

## MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTES TUESDAY 15/03/2022

### 1. Minutes of Last Meeting

### 2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 The Secretary queried with the Committee whether meeting notes should be continued to be released ahead of formal adoption at the following meeting. The Committee approved the continued release of meeting notes, where minutes are released in advance to allow the Committee to make any necessary comments on errors or omissions.
- 2.2 The Secretary proposed to the Committee that similar to Zoom meetings, Committee meetings going forward would be recorded for accuracy of minutes, and those recordings were to be deleted following the adoption of minutes. The Committee approved the proposal.

### 3. Planning Report

- 3.1 Malahide Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club Planning Application
  - 3.1.2 The Chair informed the Committee that the MLTCC now intend to withdraw the planning application. There is so far no confirmation from FCC that this has occurred. The Chair further informed the Committee that the planning site notice appears to have been taken down.
  - 3.1.3 The Chair informed the Committee that a deadline for submissions on the planning application is Tuesday 22/03. That should the application not be withdrawn, the MCF would not get another opportunity.
  - 3.1.4 The Committee voted by majority, with abstentions, to oppose the application. The Chair was requested to hold the appeal lodgement until as late as possible to allow for the application to be withdrawn.
- 3.2 Access to Jameson Orchard
  - 3.2.1 The Seamount Representative informed the Committee that during the week the footpath from the end of Seamount Road to Jameson Orchard was torn up, as it was built illegally. The area has been reinstated as a grass verge. The result is the removal of pedestrian access, now requiring them to walk on the road, which is already very narrow.
  - 3.2.2 The Committee agreed to write to FCC to express concern about lack of a safe access.
- 3.3 Abbeyville Planning Application
  - 3.3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that there was an appeal against FCC's refusal. To be monitored.

#### **4. Tidy Towns**

- 4.1 The Tidy Towns Representative informed the Committee that cleaning of the Parish well on Old Street is completed. Tidy Towns are now awaiting clarification of local resident's proposals.
- 4.2 The Tidy Towns Representative informed the Committee that the volunteer work on the following Saturday would move from the Train Station to the beach in light of the fireworks display on Friday night.
- 4.3 The Tidy Towns Representative informed the Committee that there were grants available that will introduce exercise equipment. The Tidy Towns Representative to forward details to the Secretary, who will then forward to the Committee.

#### **5. Neighbourhood Watch Report**

- 5.1 None.

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#### **6. Step Down Living**

- 6.1 The Chair informed the Committee that at a recent FCC meeting there was a motion from one of the local councillors in relation to the rezoning of lands at the back of two houses on Seamount Road for housing to facilitate step down housing in the Malahide area, which passed by 14 votes to 13.
- 6.2 The Chair identified two issues;
  - 1) There is no specific zoning for elderly, just housing. This would mean that there is no way to currently enforce any development proposed specifically for the elderly.
  - 2) A previously identified potential site in Seabury adjacent to the church is currently zoned commercial, and would require rezoning.
- 6.3 The Tidy Towns Representative proposed addressing the lack of step down housing as a policy issue. The Chair suggested approaching the local councillors with the intent to influence the local development plan to allow for the rezoning of the Seabury lands, adjacent to the church specifically for step down housing. The Committee supported approaching the issue from both a policy and the more specific Seabury plan.
- 6.4 The Committee supported the reformation of the Step Down Subcommittee.

#### **7. Treasurers Report**

- 7.1 The Treasurer informed the Committee that last month's outgoings:
  - €1,500 Save Malahide contribution
  - €325 renewed public liability insurance
- 7.2 The Treasurer informed the Committee the current balance is €8,217.
- 7.3 The Treasurer informed the Committee that the last three years accounts have been prepared.

## **8. Date & Location for AGM**

- 8.1 The Chair informed that Committee that only current members, whether through a Residents Association or as an Individual Member, in good standing (to be confirmed by the Treasurer) are permitted to attend the AGM. Members of the public can attend by paying

## **9. AOB**

- 9.1 The Tidy Towns Representative put forward a motion:  
*"That as part of a code of conduct for Forum members that a '3 Strikes' policy be implemented. In practice this would mean should the chair request a member to desist from speaking 3 times in the same meeting, that the person must remove themselves from that meeting. Should a person be removed from 3 meetings in a year they should be removed as a member and their group asked for an alternative representative."*

The motion was discussed, and it was decided to defer the motion for the incoming committee post AGM.

- 9.2 The Biscayne & Lambay Court Representative brought to the attention of the Committee to the change of the junction at the junction of Coast Road and the entrance to Sea Park.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

- 10.1 AGM on Tue April 12<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 at the Grand Hotel, Graham Bell Room.