



Oct 2016 Monthly Minutes

Date: 05-Oct-16.
Next Meeting: 02-Nov-16 @ 8pm sharp; Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam, Galway.
Printed By: "fonenet", The Square, Tuam: (085) 7754406 (also on facebook).
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Attendees:

40: Bridget Flaherty
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh

150: Karen Kennedy
238: Geraldine Rigney
242: Bernie Kelly

275: Mary Fahy
245: JJ Burke

Apologies:

5: Marian Walsh
77: John Fleming
143: Mary Monaghan

Financial Summary Oct 2016:

Account Balances

Date	Description	Balance
5-Oct-16	Main A/C	€ 21,459.29
5-Oct-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
5-Oct-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 46.13

Contributions:

Date	Description	Amount
5-Oct-16	Sept/Oct	€ 840.00
5-Oct-16	May'16 - Oct'16	€ 9,400.00
Outgoings:		None

- Brian Kennedy Landscaping Invoice is due, paid in two invoices, now and at the end of the year.
- NEXT DRAW:** Last month it was decided to have a draw in November, but agreed to have the draw in December, as a Christmas draw....details to follow.

Please ensure that you are fully paid up with the contribution of €60 to be included in the draw.

"Taking in Charge" of the Estate:

- Final Wearing Coarse of Tarmacadam:** This is completed, and the gully's and manhole covers are now being raised and reset.
- Speed Ramps:** Original 3 ramps were removed, and replaced with wider ramps. Galway Co.Co. did not want these ramps reinstated, it must be noted, but after a lot of negotiations with JJ Rhatigan & Co. themselves, they were reinstated. After initial reinstatement, R'OC noted that the last two ramps were too "soft". Upon measurement with JJB, it was agreed that these last two ramps were indeed too low, and did not meet the agreed height of 75mm. R'OC contacted JJ Rhatigan & Co., who coordinated with Maddens, and the last two ramps were relayered and raised. It's important that these are completed correctly now.

Printing:

- Last month, JF proposed another printing house, "Copy-Write" or "fonenet" be used for printing to reduce costs. Future printing was awarded to "fonenet", who agreed to complete the monthly minutes printing at €28 per month, valid for 12 months. This was put to a vote with an 8/8 unanimous agreement to use "fonenet" going forward. This is a significant reduction on our previous, costs.
- "fonenet" are located in in the Square, Tuam, owned by Paul and Nicola Ridley who live in the Palace Fields Estate.

Litter Collection Evenings:

- Due to evenings getting dark at 7:30pm, the litter collection days will be changed to the last Saturday of each month at 11am. Signs and notification on facebook, will follow as reminders.

Trees:

- In Area 3, two mature trees had fallen over completely, either by natural occurrence or otherwise. JF, WM, and R'OC restaked the same trees, back to their original positions.
- 5 trees on the left hand side as you leave the estate, had branches broken off. It baffles the residents association why anyone would get satisfaction out of doing this. It just shows a lack of intelligence, on behalf of the individual. The broken branches have since been removed altogether by R'OC.
- Areas 3 & 6 in particular, and sporadically throughout the estate, have been suffering from dead trees, tree supports for removal or replacement. Generally not looking so good.

- R'OC coordinated with Murphy's Garden Centre, what needed to be done throughout the whole estate. Murphy's Garden Center, submitted a quotation for €1700, update and upgrade the estate finally. This quotation includes the following:
 1. Upgrade areas 3 and 6, as these were the areas that have suffered the most due to dead trees.
 2. Remove and replace tree stakes, add ties where necessary, generally clean up every tree in the estate.
 3. For trees that are poorly anchored, and are dead, remove the rocks that lie underneath and increase the hole size for a new tree, to improve anchorage.
 4. Fertiliser for all trees replaced.
 5. Will take 3 days for 3 people to complete.
- Once this is completed, the trees will be fully completed, and will just need monitoring and minor maintenance by everyone on the estate, at minimum cost. **It's up to you all to help out.**
- Area 3 will have two copses (group of 3 trees) of trees added at either end of the green, with colourful foliage. The majority of the trees are struggling to survive here due to the quality of the soil.
- Area 6 will have one copse (group of 3 trees) added to the far end of the green....The majority of the trees are thriving, but some have died.
- R'OC will be removing 3 trees, at no cost, in the coming month, that are growing at a 45' angle, as they cannot be pulled back to a straight position.
- This investment was put to a vote and by show of hands was agreed 8/8 unanimously.

We Appeal to ALL Residents of the estate....to watch for any vandalism to any of the trees, whether it's pulling branches down, or pulling bark off trees, etc..... They are YOUR trees, and YOUR responsibility....tell the vandals to stop and report it to the residents association.....THIS IS YOUR FRONT GARDEN.

Thank you in advance for helping with this matter.

Annual General Meeting:

- With the A.G.M. due in February of 2017, one of the topics is the retention or renewal of the landscaper of the estate.
- It was proposed to hold onto Brian Kennedy "if possible" and to propose that he accept a 3 year contract. Brian is doing an excellent job, he is very approachable, an all round very professional person, hence why we would like to hold onto this contractor. This does all come down to contract quotation for the next few years, of course. Generally 75% of the estate is contributing towards the upkeep of the estate, we need this to be higher, to be comfortable in holding onto a landscaper.....CAN YOU DISCUSS WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS, AND CONVINCE THOSE WHO ARNT CONTRIBUTING TO CONTRIBUTE – **WE NEED THE SUPPORT.**

WERS Waste Bin Lorries:

- WM highlighted that the bin lorries were carrying out collections at 6am on 19-September and 4am on 03-October, creating noise when everyone was asleep.
- R'OC to contact WERS Waste to find out the reason for the early collection.

SPECIAL THANKS and MUCH APPRECIATION:

1. Residents of house in Area 3 who filled in and reseeded the rut generated by a delivery truck, on the edge of the green. Very fast response, and THANK YOU.
2. Tomas, of Dermot Casey Tree Surgeon, who volunteered to halve the Alder tree in Area 2 as it was getting too tall..THANK YOU, for doing this.

EXCELLENT RESIDENTS ON THE ESTATE, AND YOUR RESPONSE AND HELP IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

House Painter:

Rory O'Connor

086 8435552

Fascia & Gutter Cleaning:

Derek McDonagh

086 8216307

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587, text 087 1955076, Email: faults@electricskyline.ie;

A Gerda Siochana Tuam 093 70841.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin;

Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192;

Draughty windows or worn seals Walter Cunningham 086-3545819 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.