



February 2016 Monthly Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Date: 03-Feb-16.
Next Meeting: 02-Mar-16 @ 8pm sharp; Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam, Galway.
Website: www.palacefields.com
Facebook: Palace Fields c/o Residents Association.
Phone No.: 087 - 3395593 .

Attendees - February 2016 A.G.M.

5: Marian Walsh	140: Leo Hynes	194: Miceal Reilly	242: Bernie Kelly
12: Deirdre McCarthy	140: Aisling Hynes	194: Breda Nicholson	245: JJ Burke
40: Bridget Flaherty	143: Mary Monaghan	197: Geraldine Halion	245: Denise Burke
77: John Fleming	144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh	239: Mary McDonnell	275: Mary Fahy
91: William Martin	150: Karen Kennedy	239: Stephen McDonnell	

Financial Summary 2015 – Feb 2016: As per attached .

Place Fields Residents Association Future.

- Discussions took place regarding the present financial situation. The number of houses contributing to the upkeep of the estate is on a decline. This is a huge concern, because without funding we cannot look after our estate and keep it in the pristine condition that we all want it to be.
- A pristinely kept estate, I am sure you all agree is the environment in which you want to live, and also helps to maintain all our property price valuations. No one wants to live in a down at heel, unkempt estate --- I am sure you all agree, or do you?
- We appeal to those who are contributing, to continue to contribute, and to those who are not contributing to please contribute, as you are also benefiting from our hard work. It's not fair to be expecting others to pay for the upkeep of your estate – is it?

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED, AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO THOSE, WHO WILL CONTRIBUTE DURING 2016 – 2017.

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer Etc. Elections: Effective Immediately.

- An open discussion was held regarding the rearranging of the present committee members, and voted to a unanimous decision amongst all residents present.
 - Chairman: Ronan O'Ceallaigh.
 - Vice Chairman: JJ Burke.
 - Treasurer: Liam Martin.
 - Assistant Treasurer: Marion Walsh.
 - Secretary: Deirdre McCarthy.
 - Assistant Secretary: Mary Monaghan.
- Stipulation that the initial term of Chairman and Vice Chairman will be for 12 months only.
- Re-signing of the Palace Fields Residents Association Constitution 2016, to be completed in the coming weeks.
- 5 Committee members to be elected in the coming months, to generally help out with the runnings of the estate, providing ideas and assistance.

"Taking in Charge" of the Estate:

- Correspondence between R'OC and Arlum Ltd., has occurred, to highlight, speed ramp retention, green area drainage, and replacement of trees where applicable.
- Phone call between R'OC and Arlum Ltd., where:

1. It was agreed that Areas 3, 6 and 9 green areas would be drained, by Rhatigans, to the best possible method possible, in the coming months.
2. It is Galway Co.Co. intention to remove the existing speed ramps, when the final course of tarmacadam is laid. Arlum Ltd. With Palace Fields Association request are discussing with Galway Co.Co. to retain the speed ramps in the interest of residential and public safety.
3. Final wearing course of tarmacadam to be laid targeting end of February/start of March, subject to feedback from Galway Co.Co., that all utilities are fully serviced and completed.

Speed Ramp Retention:

- The main motion on the agenda of the A.G.M. for discussion, was the “Taking in Charge” of the estate by Galway County Council, and the proposal to retain the existing speed ramps on the main thoroughfare through the estate in the interest of residential and public safety.
- After in-depth discussion, this motion was put to a vote, and by unanimous decision by the residents of the Palace Fields estate, present, the motion was carried that the ramps be retained on the main thoroughfare, as a speed calming measure, to ensure that existing residential and public safety, is maintained.
- A letter has been written and sent to Arlum Ltd, stating this result, to support the retention of the speed ramps by a majority vote of the Palace Fields Estate.

General Discussion:

- Financial Period of 01-May to 31st of April to be retained for financial year 2016 to 2017.
- €60 per annum yearly contribution to be retained, with two options of payment i.e. yearly €60, or half yearly 2x€30.
- Litter collection days to continue, in the interest of keeping the estate tidy and litter free. We need more people to help.....to act as a community.
- Discussed to involve the young people of the area, to look after the estate, and offer raffled spot prizes to participants as an incentive.....to be further discussed.
- Raffles to continue throughout the year, to reward those who are contributing towards the estate upkeep financially.
- Was highlighted, that when litter days are coming, or other such events in the estate, to use signs in the estate, facebook, and the website, to remind people that such events are coming – good idea.
- Tenants: Please share the monthly minutes that are distributed with your landlord.

Neighbourhood Watch & Text Alert Security:

- “Neighbourhood Watch” is the key element of security for The Palace Fields Estate. Please take note of **ANY** suspicious activity..if there is a car, take the registration plate, colour and car make if possible, if there are people take note of their physical appearance as much as possible and do the following:

DIAL: 112 or 999, on your phone immediately, and report it.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587, text 087 1955076, Email: faults@electricskyline.ie;
 An Gerda 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 Walter Cunningham 086-3545819 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.

Financials 2015 - 2016:

Date	Amount	Payee	Printing	Insurance	Greens	AGM	Petty Cash	Maintenance
2/12/2015	€75.00	Ard ri AGM				€75.00		
2/12/2015	€85.50	J Coen Feb	€85.50					
3/12/2015	€57.00	J Coen March	€57.00					
4/16/2015	€57.00	J Coen April	€57.00					
4/16/2015	€50.00	Petty Cash					€50.00	
6/11/2015	€100.00	Petty Cash					€100.00	
6/11/2015	€60.00	J Fleming May June	€60.00					
6/24/2015	€360.00	Munster Insurance		€360.00				
7/18/2015	€497.82	Murphys Garden			497.82			
9/18/2015	€50.00	Petty Cash	€50.00				€50.00	
9/18/2015	€30.00	J Fleming Sept	€30.00					
12/9/2015	€112.50	J Fleming Oct Nov Dec	€112.50					
12/9/2015	€50.00	Petty Cash	€50.00				€50.00	€11,009.85
12/15/2015	€11,009.85	Kennedy Landscape						
1/26/2016	€51.48	J Fleming Jan	€51.48					
Total	€12,646.15	€0.00	€553.48	€360.00	€497.82	€75.00	€250.00	€11,009.85

Opening Bal 1/2/2015	€11,147.21
Income to 31/1/2016	
Fees	€11,530.00
interest	€42.30
Total income	€0.00
Less expenditure	€12,646.15
Closing Bal 31/1/2016	€10,372.86

Petty Cash Account 31/1/2015 – 1/2/2016

Balance forward 1/2/2015	€ 78.73
Petty Cash Allowance	<u>€ 250.00</u>
Total	€ 328.73
Petty Cash Expense	
Phone	€ 65.00
Postage	€ 142.86
Paint	€ 35.99
Stain Remover	€ 10.00
Stationary	<u>€ 52.50</u>
Total	€ 306.35
Closing Bal 1/2/2016	€ 22.38