Superintendent calling for more resources. This letter should contain facts & data to strengthen our case.</p> <p>The Malahide Old Village Residents Association representative said that she was aware of 192 complaints to the Gardai in the last six week. It was agreed that details of these should be sent to the Chair & this would form the basis of the letter to the Superintendent.</p>
New St	<p>The Chair suggested that we should formulate a response to Fingal as to where we want the process to go & that the process reflects the view of our members in this regard. We need to ensure whats done in New st is what is wished for by the members of our community. A sub committee will be established to reflect the overall position of the forum.</p> <p>The Chamley Park representative said that it was the process by which the actions of Fingal took place here which is at stake, there was no consultation & while they appreciate that there is mixed views about New St. it is the process, the lack of democracy & the lack of adherence to the rule of law which they find issue with.</p>

	The Malahide Old Village Residents Association said that she was in touch with the legal team for Sandymount and that we are heading in the direction of remedy in the courts for New St. She said it was an opportunistic grab & she is also concerned that there will be serious injury in the next few months.
Next Meeting	Monday 17 th of May
Appreciation	Numerous residents expressed their thanks to retiring Secretary Ken O'Connor. His professionalism & enthusiasm will be missed.