

Date: 03-Dec-14: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 07-Jan-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



1. Scan the code: www.palacefields.com
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Attendees

5: Marian Walsh
12: Deirdre McCarthy
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
143: Mary Monaghan

144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
190: M.Kearney
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

150: Karen Kennedy
179: Marion Costello
245: JJ Burke

BE SAFE BE SEEN:

All Pedestrians and Cyclists, PLEASE BE AWARE.....with the dark evenings YOU may be able to see the car, but the car driver cannot see YOU. It's very common in the estate that pedestrians and cyclists are not wearing any reflective clothing, and cyclists have no lights on their bikes and not wearing any reflective clothing. We appeal to everyone, to wear reflective clothing and ensure you have lights on your bikes, or else a BAD ACCIDENT will occur.....

We appeal to everyone on this PLEASE..... DON'T BECOME THE CASUALTY....

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- Balance in main account as of 03-Dec-14 is €10,641.61, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the second account is €389.46. The balance of the petty cash account is currently €80.
- WM reported that €660 had been collected since the last meeting. The total collection for this year is €11,610.
- The outgoings for November was €7,350.68 to Fox Landscaping. €57 for printing and €1000 to Murphys Garden Centre for works on kerbing to the front entrance shrubbery bed.
- WM reported that the collections for our fourth financial year had started well, as we are ahead of this time last year. Many thanks to all who have made their contributions.
- RO'C raised a query relating to the cost of works carried out to the estates front shrubbery by Murphy's Garden Centre. MG said he would clarify the situation. This has been done as follows: A price was received from Murphy's for €740.00. This was €240.00 for materials and €500.00 for labour. This price was for 37 meters of block kerbing extending from the rear of the green post boxes, to a point in line with the decorative wall. It was agreed to extend the block kerbing through to the electric micro box at the front of the estate. This increased the overall cost from €740.00 to €895.00 an increase €155.00. MG subsequently asked EM to fill the border behind the new block kerbing with mulch in order make the job look complete and make the invoice up to €1,000.00. Murphy's carried out this work and MG will apologise for this at the next meeting, as the correct procedure for this was not followed.

Dog Fouling Signs:

- MG reported that the MG reported that the dog fouling signs had still to be fixed. If possible this is to be done this month. There may be difficulty in attaching the signs to the poles at a safe height.

Shrubbery at Entrance to the Estate:

- Murphy's Garden Centre has completed the kerbing to the front shrubbery bed and re-mulching the area. It was agreed that the new block kerbing looked well.

General Maintenance:

- Garrett Fox has been paid in full for this years contracts ground maintenance.
- The tenders for the years 2015/16 are ready for distribution. These will be sent out this week for opening at the AGM in February 2015.

Park Entrance:

- A meeting took place earlier in week 49 with Valerie Loughnane (Senior Executive Planner at Galway County Council) and WM and MG, to discuss the scheme to improve the pedestrian entrance of the park. The scheme was thought to have much merit however would need further consultation with the Council's Corporate Services, Engineers and Environmental Offices. These meetings are to be set up. It was thought however, that it may be considered inappropriate for the Association to make the planning application in this instance, as the land involved was under the control of the Council. Meetings will be kept informed of progress.

Shrub Beds:

- The Associations intention to create new rockery and shrub beds to 4 areas on the estate as described in the last minutes. MG reported that a meeting had been set up for this week but had to be cancelled due to work commitments. MG to set up meeting with EM next week. As well as the separate meeting to discuss the existing shrubbery beds.

Arlum Ltd.:

- MG confirmed that he has written to Arlum Ltd regarding the trees planted in the verges to the estate and the 'Taking In Charge'. A copy of that letter was sent to Galway C.C. and this has been acknowledged by letter.
- RO'C raised the matter of the drainage of the greens notably in area 3. MG mentioned that it was unlikely that Arlum would carry out this work. It was resolved that MG write to Council regarding this matter to see if it could be made part of the 'Taking In Charge' works. In addition, ask for clarification over the Associations role in the 'Taking In Charge' process.
- MG confirmed that he had written to Arlum relating to the cleaning of the roads on the estate.

Tullinadaly Road:

- MG has written to the Council relating to the white lining and hatching to the entrance of the estate and the raised kerbs projecting into the Tullinadaly Road by the new speed bumps.

Safety:

- WM mentioned that there were adults cycling on footpaths within the estate. This is dangerous and should be stopped, as pedestrians could be knocked down.

Water Meters:

- RO'C raised the matter of the water meters. MG confirmed that he has written to Irish Water but had not received a reply. MG to chase up.

A.G.M.:

- MG mentioned that at the next AGM in February the key positions were up for election. Namely; Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone interested please contact the Chairman (Michael Goss) or your areas representative.

Christmas Drinks:

Residents Christmas Drinks Night; will be held in Reapy's Bar on Friday, Dec 19th, at 9:30pm.....Everyone is invited, so come on down.



Nollaig faoi shéan 's athbhliain faoi mhaise dhaoibh go léir.

Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all

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: faulds@electricsskyline.ie
- An Garda Síochana Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192
- Fascia's and gutters damaged Mid West Gutters contact 093- 45434 or 086-8407831.
- Draughty windows or worn seals E. O'Donnell contact 087- 250739 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.