

Date: 06-May-15: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 03-June-15: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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

Attendees

5: Marian Walsh
77: John Fleming
91: William Martin
144: Ronan O'Ceallaigh
190: Mary Keaney

194: Breda Nicholson
194: Miccal Reilly
239: Stephen McDonnell
242: Bernie Kelly

Apologies

12: Deirdre McCarthy
40: Bridget Flaherty
48: Michael Goss
143: Mary Monaghan
150: Karen Kennedy

275: Mary Fahy

Contributions for Present Financial Year 2015 – 2016:

- Door to door collections of contributions are commencing, for the financial year May 2015 to April 2016. We appeal to all residents to have the contribution ready, when we call. **Thank you very much for your support.**
- You have two options for payment:
 1. Contributors can hand the €60 contribution to your representative.
 2. You can pay directly yourself to the Palace Fields Residents Association Bank Account. The bank account details are as follows, through St. Jarlath's Credit Union:

Palace Fields Residents Association

BIC: JACIE21

IBAN: IE75JACI99112093221864

Acc.: 492955

NOTE: In the description field please include "House Number: ??" . Without this detail in the description field it will not be known that your house has paid its contribution.

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- The balance in the main account as of 06-May-15 is €11,552.21, 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 €53.74.
- WM reported that €230 had been collected in April for the financial year 2014-2015. The total collection for this financial year is €12,850, which is short €150 of the €13,000 target for the year.
- €120 has been collected in May for the current financial year 2015-2016. Outgoings for April, €57 for printing.
- Due to Michael Goss and Marian Walsh, having stepped down from the committee, two new signatories need to be elected for the Palace Fields Estate Bank Accounts. To be voted on at next months meeting.

Taking in Charge by Galway Co.Co. Update:

- The presentation for presenting to Galway Co.Co. relating to the 'Taking In Charge' of the estate, as described in last months minutes, has been completed and will be presented on behalf of the estate in a yet to be determined date in June 2015..
- WM mentioned key positions in the Association still need to be filled, these are the Chairperson and Treasurer.

Maintenance of Communal Areas:

- No further news relating to the enhancement scheme to the park access.
- Brian Kennedy (BK) the contractor for the green areas has commenced maintaining the lawns. His arrival in week 19, completed the mowing of the grass in Areas 1 and 2, and the mowing of the grass in the long strips. He was asked to leave the remainder of the estate as the greens were too wet from the high volumes of rain, which would lead to the greens being churned up. BK agreed to do so.
- The placing of mulch at the base of the trees will happen in the coming weeks, to be carried out by BK.
- Top soil to be added to areas of subsidence when the mulch is added to the base of the trees.

Shrubberies:

- The removal of dead shrubs and the revamping of the existing shrubberies to commence in the coming 2 months.
- WM to ask the residents in Area 9 if they want a shrubbery in their area, because the previous shrubbery was overrun by children. If they do not want a shrub bed, the existing area will be reseeded to lawn.
- WM to seek a quotation from Murphy's, as to cost for shrubs to replace dead ones, on existing shrub beds, for Junes meeting.

Green Areas & Items left on the Greens:

- When children play in the green areas, we appeal to all children and parents of children that all jerseys, bottles, footballs, litter etc., that each child brings onto the green, that each child brings the same items home with them after leaving the green.
- By leaving the same items on the green, the estate looks unsightly, and when the contractor comes to maintain the lawn, these items impede the contractor from doing his job properly.
- In future these items will be gathered up, if left on the green and disposed of as litter.

Water Meters:

- Representatives from "Irish Water" have been around the estate in week 18 and 19, inspecting and taking photos of the chambers into which the meters will be installed soon.
- A few chambers were not closed properly, with the lids left high, causing a potential risk for injury by a pedestrian, whether walking or running. WM phoned "Irish Water" and highlighted the issue, and requested that the lids be closed properly. The compliant was logged and duly noted.

Efflorescence of the Marble Palace Fields Signage at the Entrance:

- R'OC highlighted that the efflorescence needs to be removed and cleaned, before it gets engrained into the marble. R'OC volunteered to carry out this works in the coming evenings, using a solution to dissolve the white residue formed.

Dogs:

- WM repeated at this meeting that dogs had become a nuisance of late notably in the park. It was suggested that mobile phones be used to photograph dogs off leads.
- Everyone was encouraged to phone the dog wardens at the foot of these minutes in parallel.

General:

- Road Sweeper: Due into the estate, but no response from Arlun. Michael Goss to provide details next month.
- First Manhole Cover: At the entrance to the estate there is a manhole cover, where the tarmac surrounding same cover is in very poor repair and needs extra tarmac added. This is the responsibility of Arlun/Rhatigans to follow up and complete. Michael Goss to provide details next month.

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 Síochana 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.