

MALAHIDE COMMUNITY FORUM
DRAFT MINUTES OF AGM 2 MARCH 2015

held at The Grand Hotel, Malahide.

MINUTES

The meeting started at 8.10.

Committee Report & Accounts

The Chairman of the meeting, Hazel Bolton, welcomed everyone, gave apologies from Forum Chairman David Greene, and briefly summarised the work of the Forum and its subcommittees. The Hon Treasurer summarised the accounts for 2014 which were then put to the meeting and approved.

Election of the Committee for 2015

The Chairman explained that nominees of member Residents' Associations (18 in all) were automatically re-elected, so no motion was necessary. The Committee had nominated 8 individual members and no additional nominations had been received. She therefore proposed to put the 8 names to the meeting *en bloc*. The nominees were Hazel Bolton, Nuala Burke, Gerry Duggan, Margaret Farrell, Olan Howell, Paul Nevin, Harry O'Neill and Brian Walshe. All were re-elected.

Update by Michael Howard on the Acquisition and Development of Casino

When Mr Howard last addressed the Forum AGM in March 2012 it had been agreed that the Fry Model Railway would be acquired by Bus Eireann. Since then with the work of a committee and the goodwill of Fingal County Council, thanks to the bequest of the late Mr Michael Gaffney, the acquisition of Casino and the land around it and The Fry Model Railway was completed on 23 December 2014. The collection will be housed as soon as is practical and the works on Casino house will be completed. It is anticipated that the collection will be on view during normal museum hours and FCC will erect a plaque to honour the contribution of Mr Gaffney. Michael Ingoldsby has a collection of model circuses which he has agreed to donate to FCC to be housed in Casino also. In response to questions Mr Howard advised that an extension will be built onto Casino to house the collections and they will not be in the house itself. He anticipates that there will be an entry charge. It was pointed out that there is a railway exhibition in New York which incorporates the NY skyline and the question was raised as to whether the FMR exhibition will be enhanced in comparison to previously. It was felt it would be desirable that an exit from the west of Malahide Railway Station, through Casino to the Castle should be incorporated into the plans. Thanks were given to everyone who gave their time and energy to help achieve this wonderful project and the Chairman thanked Mr Howard and the Casino/FMR committee.

Overview by Gerry Duggan of current and proposed housing developments in Malahide

Mr Duggan circulated a building site map and a schedule of current and proposed developments showing their size, stage of development and location. There are approximately 650 dwellings under construction, on appeal to ABP, granted or awaiting additional information. A resident felt that there may be drainage problems caused by the developments in Streamstown but Gerry Duggan said that this issue was not raised by FCC during the application for permission. The question was raised as to whether many permissions are granted that haven't been used and Mr Duggan replied that permission expires after 5 years and an extension must be granted after that period for it to remain in place. Concern was expressed over the lack of footpath in the area of St. Benedict's in Seabury but Senator O'Brien advised that funding has just been approved to continue the path there and for a bus lay-by. There was also concern that the recommencement of building at Robswall will again cause flooding and pollution on the beach from the excess surface water. The meeting was advised that all new

housing developments have to have attenuation tanks to slow down the discharge of storm water when necessary. Cllr Lavin asked whether storm water will affect the development beside Kinsealy Chapel. Mr Duggan advised that this area has been subject to flooding in the past that there is a plan for a play area there that is on a flood plain. The Chairman thanked Mr Duggan for his informative talk.

Update by Heidi Bedell on Malahide Tidy Towns

Malahide reclaimed its Gold Medal status this year. A lot of painting has been necessary after a spate of graffiti. Extra flowers have been planted and Ms Bedell asked if people growing seeds would give any spare plants or pots of plants to the Tidy Towns. She also suggested that residents might adopt a patch in certain areas of the village and weed and water there and if anyone has spare flower bulbs could they plant them themselves in a public place. If estates are weeding and tidying up their area would they take a photograph of the work and put on the TT Facebook page or email it as these are used in the TT application each year. TT has a plot at the local allotment and help is needed there and also a poly tunnel is needed. Malahide Tidy Towns' website is www.tidytownsmalahide.com and they can be contacted by email at tidytownsmalahide@gmail.com Donations and volunteers are always welcome. The Chairman thanked Ms Bedell for her update on progress.

Any Other Business

It was felt that the entrance to the Bridgefield carpark on the Dublin Road is very narrow and it was suggested that FCC take steps to make it safer and also cuts back the hedge on the right to improve sight when exiting. Cllr Lavin advised that FCC has recently allocated €10k for works on this area. They have also made a provision of €25k for restoration of the lawned area at Casino.

Tom Sheedy raised the question of moving the bus stop from Killeen Terrace to alleviate the traffic congestion when a bus stops there and pavement congestion from waiting passengers. He has been in contact with FCC, Gardaí and Malahide Community Forum suggesting that the stop is moved to outside the Paperweight shop. Approximately 2 parking spaces on either side of the road at that point could be eliminated and a dedicated bay put in for buses. Mr Sheedy has spoken to Dublin Bus and met with FCC engineers who referred to the Malahide Public Realm Strategy but they are giving it consideration. Sergeant Cox has written to FCC in support of this proposal.

The Chairman advised that the Forum is seeking a replacement Honorary Secretary and asked that residents make contact if they know of anyone who may be suitable. She thanked Mark Hely Hutchinson on his retirement from the committee for his long contribution and also Margaret Cure at the end of her 7 year term as Hon. Sec. A presentation in appreciation was made to both members.

CONCLUSION

The Chairman thanked those people who had given presentations and all who had attended the meeting. The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.