Notes from Malahide Community Forum – Jan 2021

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	The minutes of the meeting of 18th January 2021 were approved.
1. Minutes	We welcomed two new members to the forum: 1. Dawn Fryers: Kinsealy Lane (Individual member – joined Active Travel sub-committee) 2. Harry O'Neill: Auburn Grove - (Re-joined – welcome back)
2. Active Travel Initiatives	1. Fingalcoco has been allocated c. EUR15million for Active Travel initiatives Feb 11th 2021 – FCC has been allocated c. €15million from £240million allocated by the National Transport Authority (NTA) in Sustainable Transport Grants for 2021. See Fingalcoco announcement: https://www.finga.lie/news/fingal-receives-eu14-million-boost-funding-nta-investment-walking-and-cycling-infrastructure Funding directly relevant to Active Travel in the Malahide area include: 1.1. Malahide (Main St) to Swords (Brackenstown Rd) €100,000 (via R106 - Swords Road) (Appointment of consultants to look at scheme from Malahide village / greenway to Swords by McAllisters) 1.2. Sutton to Malahide cycle route: €310,000 2. Kinsealy - Malahide - Portmarnock Statoin At the most recent Howth Malahide Local Area Committee meeting, it was stated that consultants will be looking at active travel routes from Kinsealy to Malahide Castle & from Kinsealy lane to Portmarnock Station in 2021 3. Broadmeadow Way update Project is at detailed design stage. Consultants are to look at options to connect to town centres & railway stations of Malahide & Donabate. 4. New Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School (Feltrim Road) FCC is investigating the provision of an active travel connection between Waterside & the New Educate Together Secondary School on the Feltrim road — this would provide an off road, safe route and reduce the distance from 1.5km to just 500 metres. Our 4 priority routes (Safe routes to school): 1. Seapark Hill to Seamount Road (footpath) — The Seapark RA pointed out the challenges posed in communicating proposed routes. They're talking to the council (Active Travel Department) about installing a stile at the top of Seapark Hill to provide safer access for school children. 2. Caves Marsh Boardwalk - Safe route from Seabury to Pope John Paul II school 2.1. We've discovered a considerabl

6. New Street Update	 Current status of New Street The Robswall Representative asked what the current status of New Street is: The chairperson clarified that traffic may drive down New Street. A public consultation will be held – the date has not been set. An individual member from Inbhir Ide Drive and Close referred to comments made by the FCC CEO (AnnMarie Farrelly) at the full FCC Council meeting on 8th Feb. You may hear exactly what the CEO said at 3:02:30 into the video of that meeting: https://fingalcoco.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast interactive/538810 Forum position on New Street Coill Dubh joined the forum recently and their representative asked if the forum has a position on New Street and if a poll was taken. The chairperson clarified that the forum's position is that New St should revert to pre-Covid traffic arrangements, while Fingal County Council undertakes proper consultations, with all stakeholders. This position was agreed at the August 2020 meeting based on a poll of attendees. For further details and a link to the letter sent to FCC regarding the forum's position see the minutes and notes from August2020: https://malahidecommunity.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/mcfmin17082020.pdf https://malahidecommunity.files.wordpress.com/2020/08/mcfnotesaugust2020.pdf The Marina representative commented that it is some time since the forum agreed its position, and much has changed since.
7. Transport	1. Dublin Airport Authority application to FCC – Noise implications for Malahide The MCF submitted these "observations", which have the same effect as objections in terms of how they are considered by FCC. Our submission was one of more than 250 responses, each of which must be considered. This process will take considerable time and we will monitor proceedings. The Robswall RA expressed concern regarding the lack of communication from DAA (specifically Maura Cassidy) regarding aircraft routing, which residents fear may go over Robswall. The transport chairperson clarified that Maura Cassidy has retired. Based on a review of the documentation from the DAA, flights may be routed over Robswall between 6am and 8am, when the wind is from the East. The chairperson also clarified that the entire Malahide area, including Robswall, is outside the area entitled to noise insulation according to the DAA documentation.
8. Environment	 Environment issues: We've created an issue tracking list to track issues raised with the council – e.g. The pedestrian lights at Ashwood Hall have finally been activated. Please read the issue tracking list to see issues raised and progress (or lack of progress) on them. How to raise an issue with the council: The Howth/Malahide Operations area within FCC deal with "built environment" issues. Take photos showing the issue and the location of the problem. Email the photos and details of the issue to Howmaloparea@fingal.ie. Ensure that you receive a reference number (This will be called a CRM number). Email secretary.malahideforum@gmail.com with the CRM number and a copy of your email to the council. We will add it to our issue tracking list. Please inform us of updates. The Green – Add 2 metre social distancing signs. Medical Centre, New Street – Ensure access is kept clear of bins, street furniture etc. It's difficult to park there and let vulnerable people out to access the medical centre. Narrowness of footpaths in the village area We will ask FCC to include the need to widen footpaths in the brief for the consultants looking at an Active Travel route from Malahide (Main St) to Swords (Brackenstown Rd).
9. Finance	 The treasurer sent out a request for subscriptions - €394 received to date. Major costs this month: 1.1. €500 contribution to Tidy Towns 1.2. €100 to thank retiree from St. Andrews Parish Hall 1.3. €220 to cover cost of making submissions to FCC - €200 of this was to pay for a copy of documentation related to DAA planning application Roving Carols initiative It was agreed to contribute €250 to the Father McVerry trust from the €500 pre-allocated to cover

