

Date: A.G.M. 04-Mar-15: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 01-Apr-15: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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Attendees

40: Bridget Flaherty
48: Michael Goss
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh

190: M.Keaney
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly
245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy

Apologies

2: Marian Treacy
12: Deirdre McCarthy
143: Mary Monaghan
150: Karen Kennedy

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- The balance in the main account as of 04-Mar-15 is €11,286.71, this balance includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the second account is €390.61. The balance of the petty cash account is currently €44.73.
- WM reported that €300 had been collected since the last meeting. The total collection for this financial year is €12,500.
- The outgoings for February was €85.50 for printing and €75 to the Ard Ri House Hotel for the hire of the room for the AGM. €34 from petty cash for stamps.
- MG reported that he had not yet had confirmation from Arlum Ltd. relating to their contribution towards the landscaping contract for 2015 and 2016.

Landscape Tenders:

- In the light of the non-competitive tenders received from landscaping contractors at last months AGM. MG reported that further tenders had been received since. RO'C, JF, WM and MG met last week to discuss the situation and the following was brought before the meeting for voting upon.
- Fox Landscaping, had amended their costs based upon the 2013/14 contract to €10,000 for 2015 and €10,000 for 2016.
- Kennedy Landscaping, of Barna and Milltown Road, Tuam, were approached who currently maintain Valeo's grounds, and Logstrup in Tuam, and also housing estates in Galway city itself. They produced a quotation of €9,750 for 2015 and €9,750 for 2016. This included VAT.
- Padraic Connell Landscaping of Headford's were approached and provided a quotation of €12,000 for 2015 and €12,000 for 2016. Was not considered owing to lack of detail and presentation.
- Another landscaper in Dunmore, name unknown, were approached and quoted €14,000 for 2015 and €14,000 for 2016.
- The details of the above were read out and a vote taken for awarding the grounds maintenance contract for 2015/16. It was unanimously agreed that Kennedy Landscaping be awarded the two year contract.
- In addition, the ongoing problem relating to the strimming around the base of trees was addressed in order to prevent further damage to the bark. RO'C had asked Kennedy Landscaping to suggest and price for a solution. KL proposed that they spray a circular area around the tree and leave for 2/3 weeks. They will then add a granular bark mulch to this area and then dig/trim the edge to form a neat verge around each tree. A price for this work to all trees on the estate was produced of €1,259.85 inc. VAT. A vote was taken on this and it was unanimously agreed that Kennedy Landscaping carry out this work. It was noted that a minimal amount of work to these areas will be required in 2016. This was considered to be small and would be costed this time next year.

Open Committee Positions:

- WM mentioned key positions in the Association still need to be filled, these are the Chairperson and Treasurer.

JJ Rhatigan, Galway Co.Co. and "Taking in Charge" Position:

- WM pointed out that he and JF had attended meetings relating to the 'Taking In Charge' of the estate as invited to do so. The Council have set up two meetings, one on the 18th of this month and a further meeting on the 16th of April next. These will take place in the Council's local offices in High Street Tuam. There are seven estates involved and one has been waiting to be 'Taken In Charge' for eighty years. It is agreed generally that this is an appalling state of affairs. Each estate has been asked to put forward their case in approximately two minutes. This will include a statement of all outstanding works required to be done before 'Taken In Charge' can take place. The first meeting is to assess the material and content being put forward, with the second meeting being the presentation.
- MG pointed out that he will make the presentation based upon six years of letters with both the Galway Co.Co., 'Taken In Charge' office and Arlum Ltd including a snagging list carried out. It was acknowledged that a useful conversation with Galway Co.Co.'s Michael Wall had taken place relating to this matter.
- No further news has been received from Arlum Limited. Relating to all the items raised in the last two months. MG to write a further letter to Arlum Ltd relating to the contribution and the road and gully cleaning support.

Park Entrance:

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

TEXT ALERT Security:

- JJB to chase up.

NUISANCE Behaviour:

- MF pointed out that she and two other neighbours were suffering from a group of youths throwing eggs at walls and windows and causing a nuisance of themselves.
- The households that this group come from were pointed out, and are known within the estate.
- There is a procedure to be followed within the Neighbourhood Watch scheme. However, MG and one other will talk to the parents concerned.
- There is absolutely no need for this behaviour, totally unacceptable, and is unlawful.

Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:

Palace Fields Residents Association: 087 3395593;

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 E. O'Donnell contact 087- 250739 or Weather glaze: contact Dave 087-6260497.