

## Palace Fields Residents Association Monthly Minutes: [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)

**Date:** 07-May-14: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 04-June-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



1. Scan the code: [www.palacefields.com](http://www.palacefields.com)
2. We are now on Facebook: "Palace Fields c/o the Residents Association"

### Attendees

12: Deirdre McCarthy
48: Michael Goss
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
150: Karen Kennedy
242: Bernie Kelly
275: Mary Fahy

### Apologies

3: Kitty O'Connor
5: Marian Walsh
40: Bridget Flaherty
77: John Fleming
179: Marian Costello
238: Geraldine Rigney
239: Stephen McDonnell

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 07-May-14 is €10,450.29, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the social account is €389.46.
- €390 had been collected in April 2014.
- Outgoings for April last month were €67 for printing for the month, to Tuam Office Supplies.
- Generally the collection of contributions gone well in 2013/14 with €12,890 been collected to date. €890 above our target. Total may increase with further payments likely to be received in the next week or so. €13,000 is our target set for 2014/15.
- WM produced a cost sheet detailing money received to date from each Area, and was handed around the attendees. Was agreed this was useful and will be included on the website going forward.
- WM and MG handed over their €60 contributions for the 2014/15 financial year during the meeting.
- ROC and WM both stated that there are still problems with the credit union account identifying payments made electronically. WM said that the union was changing over to a bank status at some point in the future. MG agreed to write to the Unions manager on the subject because if many people started paying this way, it would become a major problem.
- ROC reported that to avail of grants provided by Galway Co.Co. for certain activities within the estate, a yearly subscription of €25 is required. This was approved.

### Summer Social Event 2014 - CANCELLED:

- Despite a huge success last year, The Social Event is cancelled this year.
- The reasons for cancelling the event, is due to personal circumstances of the event organizing team, and also due to "lack of interest" of others in the organizing team.
- Without a team, events and actions cannot take place.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> – look forward to seeing you all out.

### Printing Expenditure:

- Tuam Office Supplies are prepared to drop their price to €57 (from €67) for the monthly 300 copies. It was agreed to continue using Tuam Office Supplies with this €10 monthly cost saving.
- Purchase of printer to be agreed at a future AGM if still an item for discussion.

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**Satellite Dishes: PLANNING PERMISSION:** None required for a satellite dish (up to 1 metre in diameter, and no higher than the top of the roof) at the back or side of the house **BUT a dish on the front of the house, needs planning permission** – Planning Guidelines in Ireland.

- This matter has been discussed with the resident in Area 3, and the resident has agreed to move the satellite dish to comply with regulations.. All Satellite dishes should not exceed 1m in diameter and should be located behind the front wall of the house and there should be only one dish per dwelling. Satellite dishes should be located in rear gardens or on chimney stacks. MG to write to SKY and UPC on the matter.

### **Bin Straps:**

- These are available from **R&B Locksmiths**, and are displayed on the Palace Fields Residents Association website for further review. R&B Locksmith is a resident on the estate, and welcomes all enquiries.

### **Nuisance Behaviour:**

- In Area 8 it was reported a child was seen physically pulling down a tree on the green. The tree has been removed to one side since.
- Its known who the child is, and his parents will be spoken to with regard to his behaviour. It was noted that the damage will need to be paid for.
- This type of behaviour will not be tolerated within the estate, as this is blatant vandalism.

### **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.
- 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.
- Extra shrubberies: A new shrubbery/rockery proposed for Area 3, EM to provide cost involved. Will involve removing all the soil to a depth of 600mm or more and replacing with better quality top soil.
- Area 1 tree supports: Supports from Area 8 will be used for trees in Area 1 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.
- 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.
- Removal of support posts to trees: Removal of posts to trees in area 8. Completed by JF and SMD.
- Tree Protectors at base to protect bark against strimming: RO'C has placed the tree protectors around 105 trees in the whole estate. Garret Fox suggested that a potato manure be added around each tree twice per year to assist their growth.
- Replacement of Trees: Trees required for certain verges where missing for some time was discussed. Been agreed to organize cost for tree purchase and planting. Proposal to be given to Arlum Ltd and if agreed then P.F.R.A. purchase and carry out the works but be reimbursed. MG to send a proposal letter to Arlum Ltd. Very Urgent.
- 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 tons of top soil. JJB to see if this can be obtained free of charge. Also, about 21 trees need to be removed, these being trees that have died or are not growing well since they were planted. Ongoing.
- House numbering on walls: WM painted some numberings but having problems with paint used. To be completed with indelible marker.
- 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.
- White lining to road junctions: 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. Awaiting firm feedback.
- 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.

### **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](mailto:faulds@electricsskyline.ie)
- An Gárda Síochána Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer – Frank Breslin.
- Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192