

Malahide Chamber of Commerce

Annual General Meeting

Held at the Grand Hotel on 29th April 2015

Agenda:

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

2014 Minutes: Minutes of the 2011 AGM were circulated, taken as read and approved.

Proposer: Vivienne Carney Seconder: Barry Gibney

Treasurer's report

Andrew Rittweger presented the 2014 audited accounts as follows:

Summary of Financials

The Malahide Chamber Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 showed a deficit of €3,433 compared to a surplus in the prior year of €4,024. The main reasons for the deficit are due to monies outstanding on the brochure of €3,500. The festival made a deficit of €1,174 mainly due to the increase in cost associated in running the festival. The Christmas lights and Santa event has, as in previous year been supported fully by the chamber. The cost of running this event has decreased by 21% compared to 2013 due to the investment in lights that has been completed over the years. All other costs remain consistent as with prior years.

The overall cash position has decreased by the deficit of €3,433 leaving a bank balance of €7,585. It is important to ensure and future events are done on a break even basis at least to ensure funding remains stable. Outstanding monies are still being collected in relation to the brochure and will contribute to the funds of Malahide Chamber for 2015.

Proposal to adopt the Accounts: Proposer: Deirdre Rochford Seconder: Derek Fowler. Motion carried.

Appointment of Auditors

The Treasure, Andrew Rittweger, proposed to the meeting a motion to appoint Searing Point Limited As Auditor to the Chamber for the next year.

Proposer: Deirdre Rochford Seconder: Trish Murtagh Motion was carried.

President's Report

The purpose of the Committee is to promote business in Malahide.

Going forward the below are still relevant from 2011:

1. Public Realm – We need to drive Individual Projects
2. Malahide App – Now in operation, needs local businesses to keep it updated and relevant
3. Casino – Legal Problems are resolved and Fingal are now in possession of the Casino and Fry Model Railway and a group have been appointed to move the project forward. We should keep abreast of developments and progress.
4. Trees in the Village – Bases have been upgraded to safeguard our trees and streetscape.
5. Tourist Information Desk – need to continue to work with Fingal Tourist as there is an immediate need for a Tourism Office in Malahide, preferably outside or near the Train Station. The Castle Lodge will be its temporary home until a new suitable home in the Village is agreed upon.
6. Parking – need to keep high on the agenda and we are in ongoing discussions with Fingal as we need to improve capacity to sustain the village.
7. Santa Event – Great Event, change from Sat evening to Sun afternoon was positive for local businesses
8. Malahide Festival – Growing every year and a huge success
9. International Cricket Day in May – Recommend local businesses get involved and promote the Village this weekend.
10. Fashion Forum – great new incentive promoting collaboration and sharing of idea and marketing power
11. Food Forum – could be initiated on the same basis as the Fashion Forum.
12. Malahide Brochure – has been updated and will be reprinted in 2015
13. President acknowledged the hard work of her committee over the last three years.

Election of Officers and Members of the Committee

- Barry Gibney was elected New President (Prosper: Vivienne Carney Seconder: Micheal Price)
- Ernie Brenner was reelected Vice President (Prosper: Al Ryan Seconder: Derek Fowler)
- Andrew Rittweger reelected Treasurer (Prosper: Tony Gibney Seconder: Trish Muragh)
- Alan Fitzpatrick reelected Secretary (Prosper: Deirdre Rochford Seconder: Trish Murtagh)
- Deirdre Rochford, Tony Gibney, Al Ryan and Tatum Rooney will act as Committee Members

All motions were carried.

Any Other Business

None

Malahide Business Awards

The AGM saw the presentation of the annual Business awards. These were presented by Trish to the following worthy winners.

Service Excellence Award

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

- Aspire Wealth Management

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.

- Taste of the Med

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.

- Neola

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

- Duffy's Bar

'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.

- Malahide Castle & Gardens

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.

- Malahide Credit Union

Malahide's Favourite Restaurant

This award is conducted by public vote to determine the people's choice of Malahide's Favourite Restaurant

- Kajjal

Following these presentations a tribute and presentation was made to the out-going President, Trish Murtagh by the Chamber Committee and the meeting was concluded.