

# Malahide Chamber of Commerce

## Annual General Meeting

Held at the Grand Hotel on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

### Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Treasurer's report  
To consider and adopt, if approved, the accounts and balance sheet for the past year.  
(available at the meeting)
4. To appoint auditors
5. President's report
6. To Elect Officers and Members of the Committee
7. Presentation of the Fingal County Council Malahide Castle Project Team
8. Presentation of the annual Malahide Awards
9. Any Other Business

**Apologies:** Eamon Porter, Clare Day T.D., Joan Maher CC, Peter Coyle CC, Graham Smith, Paula Costello, Ronan Reynolds.

**2010 Minutes:** Minutes of the 2010 AGM were circulated, taken as read and approved.

### Treasurer's report

Ernie Brenner presented the 2010 audited accounts. Attached.

#### *Income*

- Increased income reflected increased activity. In all events we have either made money or covered costs. We have €10k in the Bank which is there to be spent.

#### *Expenditure*

- This again reflects activity levels but is kept under control. We also were conscious to minimise the burden on members and retained the reduced membership fees we introduced three years ago. For the first time we also didn't look for any contribution for the Christmas lights.

Proposal to adopt the Accounts: Proposer: Tony Gibney Second: Peter Farrell. Motion carried.

### Re-appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer, Ernie Brenner, proposed to the meeting a motion to re-appoint Des Mullock as Auditor to the Chamber for the next year.

Proposer: Mary Farrell

Second: John Byrne

Motion was carried.

## **President's Report**

We recognise that 2010 was again a very difficult year for business. However, we believe that at such times the role of the Chamber and other community organisations is even more important. In our role of representing and promoting business and employment in Malahide we:

1. Worked to get the Bridgefield car as a Pay and Display, thus creating additional parking for those who wish to shop and conduct other business in the Village
2. Represented business to Fingal County Council during the winter water outages.
3. Continued to issue monthly Newsletters to encourage good communication between the Chamber and business. Our Facebook is also the largest in Malahide with 2425 members.
4. Decided to re-start a Malahide Festival in July which was a great success and brought attention and visitors to Malahide.
5. We re-published the Malahide Directory with its local information and contact details of all Chamber members. This went to all Malahide households and is being distributed throughout the year to visitors through the Tourist Office in Swords, the local Hotels and B & B's.
6. We invested again in adding to the Christmas Lights and the excellent volunteer team lead by Gerry Walsh and Rodney Moore have put up and taken down these lights.
7. To create a community event we brought Santa back to Malahide in November to turn on the lights and attracted over a thousand people to New Street. Due to our fund raising events during the year we didn't ask hard pressed businesses to contribute for the first time.
8. The Chamber is supported by those who give of their time to keep it going: I want to thank my Committee members for all their often selfless work during the year, Deirdre Rochford, Cathy Dunne, Matt Corcoran Mary Farrell, Ernie Brenner, John Byrne, Ronan Reynolds and Eamon Porter. We are also supported by members subscriptions so I thank everyone who has paid in 2010 and 2011 for that support. In 2010 Matt Corcoran organised a very successful Golf Classic which was a mainstay of our financing and I thank him for all the work he did on that.
9. Our latest venture is the chairing of the Broadmeadow Estuary Group which is meeting with Iarnrod Éireann, Parks & Wildlife, Fingal County Council and all interested parties using the estuary in respect of some new water level issues.
10. One of the most enjoyable events was the annual Chamber lunch in the Grand Hotel where our guest speaker was Packie Bonner. This went ahead despite the arctic conditions at the time and Packie proved to be an inspiration to all who heard him.

We look to 2011 as another busy year and ask every one of you to lend us your support where you can.

## **Presentation of Malahide Video**

Deirdre Rochford has organised the production of a new video to promote the town of Malahide. This is available for use by any Chamber member. It was supported by the Irish College of English, the Grand Hotel, Vision Media and the Chamber. The video was shown to the members to a very positive reaction.

## **Election of Officers and Members of the Committee**

Al Ryan explained that there is a term limit on the President usually of two years. In the absence of a new nominee we put to the meeting that we enact Section 15.2 which allows an exceptional third year if so agreed by a two thirds majority of the AGM.

Proposer: Mary McNamara                      Second: Mary Farrell                      The motion was carried.

Al Ryan presented to the meeting the four nominations for the Officer positions and three other nominations for membership of the Committee. Without further nominations from the floor, an election was not required as the number of nominations was less than the total available positions.

Proposer: Not required                      Second: Not required                      The motion was passed by the meeting.

