

Palace Fields Residents Association Monthly Minutes: www.palacefields.com

Date: 04-June-14: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 03-Sept-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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Attendees

2: Marion Treacy
5: Marian Walsh
40: Bridget Flaherty
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin

150: Karen Kennedy
194: Gabriel Burne
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

12: Deirdre McCarthy
143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
179: Marian Costello
245: JJ Burke
245: Denise Burke

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2014: €60 contributions for financial year May 2014 to April 2015, has commenced. Please have your contribution ready for your representative when they call to your house during the coming weeks. ***Thanks in advance to everyone***, for your contribution. This contribution is vital to keeping our estate in pristine condition, ensuring that the estate is a pleasurable place to live.

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- Balance in main account as of 04-June-14 is €15,041.29, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the social account is €389.46.
- €4300 had been collected in May 2014.
- Outgoings for May last month were €67 for printing for the month, to Tuam Office Supplies, and €25 to Galway Coco. in relation to the being registered to avail of annual grant access.
- WM reported that the collections for our fourth financial year had started well. However, it would help collectors a great deal, if contributions could be brought round to the appropriate house. Many thanks to all who have made their contributions.
- WM reported that the €200 approved for petty cash at the last AGM was running low to a figure of €24.02 and suggested a further 100 Euro should be approved. This was approved (10 votes). Expenditure to date with petty cash is as follows:- (a) €90 Stamps, (b) €41 Phone, (c) €30 tubing for tree protectors and (d) €14.98 to MG for stationary.
- MG confirmed that having spoken to Paul Fitzmorris today, Arlun's contribution of €320 for the 8 houses is in hand for payment.

Monthly Litter Collection:

- Been agreed to set aside the second Saturday morning of each month, for one hour from 10am to 11am, to collect litter all over the estate to keep it neat and tidy. All volunteers welcome.
- **Next litter collection morning will be June 14th – look forward to seeing you all out.**

Nuisance Behaviour:

- In Area 8 it was reported last month a child was seen physically pulling down a tree on the green.
- It was agreed that the tree in question was already loose and has been removed.
- Although this was the outcome, this type of behaviour will not be tolerated within the estate, as this is blatant vandalism.

Speed on Main Road at Entrance to the Estate:

- MG has been sent an email by the local Engineer Sean Langan from Galway C.C. He apologised for not replying sooner. He informed MG that, quote: (GCC are proposing a number of speed cushions along the Tullinadaly Road from the town side of the entrance to Palace Fields towards Foster Place) This should reduce the speeds to 40 kph. He hoped that this would address the concerns of the residents.

Tree Replacement:

- The cost of €740 for the supply and planting of 8 reasonably mature trees to various areas within the estate was put to Arlun in writing last month. There was no response see item below under "Estate Projects for 2014". Some debate took place on this matter, in the final analysis, it was voted to carry the work out at the said cost. Why should we wait for perhaps years, for the benefit of these trees? It was also agreed that we should invoice Arlun for the works as a record that these works have been done as part of the 'Taking in Charge' works. As this item is a requirement of that agreement.

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Extra Shrubberies:

- A scheme to create a shrubbery and rockery in area 3 had been produced. This involves removing all soils within the area to a depth of 0.6 to 0.7 meters and re-filling with topsoil with rock/boulders and plants. The cost for this is €1,475.50 inc. 13%VAT. However, both the contractor and Emmet Murphy would not agree to carry out these works until a drainage trench had been formed across the green, behind the proposed bed to remove the excess waters that this green accumulates during wet periods. This involves forming a trench and filling it with drainage chippings with a perforated drainage pipe and back filling to make good. Cost €987.45 inc. 13% VAT. These costs were discussed, it was agreed that we await the outcome of the grant application. In addition, the cost relating to the drainage trench is to be sent to Arlum Ltd for discussion.

Greens Not Cut - Apologies:

- Apologies to residents where greens were not fully cut on Monday last week. Greens were too wet in those areas. Garrett Fox was told not to use his heavy mowers IN these areas as they were leaving ruts in the greens. However, if he can't cut next time using his mowers, he will strim these areas.

Mass in the Estate:

- It was discussed and agreed that the third Mass on the estate should take place at 8 pm on Friday 20th June 2014 on green two. MG to contact Fr.Francis to confirm.

Estate Projects for 2014: Further Updates:

- Cleaning & Painting of rear of Wall at Main Entrance: ROC completed the power washing of the rear of the wall together with WM. Next step is to paint rear of same wall. The colour will be a grey colour similar to concrete colour itself. All volunteers welcome. Please phone residents association phone number to state availability – **Project to be completed.**
- Revamp existing shrubberies: MG and ROC met with Emmett Murphy. EM agreed to supply shrubs at low cost. EM to report back to WM, with costs etc. Also suggested shrubberies to be fed twice per year with a fertiliser – **Item is still open.**
- Extra shrubberies: A new shrubbery/rockery proposed for Area 3, Will involve removing all the soil to a depth of 600mm or more and replacing with better quality top soil. – **Item is still open.**
- Tree supports: Supports from Area 8 will be used for trees in Area 1 and Area 6 in the coming months.
- Drainage of water logged greens: MG has spoken to P. FitzMorris of Arlum Ltd and it is thought that this is unlikely to be done due to lack of funds. We need to find a Plan B. No feedback. **Ongoing.**
- Road sweeper and cleaning of gully's: Completed. This action is now closed for this part of the year.
- Dog Fouling Signage: €19.80 each with fixing bands. A delivery charge of €36 applies. It was thought that we need about seven signs located on lamp posts along the main access road and at the entrance of the estate. No feedback from Galway Co. Co. Agreed to purchase from Rennick signs. Dog fouling in general has improved. **Purchasing of signs put on hold for now as a result.**
- Park Entrance: The scheme to improve the entrance of the park has been sent to Galway County Council. **Awaiting a reply.**
- Supply & Planting of trees that have died or been removed: MG had spoken to P. FitzMorris of Arlum Ltd and it is thought that this is unlikely to be done due to lack of funds. Plan B to be discussed. Awaiting firm feedback. Also agreed to have a decision to replace trees by September 2014, i.e. planting season. Also, about 21 trees need to be removed, these being trees that have died or are not growing well since they were planted. **Aralum Ltd has responded but has no further news from the directors.**
- Tree Protectors at base to protect bark against strimming: RO'C has placed the tree protectors around 105 trees in the whole estate. **Closed but will be ongoing as trees are seen to have damage, protectors will be placed.**
- Soil to build up areas of subsidence: JF and MG had carried out of the estate last Saturday. It was concluded that there were 32 places to verges that needed filling rolling and seeding. It is thought that this would be about two tonnes of top soil. JJB to see if this can be obtained free of charge. **Project is open.**
- House numbering on walls: WM painted some numberings but having problems with paint used. To be completed with indelible marker. **Project is open.**
- Cleaning of dirt between walls outside houses and pathways: Dirt and debris to be swept clean to the back edge of the footways. Open and awaiting volunteers, contact the association phone number for availability. **Project is open.**
- Text Alert: Text alert forms were shown to the meeting. Forms to be filled in and sent off with fee as agreed at the AGM. **JJB to assist with filling out the forms.**

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 Síochána Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192