



## March 2016 Monthly Minutes – Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 02-Mar-16.  
**Next Meeting:** 06-Apr-16 @ 8pm sharp; Ard Ri Hotel, Milltown Rd. Tuam, Galway.  
**Website:** [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)  
**Facebook:** Palace Fields c/o Residents Association.  
**Phone No.:** 087 - 3395593 .

### Attendees:

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

143: Mary Monaghan
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
150: Karen Kennedy
245: JJ Burke

242: Bernie Kelly
275: Mary Fahy

### Apologies:

40: Bridget Flaherty
140: Ashling Hynes
239: Stephen McDonnell

### Financial Summary March 2016:

#### Account Balances

Date	Description	Balance
2-Mar-16	Main A/C	€ 11,857.86
2-Mar-16	Second A/C	€ 391.76
2-Mar-16	Petty Cash A/C	€ 22.38

#### Contributions:

Date	Description	Amount
2-Mar-16	Arlum Ltd.	€ 1,500.00
2-Mar-16	Contributions	€ 60.00
Total		€ 1,560.00

#### Outgoings:

Date	Description	Amount
2-Mar-16	AGM Ard Ri Room	€ 75.00

- R'OC highlighted that there was a discrepancy in last months financials. The following should have been included, refund from GALWAY Co..Co. €19.50, Flex A/C €120, and Rhatigans Fee €160.

### Constitution Document:

- Was signed for 2016, with the signatures of Ronan O'Ceallaigh (*Chairman*), JJ Burke (*Vice Chairman*), Deirdre McCarthy (*Secretary*), and William Martin (*Treasurer*), added.

### "Taking in Charge" of the Estate:

- Final Wearing Coarse of Tarmacadam:** This will be laid in the coming months. Arlum Ltd. waiting for firm confirmation/approval from Galway Co.Co. that all utilities (pipework, gullys etc.) are fully approved first. Arlum Ltd., want to avoid having to rip up new tarmacadam after the event, to resolve a problem.
- Speed Ramp Retention:** Further correspondence between R'OC and Arlum Ltd., and all local representatives going for election occurred this month, to highlight support required regarding speed ramp retention.
- Received confirmation from Arlum Ltd., that its very much their intention to reinstate the existing speed ramps. Further correspondence to be sent this week, to keep focus on this issue.
- Green Drainage:** Good news that Areas 3, 6 and 9 will be drained by Rhatigans in the coming months, when the weather improves. This issue was highlighted with utmost importance by the residents association, and stressed that it needs addressing as part of the "Taking in Charge" process. **Galway Co.Co. have stated very clearly that they do not, and will not, take any responsibility for the green areas in any shape or form.**
- Yield Signage:** R'OC has noticed that Areas 3 and 7 do not have yield signage from their areas onto the main thoroughfare,. This potentially could lead to a traffic accident. R'OC has written to Arlum Ltd., requesting feedback on how this issue can be addressed.
- Wall Capping:** Arlum Ltd. have replaced the missing capping on the walls, at the rear of Area 2.
- All issues being monitored very closely by Residents Association, until closure.

### **Green Areas:**

- Trees have blown down in some areas, and need to be re-staked for example in Area 1. Been agreed to purchase stakes and address the whole estate, for same issue. The trees will be restaked in the coming month.
- "Ruts" (where people have parked cars, or driven up on greens and left marks with their wheels), have formed in at least 4 places on the main thoroughfare, Area 1, 2, and 5. These will be rectified, in the coming month, by volunteers, as these will create problems for the landscaper mowing the grass. We ask everyone to avoid driving on the greens, and if you mistakenly do, please take responsibility and repair it.

### **Household Waste Bins:**

- MW, highlighted an issue with bins in Area 1, particularly for townhouses, where bins are being left at the front door. Can these bins be left at the rear of the houses, as they are causing a smell, for your next door neighbour, when they come and go from their front entrances? Thanks in advance for your help with this.
- We have had strong winds in the past week, and more to come seemingly. In the past week, many bins have been blown over and the contents have been strewn into neighbours gardens, and across the roadways. A special appeal to everyone who have bins left out to please use elasticated straps across your bin lids to keep them shut when the bins are blown over. This will keep all the contents within the bin, and ensure that no refuse is strewn across the estate. We all would very much appreciate your help on this also.
- **Please offer some consideration to your neighbours, on both points please, thank you.**

### **ESB Substation in Area 6**

- For quite a while, rubbish had accumulated around this substation, creating a potential fire hazard.
- In Sept 2015, this was highlighted as an issue to be rectified, and we are delighted to see that the ESB has since removed all rubbish around same substation, and also sealed off the sides very neatly, with long metal plates, thereby eliminating the gaps at the sides.
- No rubbish should accumulate here again, but will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

### **Nuisance Behaviour:**

- It was announced that eggs have been thrown at a house within the estate, causing huge discomfort and fear to the owner of the house. This childish, non-sensical, abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.
- An Garda Síochána have been contacted, and the children/teenagers involved are being watched by An Garda Síochána. We and they, know who you are.

### **Communication Improvement:**

Compiling a contact list of people within the estate, using addresses, phone numbers and e-mail details, in an effort:

1. To grow our Neighbourhood Watch monitoring, so as to notify the resident directly of suspicious activity around their property. We can all help each other. If we see something, we can let you know.
2. To keep everyone up to date of activity within the estate, to grow a more positive community spirit.

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

**DIAL: 112 or 999, on your phone immediately, and report any suspicious activity.**

### **Useful Phone Numbers & Email Addresses:**

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