

# Malahide Chamber of Commerce

## AGM 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Present: Derek Fowler, Deirdre Rochford, Ronan Reynolds, Al Ryan, Ernie Brenner, Andrew Rittweger, Tony Gibney

Apologies: Barry Gibney

### Minutes from 2015 AGM

These were taken as read

### President's Address

The meeting noted that the President Barry Gibney could not attend for personal reasons.

### Treasurer's Report

Andrew Rittweger went through the audited Accounts for 2015. The Chamber managed to achieve a surplus of over €3000 following a deficit the previous year. It was agreed that Andrew will continue to pursue membership renewals to ensure stability in 2016.

### Re-appointment of Auditor

The meeting expressed its thanks to Andrew for the excellent presentation of the 2015 Accounts. Andrew noted that as Treasurer for the Chamber, the Accounts are prepared by another practice partner. It was proposed to re-appoint Searing Point as Auditors. Proposed Derek Fowler, Seconded Tony Gibney

### Election of Officers

Outgoing Officers were thanked for their time and commitment to the work of the Chamber. There follows proposals and election of the following Officers:

President:	Barry Gibney (Proposed Al Ryan, Seconded Andrew Rittweger)
Vice President:	Ernie Brenner (Proposed Tony Gibney, Seconded Deirdre Rochford)
Treasurer:	Andrew Rittweger (Proposed Ernie Brenner, Seconded Tony Gibney)
Secretary:	Derek Fowler (Proposed Deirdre Rochford, Seconded Al Ryan)

### Any Other Business

*Malahide Festival 2016:* Meeting discussed the escalating costs and the need in 2017 to have a tax registered vehicle to run the Festival. Derek Fowler has spoken with Irish Lifeboats to be the main Charity attending the events and is seeking permission from the Gardaí. Ernie Brenner has contacted the Council and agreed the Road Closures required. It was generally agreed that we need to operate the Festival at a surplus to finance the Christmas Santa event and Lights. Also generally agreed that the Festival must retain its community focus, especially with family activities on the Green.

*2015 Awards:* All the nominations were discussed and a short list prepared for an Awards presentation in Gibney's on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm.

*Fingal Tourism Initiative:* Deirdre Rochford attended a meeting with FT who presented their 'A Breath of Free Air' marketing campaign for the county. We have been asked and agree to tailoring the Malahide.ie website to the new Fingal format reflecting this campaign.

*Parking:* The meeting was informed that progress on agreeing an extension of the Bridgefield car park has been halted. We hope that this will not be an end to the matter given the chronic parking issues affecting businesses in the Village. Derek Fowler proposed that we set up a dedicated committee of interested parties to pursue parking as a sole mission.

*Banking:* It was agreed that the Chamber, through the Treasurer, set up online Banking to facilitate Chamber transactions.

*Traffic Lights:* Ronan Reynolds mentioned that the new lights at the Tennis Club were make traffic flows through the Village more difficult. The meeting agreed but noted that the Chamber had made previous representations on this matter and the Council moved in favour of health and safety issues related to school children crossing at this point.

The AGM concluded.