

## **MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTES MONDAY 15/11/2021**

### **1. Minutes of Last Meeting**

- 1.1 The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

### **2. Planning Report**

#### 2.1 Streamview Connect Trading DAC

- 2.1.1 The Chair advised of a new proposed development of c. 50 houses in the Streamstown development.
- 2.1.2 Previously developer sought a larger development, which was approved by FCC but subsequently rejected by ABP due to density too low.
- 2.1.3 Previous plans objected strenuously by local residents, and MCF objected on the basis of poor service / utilities.
- 2.1.4 Developer now addressing concerns raised by local residents, and is reapplying to FCC.
- 2.1.5 The Chair advised that MCF not oppose the application, which was approved.

#### 2.2 MCD Productions

- 2.2.1 The Old Street Representative raised concern with the application to increase the number of concerts, and their back to back nature.
- 2.2.2 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative also indicated that he would be objecting to the application due to the impact on the woodland environment.
- 2.2.3 The Moorings Representative indicated his support for the increased number of concerts as a benefit to local business, but more importantly to the young people of Malahide who have been significantly impacted by the pandemic over the previous 18 months.
- 2.2.4 The Chair queried whether the issue at hand was the number of concerts rather than the concerts themselves. It was agreed that MCF would not support the increased quantity of concerts in the short time frame, but would support concerts going ahead.

#### 2.3 St. Josephs

- 2.3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that FCC had requested further information, effectively seeking the developer to amend the design to better reflect the surroundings.
- 2.3.2 The developer has rejected any change, and is seeking for FCC to make a decision on the plans submitted.
- 2.3.3 It was proposed and agreed that should the developer appeal to ABP, MCF will make a submission.

#### 2.4 Step Down Accommodation, Swords Rd

- 2.4.1 The Chair advised that FCC had rejected the application. To be monitored.

#### 2.5 Calabash Investments, Lands at Levanda & Elsfeld, 14 & 14a Yellow Walls Road

- 2.4.1 The Chair advised that FCC had rejected the application. To be monitored.

## 2.5 Fowlers

2.5.1 The Committee were informed by NB that Fowlers are looking to apply for a beer garden. NB looking to engage further on the impact on residents and increase the negotiation position in future. The Chair reminded NB of the recent approval of Siam Thai, and how that may impact in this application.

## 3. Dublin Airport Report

3.1 The Chair advised that the daa are seeking to amend the conditions of planning in respect of the new runway at Dublin Airport. The proposal is to move from an outright ban on flights outside of prescribed hours to a quota system.

3.2 The daa proposed a window from 23:30 to 06:00 where a limit would apply over the year on flights operating in this time. The Aircraft Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) determination has doubled the requested limit, but imposed a window of 23:00 – 07:00. The applicable regulations refer to an eight-hour time window, and the proposed times would take Ireland in line with many European airports. daa opposed this determination, on the basis of how busy the airport is, particularly in the morning.

3.3 The Hanlon's Lane Representative informed that Committee that in 2020 91% of planes met CG1 status, currently the quieter planes and that this would likely increase over time as older planes were phased out in favour of quieter, more efficient engines. In addition to the quotas, planes will be restricted to a maximum count of 4 on take-off and 2 on landing.

3.4 The Hanlon's Lane Representative said that the number of movements between 06:00 and 07:00 was expected to be 40+ in 2022, but that this was very difficult to project. The Chair outlined that approximately 1/3 of flights would be anticipated to be directed East, with close to half that number flying over Seamount Road, Seapark and Robswall etc.

3.5 The Chair pointed out that this had never been provided for in County Development Plans, since 1972, when provision for the second parallel runway was first provided for. In contrast the houses built in Portmarnock under the projected flight path were conditioned to include additional sound insulation, something that was not applied to houses in Malahide.

## 4. Seapark / Seamount Report

4.1 The Seapark Representative reconfirmed that delays being experienced are due to ongoing issues with the removal of rock. Current best estimates are that the park will not open until September 2022.

