

# PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Residents Meeting No. 32. Held on 7th March 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.

John Fleming. No.77  
Karen Kennedy. No.150.  
Marian Walsh No. 5.      Bronagh  
Breda Nicholson. No.      McLoughney. No.  
194.                              64.  
Stephen McDonnell. No.  
239.  
M. Kearney No. 190.  
Liam Halion No. 197.  
Deirdre McCarthy. No 12.  
12 Persons present.

Thanks to all who attended.

(b)

Apologies from  
Kitty O' Conner No. 3.  
Ronan Kelly No. 144.

**(b) It was noted that of late the estate is becoming unacceptably littered with dog excrement. Will all dog owners make sure that any mess is cleared up to footways, grass verges and common grass areas. Excrement left anywhere is not only a nuisance if trodden in, it is extremely dangerous to children playing on the grass areas. The committee are looking out for owners and will be reporting back to the dog warden.**

## **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 Bradly of Tuam Gardi station.

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

(a) Wednesday 4th April 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 8,924.43. Euro. The balance in the raffle account is 892.48. Euro.

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

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

March 2012. 1st prize. House number 144, 2nd prize. House number 114 and 3rd prize. House number 6.

(d) One payment of 170.25 Euro (including VAT) was made to a contractor clearing a mixture of clay and debris from areas 2 and 9. This material could not be chipped. Several complaints had been made about the two piles.

(e) The 60.00 Euro for this year agreed at the last AGM meeting, can be payable in one or two equal installments. Collection of these monies will commence on May the 1st next.

## **6. MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) The lighting column to the front of the site is in hand. It is possible to connect this light to the local grid and JJ Rhatigans will carry out this work. The quotation dated April last year is approximately 930.00 Euro plus VAT. This work is in hand.

(b) A letter has been sent to FM regarding the permission required for the two neighbourhood watch signs, the cleaning of gutters to the roads and a possible blockage to a cable duct. We are awaiting a reply from JJ Rhatigan.

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

(d) 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.

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

(a) Rhatigans are to contribute 30% towards the grass cutting this year.

(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.

(c) A meeting took place with Murphy's who had produced a wholesale cost and schedule of planting for the new shrubbery areas. In addition, the labour content was discussed with Leo Hynes. The cost of the project was estimated at approx. 2.600, 00. Euro. It was thought to be expensive but worth while, as it is only a one off payment. It was approved.

(d) In an attempt to offset the cost of the new shrubberys, the Association has written to three prospective sponsors asking for support in return for advertising. We shall report back at the next meeting.

(e) RK had produced a schedule illustrating the planting layouts and locations and all agreed that it looked well. The committee wished to thank him for his efforts.

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

(a) Two signs to be purchased at a rate of 60.00 Euro each will be erected by JJ Rhatigan at no cost to the Association. Permission being obtained see 6(b) above.

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

(a) As last minutes.

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

(a) In an attempt to improve the estate. RK produced a schedule of all the house types on the estate, with costs for external decoration set against each one. It should be noted that these costs included spray washing the walls and footways around each dwelling. It would also be possible to clear and clean the gutters of vegetation and debris at the same time. The contractors cards were offered for people to take.

(b) The small section of paving to area 1 near to number 24 will be carried out by Emmett Murphy. The committee wish to thank him for this.

(c) LH and RK had counted the trees required to plant on the estate. JJ Rhatigan are to replace these but we are to plant them.

## **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.