

MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTES MONDAY 18/10/2021

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The Vice Chair clarified a point minuted in the previous meeting, 5.3
“The Vice Chair noted that there are issues of brambles overhanging the pathway from Malahide Demesne entrance to the Dublin Rd that also will need attention.”
In addition there was a problem within the village, around the laneway adjacent to the TSB building and Heeley’s Lane.
- 1.2 The minutes of the September meeting were approved subject to the necessary amendment.

2. Date of AGM & Proposed Agenda

- 2.1 The Chair suggested that given the extension of restrictions, that the AGM be deferred to mid-February., This will have additional benefits to include end of accounts to end of 2021 and will conform with Constitution. The Committee agreed with the proposal.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to resume regular Face to face meeting at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.3 The final location for the AGM yet to be decided, however possible locations include the Grand Hotel, Parish Hall in Seabury, the Malahide Rugby Club. The Malahide Parish Centre is deemed unable to accommodate the necessary capacity. The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to continue to refine requirements and revert at a later date.

3. Planning Report

- 2.1 KGJM, St Josephs, The Hill
 - 2.1.1 The Chair informed that the Committee that the Council has in effect requested the developer to amend their design, to be better in keeping with the surroundings. Situation to be monitored.
- 2.2 Siam Thai Restaurant
 - 2.2.1 ABP overturned Council refusal to convert a portion of roof space to a roof garden and smoking terrace. ABP conditioned use up until 21:00.
- 2.3 Calabash Investments, Lands at Levanda & Elsfield, 14 & 14a Yellow Walls Road
 - 2.3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that the development was refused on the basis of density, overlooking neighbouring properties, access and egress from the site.
- 2.4 Dublin Airport
 - 2.4.1 daa seeking to review terms from ABP. Further information supplied to Council. Situation to be monitored.

- 2.5 Malahide Tennis Club
 - 2.5.1 The Committee were informed that no application has yet been submitted. Situation to be monitored.

4. Seapark / Seamount Report

- 4.1 The Seapark Representative updated the Committee that the developer had reported further issues with the removal of rock, between Seamount Road and the entrance. The pathway is finished, but will not be opening until September 2022. The Chair is concerned that the timeframe is being extended out, to coincide with when the sale of the houses within the estate.
- 4.2 The Seapark Representative queried whether anyone from the Forum with a Biodiversity background had made any proposals regarding the works. The Tidy Towns Representative indicated that no proposals were supplied, but that the Biodiversity team are generally providing planners with advice.

5. Safe Routes to School

- 5.1 The Chair confirmed that the matter was raised in the Howth / Malahide Area Committee meeting, various councillors stating that it is the most important issue the Council can address in the near future.
- 5.2 Seabury Tidy Districts Representative 2 commented that it is a positive that PJPII school was selected as one of the three schools now being examined by the Council
- 5.3 The Chair commented that significant government pressure to do things in this area, and that funds are available. MCF to continue to press Council and councillors to get best return possible.
- 5.4 The Castlefield Manor Representative commented that their residents were supportive of the Forum's Safe Route to Schools proposal, many of their residents concerned that a child would be seriously injured or killed on route to school.

6. Tidy Towns

- 6.1 The Tidy Towns Representative commented that there have been some great clean ups recently. A lot of new volunteers, particularly teenagers who have worked hard for the Gaisce awards.
- 6.2 The Tidy Towns Representative confirmed that results of the Tidy Towns competition are expected mid-November, after which new projects will be started.
- 6.3 The Vice Chair raised the issue of litter picking, highlighting in particular the threat posed by discarded face masks. The Vice Chair asked the various representatives to remind their members to use bins.

7. Treasurers Report

- 7.1 The Treasurer raised concern in respect of the outgoings of the Forum, particularly in relation to the cost of meetings and the AGM. The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to review options available for meetings to reduce unnecessary costs where possible. The Chair noted that the location of meetings would have to be appropriate to those members that would be attending the meetings.
- 7.2 The Treasurer further outlined the annual payment to Tidy Towns, and whether this was an appropriate use of the Forum funds. The Tidy Towns Representative indicated that this year the MCF funds were the only income received and it was very much appreciated. The Chair stated that this would be discussed at the AGM.
- 7.3 An individual member queried the option to increase subscription rates. The Chair confirmed that the fixing of the subscription rate would be a topic of discussion at the upcoming AGM.

8 Neighbourhood Watch Report

- 8.1 Church Road Representative that there was no update.

9 AOB

- 9.1 The Vice Chair confirmed that recently footpaths at Killeen Terrace has been completed to a very high standard, however many remaining pathways are extremely poor. The Vice Chair confirmed that two friends have recently fallen in Town Yard Lane and in Seabury (adjacent to Centra). The Vice Chair requested that MCF approach the Council to complete necessary repairs.

The Castlefield Manor Representative commented from the personal experience wearing an orthopaedic boot that many of the paths are very uneven.

The Treasurer commented that the Council appear to be very concerned with legal claims. The Chair suggested that the Forum write to the Council to highlight areas requiring fixing.

The Secretary suggested using the 'FixMyStreet' website to register the issues, and that it might be worth multiple users raising issues in an offensive. The Treasurer indicated that this route had been successful in the past.

- 9.2 The Treasurer noted that there is excessive water draining from the railway tracks at Bisset's Strand. The Chair indicated that this was normal, but would investigate to determine if any further action required.

10 Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Monday 15th November 2021, location to be agreed.