



January 2016 Monthly Minutes

Date: 06-Jan-16.
Next Meeting: 03-Feb-16 @ 8pm sharp; Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam, Galway.
Website: www.palacefields.com
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Phone No.: 087 - 3395593 .

A.G.M. will take place on February 03rd 2016, in the Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam.

Main Agenda topic for the AGM will be:

“Dissolve the Residents Association Or Initiate a Management Company to Maintain The Estate”.

A Residents Association was initiated 5 years ago approximately, with the sole aim to ensure that the entire estate is maintained to a pristine level, within which we all can live. I am sure you all will agree, a very good job was done, but there is more to be done. Lets be honest, today the residents association is struggling to survive due to two factors:

- Falling numbers of residents, contributing the €60 yearly contribution.
- Lack of physical support during our monthly meetings, and during our community cleanup days.

With the initiation of a Management Company, the company manages all affairs with regard to the estate maintenance, which is a huge positive. Typically a Management Company, will request a yearly rate of €600 to €800 per annum (typical costs in Galway), which is a princely sum compared to our yearly €60 contribution, plus the fee is tied to your property upon sale, should you decide to sell. But there is no doubt a Management company would do an excellent job, but they are in control not the residents of the estate.

With dwindling financial support, and lack of community effort, the residents association will struggle to survive. We need your help.

These are two options that we have to-day.....let's discuss at the A.G.M., how we move forward, on February 03rd 2016 next.

Attendance January 2016:

Attendees

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

144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
239: Stephen McDonnell
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies:

40: Bridget Flaherty
150: Karen Kennedy
242: Bernie Kelly

Financial Summary January 2016:

Account Balances

Date	Description	Balance
6-Jan-16	Main A/C	€ 10,334.00
6-Jan-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
6-Jan-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 45.30

Outgoings:

Date	Description	Amount
6-Jan-16	Printing (3 months)	€ 112.50
Total		€ 112.50

Contributions:

Date	Description	Amount
Dec Only	Contributions	€ 180.00
Apr'15-Now	Total Collected	€ 10,760.00

Landscaping (Brian Kennedy)

Date	Description	Amount
2015	Main Contract	€ 9,750.00
2015	Tree surrounds & composting	€ 1,259.85
Total		€ 11,009.85

A.G.M.:

- Everyone is invited to attend, and will be held in the Ard Ri Hotel. We want to hear your concerns, opinions, and discuss the future of the Residents Association.
- If agreed to continue with the Residents Association, it was agreed that the committee structure be changed and updated. Mary Monaghan from her experience has kindly agreed to compile a new structure. Mary has many years of experience in committee driven associations, so Mary's insight is very much valued.
- The Chairman position is still open. Residents are invited to put their names forward if they are interested in taking up this position. Please write your name and house number on the sheet to the rear of these minutes, and bring with you on the night of the A.G.M. for submission. All names will put to a vote.
- The total proposed agenda will be circulated on the night.

"Taking in Charge" of the Estate:

- Email from Celine Delaney or Galway Co.Co. circulated for review. General message of the e-mail is that Galway Co.Co. will be taking "responsibility for services and other infrastructure servicing the development." The Residents Association or similar body will be responsible for green/shrub/tree maintenance going forward.
- There is €134K in the bond, to complete the estate with the substantial element being the wearing course of tarmacadam. Arlum Ltd., do intend to supplement this figure to complete all works outstanding.
- Palace Fields Residents Association main concern is the drainage of those green areas that are susceptible to water logging and are poorly drained, regardless of the level of rainfall that we receive in the late part of every year. This is being followed with with Arlum Ltd.
- A phone call conducted between W.Martin, and Galway Co.Co., suggested that a meeting be held between representatives of the Palace Fields Residents Association and Arlum Limited, to reach an agreement on the greens and trees. It was agreed that R'O'Ceallaigh and JJ Burke, initiate the communication with Arlum Ltd. On this same subject, and negotiate to an acceptable conclusion for both parties. Communication on this matter to commence immediately.
- Following this meeting with Arlum Ltd, another face to face meeting will be conducted with the Palace Fields Residents Association and Galway Co.Co., to highlight that all speed ramps be maintained for the safety of all residents to ensure that safe speed limits are maintained.

Neighbourhood Watch & Text Alert Security:

- JJ Burke provided feedback that the "Text Alert" method of security is mainly for rural areas, and not for towns and immediate hinterlands.
- "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.

- Dialing this number, phones into a "An Garda Síochána Central Control room", from where the nearest Garda Síochána support is dispatched to you immediately. Be safe and use this facility.
- In March or April of this year, a Neighbourhood watch meeting will be held with an Garda Síochána, and all are invited to attend. The date is to be decided upon.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

Electric Skyline for street lighting replacement low call 1890 328587, text 087 1955076, 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;

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.