4.2 The Seapark Representative informed the Committee that two plans are being prepared for review by the public.

## 5. Safe Routes to School

- 5.1 The Chair confirmed that feedback should be provided on the Barrack Bridge / Caves Marsh Proposal in December.
- 5.2 The Chair has spoken to local Councillors to ensure that the proposed pedestrian bridge at Scoil Iosa is included in the development plan.
- 5.3 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative requested a copy of the deputation provided to the Seabury Residents and to Fingal County Council. The Chair indicated that the presentation was shared earlier in the year on the website. The Secretary to confirm.

The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative queried why a presentation was given to the Seabury Residents and not to his Residents as it impacted them more. The Seabury Tidy Districts Representative raised objection to this; indicating that the potential changes and current issues impacted primarily the safety of their children and secondarily the traffic to / from Seabury.

## **6. Tidy Towns**

- 6.1 The Vice Chair reported that Malahide retained the gold standard within the category. The Vice Chair further confirmed that Malahide had made an improvement of 7 points on the prior review.
- 6.2 The Chair offered congratulations and thanks to all those involved in the Tidy Towns initiative, particularly the Tidy Towns Representative. The Committee echoed the sentiments of the Chair.
- 6.3 The Secretary to organise for the Report to be published for review by the Committee.

## **7. Treasurers Report**

- 7.1 The Chair indicated receipt of €250 annual subscription for Seapark, monies to be provided to the Treasurer.
- 7.2 The Treasurer queried whether insurance was a necessary expense, when venues like Seabury Parish Centre have their own insurance policy. The Chair indicated that insurance was a requirement. The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative and the Old Street Representative believe it important to have a policy in place. The Committee agreed. The Chair and Treasurer to review the policy to ensure appropriate cover in place.

## **8. Neighbourhood Watch Report**

- 8.1 Church Road Representative that there was no update.
- 8.2 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative informed the Committee of a vandalism / arson incident on Inbhir Ide Drive in October, he queried whether the Neighbourhood Watch may be of some support. The Church Road Representative unsure of how Neighbourhood Watch might support in this situation.
- 8.3 The Old Street Representative informed the Committee that a new Inspector had been appointed to the Gardai Station in Malahide, and queried whether the MCF could engage and build a relationship. The Old Street Representative and Church Road Representative to discuss and revert back to the Committee.

## **9. Date and Location for AGM**

- 9.1 The Chair indicated that due to ongoing changing circumstances, a date was not yet foreseeable for the AGM. The Committee agreed to delay committing to a date. To be reviewed.
- 9.2 The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to review potential locations that would be appropriate for the MCF requirements.

## **10. AOB**

- 10.1 The Chair informed the Committee that he had approached the Church in relation to the serviced lands adjacent to the Church for the prospect of development.
- 10.2 The Old Golf Links Representative referenced a letter received from the residents within the Casino development. 69 units that were sold en-mass to a company called Seapoint and are now being refurbished. 17 units are due to be sold on the market, with the remaining 52 being kept as rental units. It is expected there will be a 50/50 split on rental vs owner occupied units within the development.
- 10.3 The Chamley Park Representative presented plans of a proposal to build a 350 seater theatre on the grounds of Scoil Iosa. The project is expected to cost c. €3 million. The venue would be made available to commercial entertainment, the school and other local public groups. He was asked to a site layout plan of the proposed development, for circulation to the Committee.
- 10.4 The Coill Dubh Representative informed the Committee that the roads around the development have been taken in charge, but that the landscaped / green areas had not yet been taken in charge. The Coill Dubh Representative queried whether anyone had any experience in this area, particularly with enforcing of bonds. The Chair indicated that it is extremely difficult to pursue the bond. The Chair to speak directly to the Coill Dubh Representative.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

- 11.1 Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021, location to be agreed.