

MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTES MONDAY 17/01/2022

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 MCF was requested to communicate with FCC in relation to New Street. Awaiting response from FCC.
- 2.2 The Inhbir Ide Drive & Close Representative indicated that he had some issues with recent MCF meetings, and would raise these issues directly in an email.

3. Planning Report

- 3.1 Unit Nos. 2, 3 & 4, Townyard House, Townyard Lane (former Giovanni's Restaurant)
 - 2.1.1 The Chair informed the Committee that there is a plan to have a coffee outlet looking out on the Green. The Chair to review further and revert. Subsequent information indicates that this is now not proposed
- 3.2 18 The Rise, Malahide
 - 2.2.1 The Chair confirmed FCC refused permission of a large extension to the house.
- 3.3 Tennis Club
 - 2.3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that the Club plan to lodge an application imminently. Suggested moving the next meeting forward one week to allow time to review the application and get feedback to ensure time to submit any observation to the council.

4. Dublin Airport Noise Plan

- 4.1 The Chair circulated to the Committee a proposed letter to the Airport Noise Competent Authority (ANCA) indicating that daa are now proposing a mode of operation for which they do not have planning permission. The daa have not obtained planning permission for divergent flight path operations, which would result in aircraft taking off directly over East Malahide.
- 4.2 The Hanlon's Lane Representative suggested getting air traffic control expert to review the proposals.
- 4.3 The Chair suggested that the inclusion of maps and noise impact documents submitted to the ANCA indicate the intent of the daa to have divergent flight paths when the new runway is operational. However their planning application, to FCC and ABP for the North Parallel Runway did not reflect this and the ABP planning decision Condition 1 makes it clear that the planning approval is on the basis of the documentation submitted by the daa .
- 4.4 The Hanlon's Lane Representative was in agreement that a submission should be made, rather than accepting the daa's proposal.

5. Safe Routes to School

- 5.1 The Chair presented a plan prepared by the NTA, with cycle ways around Malahide including through Malahide Park.
- 5.2 The Chair informed the Committee that at the last local meeting Councillor Anthony Lavin put forward a proposal (independent of the NTA plan) to have an additional entrance into Malahide Castle at the traffic lights on the Back Road. The council officials were against this. The Chair stated that Malahide Castle is not an SAC, an SPA nor a National Heritage Area or protected area from any maps he has previously reviewed. The Old Street Representative indicated that the Castle grounds are an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The Chair requested that this information is shared with the Committee, which was done.
- 5.3 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative indicated his objection to the Castle ground being used for a cycle path.
- 5.4 The Old Street Representative pointed out that Malahide was without a local area plan which would involve a public consultation, with the future plans for Malahide.
- 5.5 The Ashwood Hall Individual member referenced a letter from the senior executive engineer (dated 13/01) in relation to pedestrian access to Malahide Castle Demesne at the Ashwood Hall traffic lights:

“At January 2022 area committee meeting, the executive park superintendent agreed to meet to future explore this proposal”

The Chair to circulate photos of the area where the possible entrance could be located. The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative objected to the proposal. The Secretary noted that no proposal was being made, and that plans could be proposed with an opportunity to vote at a later meeting.

- 5.6 The Chair indicated that current slow rate of development of the apartments at Seamount Rise which may set back the proposed Seamount / Seapark route. Situation to be monitored.

6. Tidy Towns

- 6.1 No update.
- 6.2 The Old Street Representative queried what funding Tidy Towns availed of, that there were grants available for bio-diversity projects. The Treasurer informed the Committee that MCF donated €500 to Tidy Towns in 2021. The Chair requested the Old Street Representative share any available information with the Committee.

7. Neighbourhood Watch Report

- 7.1 No update.
- 7.2 The Old Street Representative queried whether a meeting had been held with the new inspector. The Chair confirmed that a meeting had taken place with the inspector in Malahide GS in the early summer and that he had agreed that additional garda resources had been provided for the busy summer period.
- 7.3 The Old Street Representative queried whether anyone was aware of how often buses are encountering issues on Old Street, after witnessing recently a near altercation between a bus driver and car driver.

8. Treasurers Report

- 8.1 The Treasurer confirmed that previous years audited accounts prepared, and that 2021 would be completed soon ahead of any AGM.
- 8.2 The Treasurer reported the early receipt of subscriptions from Inbhir Ide.
- 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 suggested that given the ever changing situation with COVID, that the AGM be planned for April (14/04) to best ensure that it can go ahead. The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative objected, requesting that the meeting be held sooner. The remaining Committee members approved of the April date. Due to potential attendance issues with 14/04, Tuesday 12/04 was agreed.

10. AOB

- 10.1 The Secretary presented a proposal received from a Malahide resident to create a volunteer group to walk / jog routes around Malahide to increase the safety for those out walking or running alone. The Committee were largely supportive of the concept, but would need additional information. The Seapark Representative believed that adding any additional footfall to these routes would be welcome. The Chair suggested given the relationship with the Gardai, Neighbourhood Watch may be a better umbrella group for this proposal. The Secretary to raise with the Church Road Representative (Neighbourhood Watch liaison) on his return.
- 10.2 The Old Street Representative informed the Committee that there is a street licence appeal being submitted, which could result in an oral hearing in around 18 weeks.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- 11.1 Monday 14th February 2022, location to be agreed.