

MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING NOTES MONDAY 17/10/2022

1. Minutes of Last Meeting

- 1.1 Approved.
- 1.2 The Castle Terrace Representative clarified her point regarding parking along Seafront, further up from Oscar Taylors car park, need for parking towards Low Rock. The Chair clarified this was not currently feasible as Dublin Bus could not get vehicles through.

2. Matters Arising

- 2.1 Secretary reminded the Committee that a request was made at last meeting for a letter to go to Taxi Regulator, regarding parking along the Diamond, this has not yet been done as no photos submitted as evidence. Old Street Representative indicated that photos would be sent on.

3. Planning Report

- 3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that almost no planning applications gone in since last meeting, two refusals for the licenses being sought for mobile phone booster stations, one in Ard Na Mara, one Yellow Walls Road, similar applications have been lodged elsewhere in Fingal, and FCC have refused permission for all of them.
- 3.2 No appeals to ABP.

MCF submitted observations in relation to airport noise, there were 20 formal objections lodged with ABP in relation to proposed amendments for night-time restrictions.

The Chair commented that ABP has ceased to operate. No decisions in relation to Fingal in last month. Not clear when the situation in ABP will be resolved. Minister O'Brien looking for people to act as Directors on interim basis.

Any large cases, such as Airport, or Strategic Housing Developments, are not being processed, and will not be for the foreseeable future, until a number of Directors appointed to ABP.

- 3.3 St Margaret's Road Representative brought up matter of street licenses on New Street, inspector recommended refusal, however this was overturned by single board member in ABP. Licenses for street furniture should have ceased in May.

A vote was held on whether to write a letter to ABP in relation to the lack of enforcement. The Tidy Towns Representative recommended against making a submission. The vote passed with 7 votes for, 5 against. The Old Street Representative to draft a letter for review by the Chair and Secretary.

4. New Street

- 4.1 The Tidy Towns Representative provided feedback on the plans made public at the recent consultation at the library.
- 4.2 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative raised issue of lack of consultation, that the current engagement with the public will replace any public consultation. The Chair indicated the design phase once completed will need to go through the official public consultation process.

5. Safe Routes to School

- 5.1 The Chair informed the Committee that the path along Seapark route fully operational. Noted that school kids and parents using the route. St Margaret's Road Representative mentioned the top of Seapark not finished.
- 5.2 Tidy Towns Representative mentioned young kids burning material below yew trees. St Margaret's Road Representative observed wood piles, seems like issue for Halloween.

The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative attended the recent FCC Safe Halloween event, and recommended that people review the literature in advance of Halloween.

- 5.4 The Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative informed the Committee that at a recent meeting the development of Barrick Bridge / Caves Marsh is not going to happen. In addition the Inbhir Ide Drive & Close Representative informed the Committee that Fingal Council Executive have rejected a proposal to change the use from High Amenity and Green belt/SAC to build apartments to land to the west side of the marsh.

6. Tidy Towns

- 6.1 Tidy Towns Representative informed the Committee that results would be announced on 28th October midday RDS, hoping to retain Gold medal.
- 6.2 Tidy Towns Representative informed the Committee that a grant application for the survey of Gaybrook Stream. This is believed to be important buffer zone for Caves Marsh.

7. Neighbourhood Watch report

- 7.1 Church Road Representative attended recent Policing meeting in Grand Hotel, at which attendees brought up range of issues, however lack of parental responsibility in the area.
- 7.2 Tidy Towns Representative mentioned that the Joint Policing Committee is available through Fingal PPN for anyone to join if interested.

8. Treasurers report

- 8.1 The Treasurer informed the Committee that Haven and Milford paid up, emails have gone out to remaining outstanding.

9. AOB

- 9.1 Pots of flowers hanging along Church and Train Station to be removed, anyone can help themselves to plants

10. Date of Next Meeting

- 10.1 Monday 21st November