

Date: 07-Jan-15: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 04-Feb-15: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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Attendees

12: Deirdre McCarthy
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh

179: Marion Costello
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

40: Bridget Flaherty
150: Karen Kennedy
245: Denise Burke

BE SAFE BE SEEN: All Pedestrians and Cyclists, PLEASE WEAR REFLECTIVE CLOTHING when walking or cycling in the dark evenings and nights.

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- Balance in main account as of 07-Jan-15 is €10,682.71, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the social account is €390.61. The balance of the petty cash account is currently €38.40.
- WM reported that €60.00 had been collected since the last meeting. The total collection for this year is €11,610.
- The outgoings for December was €57 for printing. Petty cash expenditure for month was €37.60 for postage stamps, and €10 for travelling expenses to Galway to attend a Co.Co. meeting.
- 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.
- MG apologised to the meeting for spending an additional €105 described in this item in the last minutes, on additional shrubs and mulch in the front shrubbery without prior approval of the meeting. MG said it would not happen again.
- WM reported that annual/dividends had been paid to the Association by St.Jarleths Credit Union. This was €38.10 new with €26.47 being taken in DIRT tax.
- WM reported that a cheque for €60 had been returned unpaid. This was been addressed with the resident concerned.

A.G.M.: 04-February 2015:

- **Michael Goss has confirmed that he will be stepping down as Chairperson after the A.G.M. next month. We would like to thank Michael for his excellent work for the past 6 years. Without a doubt, Michael will be missed immensely, due to his dedication to the estate, and his very approachable nature to address any issue that any resident has had. The very best of luck Michael in the future.**
- The key positions in the Association are up for election at next months AGM. These are the **Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.** Residents are invited to put their names forward if they are interested in taking up a position. Please mark your name on the sheet to the rear of these minutes, and hand into No. 48 Palace Fields or bring with you on the night of the A.G.M. for submission.
- The proposed agenda was circulated to the meeting. There were no comments or alterations. This document will be loaded onto the Associations website and handed out before the AGM meeting.
- The tender documents for the new ground maintenance contracts for 2015/16 have been sent out to three contractors as follows: Connell's, Madden Landscaping and Fox Landscaping. MG pointed out that he had approached four more contractors. Two did not reply and the others were not interested. The sealed envelopes are to be opened at the A.G.M. meeting.
- The constitution is to be signed at this meeting.
- Room to be booked at the Ard Ri House Hotel for next months AGM together with a projector to be organised. MG to look into details.

Dog Fouling Signs:

- MG reported that the dog fouling signs have been placed on ramp sign posts.

Shrubbery at Entrance to the Estate:

- It was agreed that the kerbing to the shrubbery and the shrubbery itself at the front entrance looked very well.

Extra Shrubberies:

- MG and WM met with EM to discuss a new proposal for the four new shrubberies. A further meeting will take place tomorrow and a new scheme and price will be prepared for presentation to the Council. A separate meeting to discuss the existing shrubbery beds is to be set up.

Park Entrance:

- There is no further news relating to the enhancement scheme to the park access.

TEXT ALERT Security:

- JJB to chase up.

Water Meters:

- MG confirmed that he has written to Irish Water on two occasions but had not received a reply or acknowledgement. MG to chase up with local TD Colm Keaveney.

Arlum Ltd.:

- MG confirmed that he had written to Arlum relating to the cleaning of the roads on the estate.

Summary of Estate Projects for 2014:

In Progress or Completed:

- Cleaning & Painting of rear of Wall at Main Entrance: – Completed Sept 2014.
- Cleaning of shrub bed at front entrance: - Completed Oct 2014.
- Kerbing around shrub area at entrance: - Completed Nov 2014.
- Dog Fouling Signage: – Completed Dec 2014.

To Be Commenced:

- Drainage of water logged greens: - Open.
- Road sweeper and cleaning of gullies: - Open.
- Cleaning of dirt between walls outside houses and pathways: - Open
- Tree supports Area 1: - Open
- Soil Subsidence: - Open
- New Shrubberies & Revamp Existing: - Open.

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@electricskyline.ie
- An Garda Síochána 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.