



Date: 06-Feb-13: A.G.M. 8pm, Árd Rí House Hotel, Milltown Rd., Tuam.

Next Meeting: 06-March-13, venue as above.

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Attendees

3: Kitty O'Connor
5: Marian Walsh
12: Deirdre McCarthy
40: Bridget Flaherty
47: Maeve Waldron
48: Michael Goss
50: Colin Keenan
51: Anne Kelly
64: Bronagh McLoughney
73: G.Sealey
74: Emma Colbert
77: John Fleming

91: William Martin
97: Paul O'Connor
143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
148: Wolfgang Clauds
150: Karen Kennedy
175: ??? ???
179: Marian Costello
190: M.Keaney
192: Liam Halion
192: Geraldine Halion
194: Michael Reilly

203: Donald Smith
214: Martina Dooley
221: Tommy Hynes
239: Mary McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
245: Denise Burke
264: Kathleen Desmond
270: Olivia Dunkary
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

19: Myra Cummings
239: Stephen McDonnell
255: Fiona Flaherty

Garreth Fox of Fox Landscaping

Items Discussed at AGM:

Achievements of the residents association throughout 2012: Lighting at the entrance of the estate, painting of the wall to remove graffiti at entrance to park, replacing of all shrub areas with new shrubs, pruning of all trees, neighbourhood watch scheme, palace fields website, were the main items.

Treasurers Report:

- Accounts report as per page 3, financial year to 31/Jan/13, and was read out in detail during the A.G.M.
- Graphical distribution of the houses contributing to the upkeep of the estate and houses not contributing was shown. Non contribution was decomposed to refusals, outstanding payments and other reasons. 66% of the estate is contributing to the estate upkeep. Was discussed at length.
- **Sincere thanks to the households who contribute to the upkeep of the estate.** Without you the estate would not be in such pristine condition, thus allowing good quality of life within the estate.

Maintenance of Communal Areas:

1. Leo Hynes:

- Leo Hynes sent a letter to the resident's association committee, thanking the residents association for the contract awarded to him throughout the past two years.
- On behalf of the estate we would like to wish Leo the very best of luck in his new venture. Leo will definitely be a hard act to follow, and Leo has set a very very high standard for the next contractor.

2. Future Contractor to Maintain the Estate:

- 3 contractors tendered for the next two years contract namely: B&P Connell, Fox Landscaping, and Madden Landscaping.
- B&P Connell quoted €15,000; Fox Landscaping quoted €9,100; Madden Landscaping quoted €9,080.
- A vote was conducted: B&P Connell: 0 votes; Fox landscaping: 26 votes; Madden Landscaping: 6 votes. Contract awarded to Fox Landscaping

3. Maintenance Fee & Property Tax:

- Fee of €60 was discussed and was voted and agreed that it was a reasonable sum.
- It's important to note that the maintenance fee of €60 is tax deductible, so submit the receipt when you're claiming back your tax.
- Property tax is contributed for the upkeep of local services of the area. It does not go towards the upkeep of the estate or any estate within the country.

4. Estate "Handover to the Galway Co.Co."

- The lighting in the estate has been handed over to Galway Co.Co..
- It's important to state that when the estate is handed over to Galway Co.Co., whenever this will be, that Galway Co.Co. will only take charge of the roads, kerbs, footways, foul and surface drainage, and the street lighting. Galway Co.Co. **WILL NOT** be taking charge of the greens and shrubberies, and this will be the responsibility of the residents of the estate should people want to look after them
- No date has been set for formal handover.

5. Tree & Natural Light Access:

- Quotations from Rob Steed with regard to the cutting and pruning of the trees on the north west boundary are as follows: Phase 1: €845.50, Phase 2: €550.47, Phase 3: Letters sent to Demesne cottages but no response received as of yet.
- Quotations were voted and approved on a shared basis.
- All monies associated, to be collected from the affected households. Until all monies are collected in full, no work will commence.

6. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

- 2 signs and 2 poles have been received and will be installed in the coming month. J.J. Rhatigans have agreed to install the poles free of charge.

Proposed NEW Projects: - Open Actions:

1. Extra Shrubs in remaining areas:

- Proposed to create new shrubberies on the road entrance to the greens currently without them, i.e. placed at the edge (centered) of the greens as you drive in.
- A quotation of €1,075 (€800 for shrubs; €275 for labour) has been received from Emmett Murphy with regard to the supply of shrubs, associated materials for four beds, and works to be carried out. targeting areas 3,6,7,8. Voted and approved.
- Work to commence when the associated green areas have been drained.

2. Move Entrance to the Park from the Palace Fields side.

- Proposal to move the pathway away from the present position next to the wall and to create a pathway that will be placed straight into the park as opposed to turning right.
- Survey being completed by MG.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

- Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587 or text 087 1955076 or Email : fauls@electricsskyline.ie
- An Garda Síochana Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192

