

PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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www.palacefields.com**

Residents Meeting No. 44. Held on 1st May 2013

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

1. PRESENT. (a)

William Martin No. 91.	Michael	Karen Kennedy.	Bronagh
Stephen McDonnell. No. 239.	Goss.No.48.	No.150.	McLoughney. No. 64.
	Ronan O' Ceallaigh No. 144.	Miceal Reilly No. 194	
Kitty O Conner No. 3.	Mary Keaney No. 190.	Gabriel Burke. No 194.	Liam Halion. No. 197.
John Fleming. No.77.			
Kathleen Desmond No. 264.			

13 Persons present.

Thanks to all who attended.

(b)

Apologies from

Deirdre McCarthy. No 12.	Marian Walsh No. 5.	Bernie Kelly No. 242.
	Mary Fahy No. 275.	Mary Monaghan No 143.
	Bridget Flaherty No. 40.	

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 5th June 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 01.05.13 is 7,099.50. Euro this balance included all expenditure to date. WM reported that 12,000.00 Euro was the hoped for target, but we just fell short of that with 11,920.00 being the total received for the 2012/13 financial year.

(b) WM reported that 210.00 Euro had been collected in the last month in contributions.

(c) In connection with the tree pruning to the north west boundary, a further 205.00 Euro had been received leaving one outstanding sum. This leaves one outstanding payment to be collected. This due to the fact that this person is currently away.

(d) The third financial year (2013/14) commenced today. MG asked all those collecting the 60.00 Euro contributions from each area to start as soon as possible. The residents collecting the monies for the nine areas are as follows:- Area 1 Marian Walsh and Deirdre McCarthy, Areas 2 and 8 Michael Goss and Stephen McDonnell, Area 3 John Fleming, Area 4 Liam Martin, Area 5, Ronan O' Ceallaigh, Area 6 Karen Kennedy, Area 7 Liam Halion and Mary Keaney and Area 9 Kathleen Desmond and Mary Fahy. Can all residents please help by either dropping their payments to the respective collectors or having the money ready, as it takes alot of time knocking on doors etc. As always, a Palace Fields receipt will be issued upon payment.

(e) ROC. Asked for a new receipt book. MG said he would order further books but they have to be ordered in batches of 10.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) MG raised the matter of the proposed party for the estate in the summer to be held on the 6th of 13th of July next. MG mentioned that he had spoken to Kee a resident and he expressed an interest in providing catering. Some discussion took place on the subject including the possibility of holding the event off the estate. MG asked if RO'C would head a small group to organise the details of the event ready to present to the next meeting. JF, SM, KK and MG said they would help out.

(b) MG reported that the road sweeper and gully cleaner was on the estate this week. The Neighbourhood Watch signs will be erected once labour is available.

7. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS.

(a) MG confirmed that he was in the process of sending out the park entrance drawings approved at the last meeting, to Councillors and residents.

(b) As noted in the last meeting, RO'C has checked the costs and type of the 'Nover tec 25-5-5+2+TE'.fertilizer as proposed by Gareth Fox. The fertilizer is the kind used on golf courses and is of a good make. RO'C asked EM to price the fertiliser using an equivalent slow release product and the price of 554.25 Euro was quoted with 120.00 Euro for labour. This is approximately the same price that GF quoted for. However, GF has mistakenly commenced with the fertilising and was stopped from carrying out any more work. He admitted that it was his mistake. After some discussion, it was agreed that we write to him and ask if he would complete the fertilising of the estate for 365.00 Euro. MG will write a letter. The weed killer is a separate matter.

(c) With regard to killing off the grass around the bases of the trees. As arranged a few bases to trees had been sprayed and inspected. After some discussion, it was decided that this should not be done on the grounds that the exposed soil around the base of the tree may be washed away in time and expose the roots. It was suggested that an implement be used to protect the tree whilst strimming the grass at the base. MG to discuss with Gareth Fox.

(e) JF mentioned that the trees that were being provided free of charge by a national organisation were only 1 meter in height and not suitable for the estate.

(f) It was agreed that Saturday the 18th of this month be put aside to paint the rear of the decorative walls to the front of the estate and trim the edge of the shrubbery area behind these walls as well. The colour would be a light grey . RO'C to organise the paint etc. Volunteers will be needed.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

(a) MG had written a letter to the Gardi raising matters discussed in the last meeting but had had no response. This included the texting service raised by RO'C. It was mentioned that the Gardi were not currently supportive of such schemes. MG to continue chasing and will write again with these minutes.

9. JJ RATGIHAN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(a) As last minutes.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) MG had received an email from Father Francis Mitchell confirming the date of the 21st of June next for the Mass to be held on the estate in area one. BM and RO'C thought that the service should be ecumenical. After some discussion, it was

decided that a letter should be drafted to be placed through doors BM would draft the letter inviting all, if they wish to attend. WM pointed out that it was already agreed at the last meeting that it would be a RC Mass. It was decided that an ecumenical service be best held on another occasion.

(b) RO'C mentioned the removal of the yellow grit box placed at the front of the estate. It was removed this evening.

(c) JF produced a graph illustrating the number of hits received on the Associations web site. It showed that we have had over twentythree thousand page reviews.

(d) The proposed draft copy of the Associations hand book is to be prepared for discussion. RO'C and JF to prepare in the next two weeks. MG to help as well ready for the next meeting.

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.