

Palace Fields Residents Association Monthly Minutes: www.palacefields.com

Date: 08-Jan-14: 8pm;

Next Meeting: 05-Feb-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



1. Scan the code: www.palacefields.com
2. We are now on Facebook: "Palace Fields c/o the Residents Association"

Attendees

5: Marian Walsh
12: Deirdre McCarthy
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
143: Mary Monaghan

144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
150: Karen Kennedy
194: Miceal Reilly
245: JJ Burke
264: Kathleen Desmond
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

2: Marion Treacy
179: Marian Costello
239: Stephen McDonnell

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Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- Balance in main account as of 08-Jan-14 is €9,817.29, and includes all expenditure to date.
- Balance of the second account is €389.46. €360 collected in December 2013. Outgoings for November was Fox Landscaping 2,300.00, €67 Euro Tuam Office Supplies, €20 PFRA Mobile phone and €121 MG for expenses.
- Matter relating to the €140 in connection with Rob Steed still outstanding. RS has called to MG to discuss. Meeting arranged at a future date to resolve.
- KD attended the meeting and had brought further contribution monies from Area 9. She mentioned that she could no longer collect contributions. The committee thanked her for her efforts to date and it was agreed that other arrangements would be made for collection.
- RO'C is preparing a graphical analysis to illustrate the percentage of people who have made their contributions in the nine areas. This will be discussed and shown at the AGM next month, for all to view and comment on.
- Arlum Limited has confirmed that they will contribute €1,750 towards the up keep of the estate for this year. They also expressed their thanks to the committee for looking after the estate for last year.

Maintenance of Communal Areas:

Green Areas & Trees:

- Garrett Fox has been hired to complete his contract for this year. MG suggested that a meeting be set up with him towards the end of next month to discuss the contract and how we would like it to be carried out, so as to be 100% clear on what is required from Garrett Foxe as a contractor.
- MG to write a letter to Arlum Ltd regarding a meeting to discuss the new trees to replace the ones that are missing on the estate.

BARNA Waste Issues – Two Incidents:

- On the 21-Dec-13 their lorry damaged the green in Area 6, where the truck drove onto the green area, and created very deep wheel tracks on the green itself. This is unacceptable driving behavior, and will not be tolerated. Issue being addressed by BARNA Waste.
- Dangerous driving was witnessed in Area 9. This involved the vehicle reversing without due care and attention and the driver using his mobile phone. MG to write to Barna Waste and report the matter to An Garda Síochána. Again unacceptable dangerous driving, and will not be tolerated.

Intruder Alarms:

- Intruder alarms have been causing problems, possibly due to the recent stormy weather and short electricity cuts. Due to the extreme winds and heavy rain beating on the windows of some houses, and the power cuts this may be a reason for alarms being set off. Please remain vigilant nonetheless. Some discussion took place, JJB suggested that all sensors within the home should be checked

Tuam Enhancement Plan:

- The improvements to the park pedestrian access will form part of an enhancement plan for Tuam. The park is one of these areas. MG to write to Cllr Sean Cuniffe to obtain the latest information for the AGM.

Nuisance Behaviour:

- Noticed that children from the estate been kicking a football against walls in the early hours of the morning, causing distress to residents. MG to approach parents of children involved. Ongoing.

Anaerobic Digestion Biogas Plant:

- MG reported that good news had been received relating to the 499KW Anaerobic Digester. A letter received from An Bord Pleanála dated the 7th of this month confirmed that the Appeal has been dismissed. The letter and reasons for the refusal were passed round the meeting.

Appeal Against Joe & Helen O'Toole Retention of Car Park Area and Right of Way:

- The Appeal relating to the Joe and Helen O'Toole retention of the car park is still awaited. This could take another six or more months. On a separate matter, the High Court has ruled in favour of the car park areas being closed. An Appeal to the Supreme Court is awaited on the 17-Jan-14.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

- MG mentioned that he had still not heard anything regarding the meeting regarding a 'Text Alert' service that was to place before Christmas. This matter will be raised with Sergeant Michael Bradley in a letter.

Palace Fields Constitution Document:

- Will be discussed and signed at the A.G.M. 05-Feb-14 next.

Rhatigans & Galway CoCo. Handover:

- MG reported that Officer at Galway Co.Co. Celine Delaney, had been in touch and had written a letter confirming that they had taken action against Arlun Ltd., in the shape of an enforcement notice and possible subsequent court action to finish the estate. MG to write and ask for the current situation for the A.G.M.



Over the past few weeks we have experienced extremely windy conditions. Full refuse bins have been blown over, scattering the contents everywhere. A useful tip that was given was to tie 2 elasticated cables from the hinge of the lid to the front of the bin, so as to keep the lid firmly in place. This will ensure that even if the bin is blown over, all contents remain within the bin. These elasticated cables are the same as those used on the rear carrier of a bicycle, and have steel hooks at either end.

- Available in LIDL's, ALDI's, the Pound shop, or in your local bicycle shop.

Thanks for the tip JJ Burke.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

- Palace Fields Residents Association: 087 3395593.
- Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587 or text 087 1955076 or Email: faulds@electricsskyline.ie
- An Garda Síochána Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192