

PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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www.palacefields.com**

Residents Meeting No. 42. Held on 6th March 2013.

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

1. PRESENT. (a)

William Martin No. 91.	Michael
Stephen McDonnell. No. 239.	Goss.No.48.
	Ronan O' Ceallaigh
	No. 144.
	JJ Burke No
Breda Nicholson No. 194.	245.
	Bridget Flaherty No. 40.
Karen Kennedy. No.150.	
Marian Walsh No. 5.	
Bronagh McLoughney. No. 64.	Maeve Waldron
	No.47.
Marion Treacy. No. 2.	Mary Fahy No. 275.
Bernie Kelly No. 242.	
	Deirdre McCarthy.
	No 12.
Kathleen Desmond No. 264.	
16 Persons present.	

Thanks to all who attended.

(b)

	Apologies from
Marion Costello No.179.	John Fleming. No.77.
	Denise Burke. No. 245.
Mary Monaghan No. 143.	Liam Halion. No. 197.

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 Bradly of Tuam Gardi station.

3.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

(a) Wednesday 3rd April 2013 in the Ard Ri House Hotel at 8pm.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.

(a) There were errors in the last minutes as follows:-

ROC. Raised the matter of the breakdown of costs in the last minutes. To be discussed at next meeting. MG moved on in error.

MG Apologised for omitting the item relating to eight houses owned by Rhatigan Developments Ltd. Nos. 174,213,215,216,230,231,233 and 234. The propose to pay a total of 320.00 Euro (40.00 Euro each) for these houses. This was approved at the AGM.

Liam and Geraldine Halion's house number is 197 and not 192 as noted in the last minutes.

5.TREASURERS REPORT.

(a) The balance in the main account as of the 06.03.13 is 6,805.50. 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 received from an insurance company for the tree replacement at the front of the estate. EM has been asked to carry out the work once the tree is in stock.

(c) WM Reported that 240.00 Euro had been collected in the last month.

(d) Phases 1 and 2 of the tree pruning to the north west boundary are complete. A cheque of 1,397.95 Euro has been paid to Rob Steed for this work with 770.00 Euro collected to date. MG and WM pointed out that the outstanding sums were due to certain individuals being away. MG pointed out that they had all been written to and invoiced. Having had a meeting with them to begin with. ROC and MW asked what would happen if individuals did not pay? MG hoped that this would not be the case, but the appropriate action would be taken if found to be necessary.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) MG reported that a letter had been received from the Vice-Chairman of the Demense Residents Association together with a newspaper cutting out lining rules and rights on light etc. This was passed around the meeting. The claims to harassment are exaggerated and possibly relate to one elderly resident. MG to reply to letter.

(b) The first cut of grass on the estate was carried out by GF on Monday this week. MG reported that the two year contract had been signed.

(c) KD asked if GF would pick up litter before cutting the grass. He is not contracted to do this, however it was mentioned that he is boxing the grass as it is cut, it is hoped any litter would be shredded and boxed with the cut grass. It was agreed though that it would be favourable to pick up litter before areas are cut.

(d) MG mentioned that the bar graph produced at the AGM could be up dated at the end of next month as a number of residents have paid since the graph was produced. ROC agreed that this could be done.

(e) MG reported that the planning form for the retrospective planning application for the light at the front of the estate had been picked up from the Galway CC.

(f) With regard to the trees behind 12 and 13 Demenes cottages effecting 64 and 65 Palace Fields, no progress has been made due the attitudes of residents in those dwellings. WM and MG had spoken to the resident to 12 Demense Cattages and he made it clear that he did not want his trees to be touched.

(f) BM. Requested that no further action be taken by the Association relating to the tree shading to her garden and thanked those involved in making an effort to try to resolve the problem to date.

7. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS.

(a) ROC Mentioned that the ramp sign close to 242 was twisted round and had paint on it. MG pointed out he would ask MR to correct this when he was on site to erect the Neighbourhood Watch signs.

(b) MG reported that he had finished the drawing illustrating the proposal for the entrance to the park. However, it needed printing and colouring for presentation. MG hoped that most of the funding for this project would come from grants and sponsorship.

(c) MG mentioned that he was still chasing Rhatigans to clean the gutters and gullies on the estate. It was mentioned that area 9 was notably in need of cleaning.

(d) MG mentioned that the damage to the green in area 6 by a WERES lorry earlier this year had been repaired. KK mentioned that LH thought that the damaged area may need more top soil fill and that he would see to the matter.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

(a) As last minutes.

(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.

9. JJ RATGIHAN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(a) MG mentioned that the street lights had been handed over whilst all other works relating to the 'Taking in Charge' of the estate had not been. Had this not been the case, they would not be eligible for maintenance contracts.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) MW and WM had reported faulty street lights in area 1. ElectricSkyline who are the new maintenance contractors, appear to taking longer than Airtricity to repair lights. WM mentioned that they were taking about two weeks after a fault was reported.

(b) MG and WM reported a problem regarding children from this estate climbing over the boundary wall and entering the private gardens to the Demense Cottages. This was causing stress to one particular elderly resident. They were reported throwing stones at a horse and concern is raised over safety. MG to speak to parents concerned.

(c) MG raised the matter of a summer social do, to be held on one of the greens. MG mentioned that Gareth Fox had offered to sponsor a bouncy castle. It was mentioned that there was insurance problems attached to this. The subject is to be discussed and brought to the next meeting.

(d) BF raised the matter of children damaging trees when playing on the green to area 2. MG to speak to children/ parents.

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.

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