

PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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www.palacefields.com**

Residents Meeting No. 43. Held on 3rd April 2013.

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

1. PRESENT. (a)

William Martin No. 91. Michael
Stephen McDonnell. No. Goss.No.48.
239. Ronan O' Ceallaigh
No. 144.
Mary Monaghan No 143. Mary Keaney No.
John Fleming. No.77. 190.
Marion Treacy. No. 2. Bridget Flaherty No.
40.
Karen Kennedy. No.150. Mary Fahy No. 275.
Bernie Kelly No.
242.
12 Persons present.

Thanks to all who attended.

(b)

Apologies from

Marion Costello	Kitty O Conner No. 3.	Fiona O
No.179.	Denise Burke. No. 245.	Flaherty. No
Mary Monaghan No	Liam Halion. No. 197.	255.
143.	Marian Walsh No. 5.	
Deirdre McCarthy.	Bronagh McLoughney. No.	
No 12.	64.	
Breda Nicholson	JJ Burke No 245.	
No. 194.	Kathleen Desmond No.	
Maeve Waldron	264.	
No.47.	Anne Kelly No. 51.	

(c) It would be appreciated if an hour be set aside on Saturday the 13th April 2013, 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 Frank Breslin (Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer) and Sergeant Michael Bradley of Tuam Garda station.

3.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

(a) Wednesday 1st May 2013 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 03.04.13 is 6,624.50. Euro. This balance included all expenditure to date. WM reported that 12,000.00 Euro still being the hoped for target.

(b) A cheque for 350.00 Euro had been handed over to Emmet Murphy for the replacement tree at the front of the estate.

(c) WM Reported that 180.00 Euro had been collected in the last month.

(d) In connection with phases 1 and 2 of the tree pruning to the north west boundary, a total of 980.00 Euro had been collected to date. MG and WM pointed out that a further sum of 140.00 Euro had been paid electronically into the account, but had not shown in the account. WM to investigate this. There are a further three payments outstanding two of these are being followed up however, one payment in connection with no 28 will not be paid as it was raised in error. MG apologised for this, the sum involved is 68.00 Euro.

(e) RO'C raised concern that with the forthcoming property tax it may be difficult to collect the 60.00 Euro contributions for next year starting on the 1st of May next. He thought that further clarity was needed in the accounts issued with the AGM minutes. After some discussion it was agreed that sums within the accounts, would be broken down into their constituent parts.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) MG had responded to the letter received from the Demense Cottages shown at

last months meeting. The letter was passed round the meeting and no comment was raised.

(b) MG passed a copy of an email received from Francis Mulry explaining that the cleaning of the gullies and gutters to the roads together with the neighbourhood watch signs would be dealt with after Easter.

(c) MG mentioned that the ramp signs that need adjustment and removal of paint will be done by MG and WM as soon as possible.

7. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS.

(a) MG produced two drawings illustrating the entrance to the park next to 270, one as existing and one as proposed. The scheme was described and discussed. A number of points were made relating to the planting and removal of the existing coniferous trees. It was agreed that the scheme be put forward to the Council and other bodies for approval and comment.

(b) Gareth Fox has produced a cost for spraying and fertilizing the grassed areas of the estate. This came to 775.00 Euro for materials plus 125.00 Euro for time, fuel and labour. The fertilizer is 'Nover tec 25-5-5+2+TE'. It was agreed that RO'C would check the costs of this product to see if the work could be carried more economically, purchasing the material directly and carrying out the work ourselves.

(c) WM reported that Gareth Fox had commenced with the trimming of the grass areas to the back edge of kerbing.

(d) MG mentioned that Gareth Fox had suggested that weed killer approximately 50mm wide be sprayed around the base of the trees to prevent damage to the bark when strimming. RO'C and MM thought that this would be unsightly. GF has mentioned that after two weeks, you only see bare earth around the base of the tree. After some discussion, it was agreed that one tree located in a out of the way location, be sprayed ready for inspection and a final decision by the committee.

(e) JF mentioned that he had been in touch with a national organisation providing one million free trees and that they were prepared to let us have as many as we required. This would involve planting them ourselves. It was agreed that this would be worth investigating. MG pointed out however that whilst we require further trees to be planted in spacific locations such as the verges, we don't need futher trees in other areas as we have enough already on the estate. The other question is the size of these trees, we would wish to avoid planting very small trees. JF is to investigate and report back.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

(a) RO'C pointed out that there is an on going problem with children throwing small

stones taken from residents front gardens, this is tied in with point 10 (b) in the last minutes. MG was to speak to the parents of these children however, it was felt that it be more appropriate that our Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer speak to the parents. This was agreed to be the best way forward. MG to organise.

(b) The Neighbourhood Watch signs are ready to be erected. MG to arrange for them to be put in place with Rhatigan's. Gardi to be consulted about the re siting of the sign to the main entrance of the estate.

(c) RO'C mentioned that he had seen signs saying 'Text alert area' this scheme could be adopted by us. This was thought to be a good idea. MG to investigate with Gardi and Renick's signs.

9. JJ RATGIHAN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(a) As last minutes.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) MG mentioned that a meeting had taken place on Wednesday the 20th of last month to discuss a summer social event to take place on one of the greens together with a Mass. It was agreed that due to timing it would be better to hold both events separately. It was agreed that the Mass would be held on Friday 21st June 2013 at 8pm in area one. MG to write to Father Francis Mitchell to confirm.

(b) The social event was to take place on either the 6th or 13th of July next (both Saturdays) possibly between 2pm and 5:30pm. A number of ideas were discussed regarding the event with no fixed plans yet agreed. MG had spoken to catering people including one living within the estate. MG to report back to next meeting.

(c) RO'C mentioned the removal of the yellow grit box placed at the front of the estate. MG to contact Council, although it was thought that they will possibly move it anyway at the beginning of May.

SOME USEFUL NUMBERS.

1/ ElectricSkyline for street lighting replacement lowcall 1890 328587 or text 087 1955076 or Email : faults@electricskyline.ie

2/ Palace Fields Residents Association website. www.palacefields.com

3/ An Garda Siochana Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer - Frank Breslin.

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

