

# PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Residents Meeting No. 33. Held on 4th April 2012.

at Ard Ri House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam at 8pm.

## 1. PRESENT. (a)

William Martin No. 91. Michael  
Maeve Waldron No.47. Goss.No.48.  
Ronan Kelly No.  
144.  
John Fleming. No.77 Marion Costello No.  
179.  
Karen Kennedy. No.150.  
Marian Walsh No. 5.  
Breda Nicholson. No.  
194.  
Gabriel  
No. 194.  
Bernie Kelly No.  
242.  
Denise Burke No.  
245.  
JJ Burke  
No 245.  
13 Persons present.

Thanks to all who attended.

## (b)

Apologies from  
Kitty O' Conner No. 3. Mary Fahy No.  
Stephen McDonnell. No. 275.  
239.  
Deirdre McCarthy. No 12.

**(c) It would be appreciated if an hour be set a side on Saturday the 28th April**

**2012, between 10 and 11 am for rubbish to be picked up from the area outside your house and green, in an effort to tidy up the estate. Please make a note of this date and time and take part.**

## **2.DISTRIBUTION.**

(a) The previous minutes were distributed to the area representatives and these in turn were delivered to their allocated areas.

Copies of minutes were also distributed to Declan Costello (Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer) and Sergeant Michael Brady of Tuam Gardi station.

## **3.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

(a) Wednesday 2nd May 2012 in the Ard Ri House Hotel at 8pm.

## **4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.**

(a) They were accepted.

## **5.TREASURERS REPORT.**

(a) The balance in the main account as of the 07.03.12 was 8,768.43. Euro. The balance in the raffle account is 692.48. Euro.

(b) Collection of monies for the maintenance of the estate is still ongoing and will continue.

(c) The prize draw results were as follows:-

April 2012. 1st prize. House number 148, 2nd prize. House number 178 and 3rd prize. House number 249.

As this was the final raffle a further three prizes of 100 Euro were drawn as follows:-

1/ House number 280, 2/ House number 178 and 3/ House number 12.

(d) Some discussion took place relating to the new contribution of 60.00 Euro towards the up keep of the estate. This will start to be collected from the 1st of May next. The figure was arrived at for three reasons. 1. It was generally discussed throughout the past year that the rate would be lower than the 88.00 Euro charged last year. 2. 50.00 Euro was felt to be too low. 3. With the advent of the property tax, it was felt that the figure should in some way reflect this additional expense. It is also hoped that more people will contribute this year over the 188 households already doing so. The situation will be re examined next year.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) MG was pleased to tell the meeting that out of the three local sponsors contacted

a few weeks ago to contribute towards the cost of the new shrubberys, one had responded. Joe Mannion of the Mace Supermarket has offered 1,400.00 Euro in one payment, in return for advertisement signage in the or next to the new shrubbery beds. When put to the committee this was accepted and all expressed thanks to Joe Mannion for his offer and support.

(b) Joe Mannion had produced pictures of his proposed signage for the committees approval and these were passed round the meeting. Three comments were made as follows:-

1. Remove the photographs of the bread products and extend the lines through the word MACE to the ends. 2. Reduce the width of the sign to 900mm from 1350 mm and 300mm from 400mm in depth 3. Substitute the word Flower beds to Shrubbery beds. MG and WM will go back to Joe Mannion to see if this is acceptable to him.

(c) A letter has been received from FM regarding the permission required for the two neighbourhood watch signs. Rhaigan,s have approved the signs and have agreed to erect them once they are ready.

(d) The committee was asked to encourage as many people as possible to attend meetings.

(e)The work in connection with the tree/light problem will begin shortly. There is a further problem with trees to the rear garden to a dwelling facing onto the Tullinadaly Road. The owners will be approached.

(f) MG reported that he had been approached by Mr. Walsh of the Palace Fields Medical Centre with a possibility of sponsorship. MG thanked him for his offer and explained that a sponsor had been found. However, a further opportunity may arise, possibly the new park entrance.

(g) A meeting has been set up for 4pm on Thursday this week in connection with the lighting column to the front of the estate. To discuss the the details of the installation. Michael Rhatigan and Declan Mc Grath of Airtricity will attend along with RK, WM and MG. We shall report back to the next meeting.

## **7. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS.**

(a) Rhatigans provided the estate with eight large young trees to replace those damaged in the last five years and had them planted. The residents are to water these trees on a regular basis. WM kindly organised this with residents near to these new trees. The committee wish to extend their thanks to Rhatigans for this.

(b) MG pointed out that he had obtained an ordnance survey map of the area of park adjacent to 270 Palace Fields. A scheme to improve this area can now start to be drawn up. This is still to be done.

## **8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.**

(a) See 6(c) above.

## **9. JJ RATGIHAN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.**

(a) As last minutes.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

(a) Both WM and JF attended a meeting at the Ard-Ri Hotel on the 21st of last month at the invitation of Joe Grogan of the Tuam Tidy Towns. This organisation promotes the cleanliness and improvements within the whole town as well as the residential estates. It is the committees intention to work with them and enter county or regional competitions for Tidy Town awards. More will be reported on this in the future.

### **SOME USEFUL NUMBERS.**

**1/** ESB for street lighting replacement 1850 372 772.

**2/** Palace Fields Residents Association website. [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)

**3/** An Garda Siochana Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer - Declan Costello.

**4/** Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192.