

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

Date: 06-Nov-13: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 04-Dec-13: 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

2: Marion Treacy
5: Marian Walsh
12: Deirdre McCarthy
40: Bridget Flaherty
48: Michael Goss

77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
150: Karen Kennedy

194: Miceal Reilly
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

179: Marian Costello
245: Denise Burke
264: Kathleen Desmond

An Garda Síochána: Frank Breslin

Contribution Data for AGM 2014:

- Can each representative(s) from each area, submit contribution data (numbers contributing, and not contributing to the estate upkeep) for Dec'13 meeting coming. Goal is to share this data graphically for each Area at the forthcoming AGM in 2014. Data needs to be gathered now for analysis.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance in main account as of 06-Nov-13 is €11,123.71, and includes all expenditure to date. Balance of the second account is €388.24. €870 collected in October 2013. Short of our target by €1,800.
- Outgoings for September €358.99: €59.99 Mobile Phone, €79 Tuam Office Supplies, €220 An Bord Pleanála. All outgoing expenditure was approved by the committee. (Vote 15/15).
- Area 9 is behind in collecting contributions, and needs to increase focus in gathering all monies before end of year.
- Matter relating to the €140 in connection with Rob Steed still outstanding.

Appeal against Galway CoCo. Illegal Decision Allowing Joe & Helen O'Toole Retention of Car Park Area and Right of Way:

- Clear summary was given by MG and WM, with regard to the background and present situation. The same site is currently subject of a court case awaiting judgment at this time. The matter was put to a vote and was passed (Vote 15/15).
- All relevant documentation was handed around for perusal, and will be placed on the website and on facebook, for perusal.

Maintenance of Communal Areas:

1. Green Areas:

- MG raised matter of Fox Landscaping and quality of his work to date. Morning of 04-Nov-13, the morning of the heavy frost, when grass was white, WM asked him to stop cutting the grass as the equipment was too heavy as was leaving ruts and lines on first green. Performance to date has been poor. Main issues are as follows: 1. Cutting the grass in unfavourable weather conditions. 2. Leaving grass cuttings over the road and footways in certain areas. 3. Damaging the base of a number of trees when strimming. 4. Uneven cutting of grass verges in places. 5. The grass is not cut back sharply enough to the back edge of the kerbs and concrete footways. 6. A lack of thought process when beginning the work, testing the ground to ensure it can take the weight of the equipment and 7. The whole approach is generally rushed and lacks finesse.
- After discussion there was some support for Fox Landscaping arguing that the Association was "getting the service it paid for", and others argued that this level of workmanship was unacceptable from a professional contractor no matter what the price was.
- Was agreed that Garrett Fox be invited to Dec'13 meeting to discuss the above, and a vote would be taken after the discussion as to whether Fox Landscaping contract would be broken, and a new contract drawn up. The results ready for voting at the next A.G.M. in February 2014.

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2. Extra Shrubberies:

- Extra shrubberies to areas 3, 6, 7 and 8 was agreed to be carried out in the spring of 2014. Total cost quoted 12 months ago is still current at €1,075 by Murphy's Landscaping.
- R'OC to request an "amenity grant" from Galway CoCo., to pay for this expenditure. Further updates to follow.

3. Litter Collection Morning:

- An hour will be set aside on Saturday 16-Nov-13, between 10am and 11am, to collect litter that has been strewn about the estate.
- It's your estate too, everyone please take part, and don't leave it to the regulars who always attend.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

- 2 Neighbourhood Watch signs have been erected in the estate. One at the main entrance to the estate and the other at the entrance from the public park adjacent to the estate. Both were erected by JJ Rhatigan & Co.. Thanks to JJ Rhatigan & Co. for carrying out this work.
- Frank Breslin stated that a meeting regarding Neighbourhood Watch and "Text Alert" will take place before Christmas. Date and venue to be announced.

Water Metering:

- MG reported that Sergeant Michael Bradley had distributed a copy of the letter from the water authorities, regarding forthcoming installations. This letter was passed around the meeting and will be loaded onto the website for viewing.

Gas Service:

- An Bord Gáis replied to MG's letter. 20% uptake (58 customers) is required by An Bord Gáis before they would consider supplying the Palace Fields estate, with new yellow gas pipework.
- Document will be placed on the website for viewing.

Palace Fields Constitution Document:

- "Palace Fields Constitution Document", has been updated and amended, by R'OC, MG, JF. 2014 version will be released for sign off during our AGM in February 2014. 2013 signed copy will be loaded onto the website only for viewing.

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.
- We appeal to all residents to minimize noise levels from house parties. Please be considerate to your next door neighbours and keep noise levels to a minimum.

Anaerobic Digestion Biogas Plant: - No further feedback at this time, from Oct'13 minutes.

Rhatigans & Galway CoCo. Handover: - No further feedback at this time, from Oct'13 minutes.

General:

- **DOGS:** JJB raised the matter that certain breeds of dogs should be muzzled when taken for walks, and this is not being complied with to-day by certain residents. Francis Breslin from An Garda Síochána stated that there was a poster in the Garda Station that shows what breed of dogs need to be muzzled. A copy is being sought for viewing.
- **COAL:** JF raised matter of coal burning on the estate. Was noticed that a heavy smell of sulphur was noticed in the air. Would be appreciated if residents could make a conscious effort to purchase smokeless coal going forward to minimise air pollutants.

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: faults@electricsskyline.ie
- An Garda Síochána Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192