	expenses. No expenses were actually incurred as all expenses were covered by the singers, musicians and volunteers, who raised €500 for the Father McVerry trust themselves.
7. Planning	With reference to planning details circulated: The chairperson updated the meeting on two items raised at last month's meeting that he had apologised for not following up on. In both cases, due process has acted in our favour: 1. Gibneys FCC granted Gibneys approval for a relatively modest extension. However, in doing so, FCC stated in their conditions, that the original conditions imposed by ABP both to the closing time and the need for noise monitoring would still apply. Gibneys have now appealed those original conditions to ABP. 2. Multi-storey development at Robswall Cottage, Low Rock (near Robswall Castle) FCC has asked for a huge level of additional information, which effectively would require the applicant to redesign the development in a more sympathetic manner with the surrounding area. There's no mechanism by which the applicant can appeal this matter to ABP, as FCC has not refused them permission. If the applicant submits the additional information, that would equate to a new application and the forum would then have an opportunity to make an objection. Other planning matters: 3. Streamstown – Application for 57 houses (refused permission by ABP in December) Refused by ABP having previously been passed by FCC. MCF lodged an objection to that development, which is approx. 2.5km from the village centre, citing the lack of safe walking and cycling access to local amenities (schools, shops, clubs, train stations) i.e. the location lacks any Active Travel infrastructure, and prospective residents would be totally car dependent. 4. Canopy at McGoverns / Sign outside Katmandu The St. Margaret's Road representative raised these items as contravening the Malahide ACA (Architectural Conservation Area). Action: The forum will contact FCC to ask whether planning permission is required for each of these
9. Neighbourhood Watch	 No formal NW meetings or communications. Warning raised regarding a massive increase in the number of fraudulent phone calls, especially offering financial advice (both to mobile and landlines). The Coill Dubh representative suggested that NW meetings be held via ZOOM.
10. AOB	1. Speed Limits – FCC adopt 30KPH in all residential areas FCC council voted to apply 30KPH speed limits in all residential areas (estates) across Fingal. In March 2020, the Malahide forum made a submission asking for a 30kph limit throughout the Malahide village area. The council says it's not possible under current guidelines. Both Howth and Malahide requested similar 30kph limit in their village area – the council has committed to review separately.
11. Next Meeting	Next meeting Monday 15 th March 2021.