

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

Date: 02-Oct-13: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 06-Nov-13: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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Attendees

2: Marion Treacy
5: Marian Walsh
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
150: Karen Kennedy

190: M.Keaney
197: Liam Halion
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

3: Kitty O'Connor
12: Deirdre McCarthy
40: Bridget Flaherty
64: Bronagh McLoughney
143: Mary Monaghan
179: Marian Costello

245: Denise Burke
264: Kathleen Desmond

CONDOLENCES: On behalf of the Residents Association and committee members, we would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Marion Walsh on the untimely passing of her brother. Our thoughts remain with Marion and her family at this difficult time.

Rest in peace. Ar dheis Dé go raibh d'anam.

Treasurers Report:

- Balance in main account as of 02-Oct-13 is €10,612.70, and includes all expenditure to date.
- €480 collected in contributions in September'13.
- Outgoings: €4,600: Foxes Landscaping. €67 Tuam Office Supplies. €25 An Bord Pleanála. All approved by committee,
- Area 9 has started collecting contributions.
- Matter relating to the €140 in connection with Rob Steed still outstanding.

Apology:

- MG asked WM to apologise for the remark made to R'OC, during June 2013 meeting. WM apologised, and apology was accepted.

Summer Social & Pieta House West:

- "Cheque Handing Over Ceremony" took place at the entrance to the estate on 06-Sept-13, at 7:30pm. Cheque for €400 was handed to Michael Ryder of Pieta House West. The photograph has appeared in the Connaught Tribune newspaper, dated 26-Sept-13.

Projects:

- R'OC has found out that P.F.R.A. can avail of an "Amenity Grant" through Galway Co.Co..Form & signed Constitution document were necessary to support the application, and this was submitted. Project to be decided upon in 2014, and quotation submitted for review to Galway Co.Co..
- Extra shrubs: The shrubberies to areas 3,6,7 and 8 be looked at again as the greens appear to be dry after a reasonable summer. The costs and details together with a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- Painting of rear of wall at entrance to estate: To remove graffiti, to commence early 2014. Current weather too wet for painting external masonry.

Gas Service:

- Gas service concentrating on commercial services being installed in town.
- MG will write to the gas authorities and enquire regarding residential access to the gas.

Palace Fields Constitution Document:

- "Palace Fields Constitution Document", to be updated, amended and released in coming month.

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Maintenance of Communal Areas:

1. Green Areas:

- RO'C mentioned that Fox Landscaping left grass on the road during a cutting session in Sept'13. In addition, dissatisfaction was expressed generally with his standard of work notably the uneven cutting to parts of the verges and strimming round the bases of certain trees. In general his whole approach appeared rushed and lacked finesse. It was suggested that we look at the break clause in the contract. It was agreed that the matter be discussed fully at the next meeting.
- MG has written to Garrett Fox regarding the trimming of the grass to the back edge of all kerbs and footways. Fox assured MG that this would be done.

2. Trees:

- Damage to base of trees by strimming: RO'C proposed that PVC perforated sleeves to the bases of certain trees, i.e. cut to size land drainage pipes. Standard 6.5in diameter pipe be cut and adapted to do the job economically. 35 meter coil of pipe would cost around €80. Voted and approved (13/13).The piping to be cut to lengths with a standard hacksaw.
- Proposal to remove all dead and infected trees: Informed that Padraig Rhatigan would inspect the areas with MG where these trees are required, and numbers noted for replacement. Taking place, 19-Oct-13.
- Tree Supports: Removal to commence in Area 8 before end of this year.

3. Rhatigans & Galway Co.Co.:

- MG has spoken to Councilor Shaun Cunniffe and informed him that JJ Rhatigan's have been served with an enforcement notice to hand over the estate. The 'Taking in Charge' officer at Galway Co.Co. is Celine Delaney. MG will write to her regarding this matter and the status of the estate generally.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

- R O'C suggested that our Neighbourhood Watch liaison officer attend the next meeting to brief us on the current situation including the 'Text Alert' scheme. MG will write to the Garda and ask if they can attend. MG was informed by Francis Mulry that the Neighbourhood Watch signs should be erected within the week.

Nuisance Behaviour:

- Threatening note, been received by a resident in Area 3 by children who were requested not to be climbing trees in same area. An Gardaí Síochána will be notified if this behaviour continues. This behaviour will not be tolerated by anyone, and is being treated seriously.
- 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:

- Association been involved with the protest against the proposed installation of a 499KW Anaerobic Digester on the Athenry side of Tuam. Would have a catastrophic effect on the residences and businesses of Tuam. Galway Co.Co. had refused the application but the decision been appealed. Association together with the Lissadyra R.A. has jointly submitted to An Bord Pleanala to uphold the Council's decision. The protest group is quietly confident that the appeal will be dismissed. More feedback due.

Palace Fields Residents Association Contact Phone Number:

- Palace Fields Residents Association has own contact phone number. It is 087-3395593 for all queries & general suggestions.

Monthly Minutes Upload to Website Vote:

- Approved (13/13), to upload only two page minutes to website, to ensure consistency.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

- 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