Those elected were as follows:

President:	Al Ryan
Vice President:	Deirdre Rochford
Honorary Treasurer:	Ernie Brenner
Honorary Secretary:	Cathy Dunne
Committee member:	Matt Corcoran
Committee member:	Mary Farrell
Committee member:	Ronan Reynolds
Committee member:	John Byrne
Committee member:	Brian Murphy

## **Any Other Business**

- The Fingal County Council 'Malahide Castle and Gardens' project Team lead by Ann Marie Farrelly made a detailed presentation to the meeting on plans for the Castle. This presentation was made by Ann Marie, Finnola (Conservation Architect) and Ewan (Bright). The Castle needs improvement. Fingal County Council are bringing it back under their control from Dublin Tourism. The focus is on developing an integrated product that features a Castle that's more accessible and tells the Talbot story, the opening of the excellent Gardens, the building of a visitor centre and improving links to the Village. The project is being funded by a 1500m2 restaurant and retail unit and Pay & Display from the Bridgefield car park. Its hoped to grow visitor numbers who will arrive over a broader range of hours and through an extended season. Finnola showed plans for the Castle and Gardens and Ewan described the design ethos and objectives for the development. Questions were taken at the end to clarify some issue. We note that the Fry Model Railway and Tara's Palace will not be part of the plans. It is planned to have all the attractions opened by Spring 2012.

## **Malahide Business Awards**

The AGM saw the presentation of the annual Business awards. The recipients were as follows:

### **Service Excellence Award**

This is for a clear demonstration of excellent and consistent customer service.

- Kajjal Restaurant
- To be accepted by Shoaib Yunus and Sean Collender

### **Best Developing Business Award**

This is for new and expanding businesses that are making a contribution to the town and the general development of a business culture.

- Scotch Bonnet
- to be accepted by Matt Englishby

### **Best Shop Front Award**

This is generally for retailers who have made an extra effort to present an excellent on street presence for their business which also enhances the special character and atmosphere of the village.

- The Village Bookshop
- To be accepted by Mary Farrell

### **Best Presented Business Award**

This is for the business that through window displays and interior layout shows a commitment to creativity and great presentation of their products

- Enjoymalahide.com
- To be accepted by Austin Maguire and Brian Newman

### **'Malahide Has It' Award**

This is a general award for a business that has made a special contribution to the quality, diversity, size or innovative nature of business in Malahide.

- Gibney's
- To be accepted by Tony and Siobhan Gibney

### **Person/Organisation of the Year**

This is to a person or organisation that has made a significant contribution to the business or community life of the town.

- Lions Club
- Brian Dooley, President

## **AGM Attendees**

Al Ryan	Grand Hotel
Ernie Brenner	Grand Hotel
Deirdre Rochford	Irish College of English
Cathy Dunne	iCatch Design
Matt Corcoran	King Travel
Mary Farrell	Village Books
Peter Farrell	Village Books
Bernadette Flanagan	Salon Euphoria
Killian McKay	Fingal Sailing School
Donnie O'Sullivan	O2
Nuala Burke	O'Dwyer & Associates
John Byrne	Saol Business Partners
Sean Colender	Kajjal
Shoib Yunus	Kajjal
Matt Englishby	Scotch Bonnet
Keith Lawless	Scotch Bonnet
Val Keating	Investa Property
Alan Clancy	Gilbert & Wrights
Maria O'Callaghan	Malahide Castle
David Moran	DG Moran & Co.
Matthew Ryan	Grand Hotel
Vivienne Keavney	Malahide Credit Union
Stephen McDonagh	Malahide Credit Union
Joseph Gunning	Lions Club
Barry Dalhran	Lions Club
E McKay	Fingal Sailing School
Don Butler	Malahide United
Mary Byrne	Malahide Castle
Sulim	Malahide Lions
Frank Higgins	Malahide Lions
Tony Byrne	Malahide Menswear
Brian Murphy	Bank of Ireland
A Lucey	Be Independent Homecare
Brian Dooley	Malahide Lions
Mary McNamara	
Austin Maguire	Ambient Project/enjoymalahide.com
Brian Newman	Ambient Project
Tanya Crosbie	Giggles & Smile Photography
Tony Gibney	Gibney's
Siobhan Gibney	Gibney's
Brid O'Connell	Welcome Marketing
Paco O'Reilly	Scotch Bonnet

<b>MALAHIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>					
<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER 2010</b>					
		<b>20 10</b>	<b>2009</b>		
		€	€		
<b>INCOME</b>					
Subscriptions		7,775	6,950		
Golf Classic (Net)		2,984	-		
Festi val (Net)		6,411	-		
Brochure (Net)		1,726	1,629		
Xmas Lunch (Net)		44	96		
Tidy Towns		-	168		
		<b>18,940</b>	<b>8,843</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Xmas Lights		8,326	- 1,214		
Tidy Towns -Bank Account Transferred		2,045	-		
Bank Charges		106	112		
Secretarial and Accounting		575	797		
Advertising		-	5,860		
Insurance		354	354		
Website Costs		527	206		
Cervia Costs		-	540		
Banner Costs		-	581		
Networking Events, Awards etc.		1,215	-		
Membershi p Costs		260	496		
Repai rs and Postage		432	-		
Sundry Expenses		50	-		
		<b>13,890</b>	<b>7,732</b>		
<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>		<b><u>5,050</u></b>	<b><u>1,111</u></b>		

**MALAHIDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2010

	31.12.20 10	3 1.12.2009
	€	€
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank Balances	10,970	5,920
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>		
Reserves		
At 31.12.2009	5,920	4,809
Surplus for year	<u>5,050</u>	<u>1,111</u>
At 31.12.2010	10,970	5,920