

Date: 05-Nov-14: 8pm; **Next Meeting:** 03-Dec-14: 8pm; Árd Rí House Hotel.



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Attendees

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

150: Karen Kennedy
190: M.Kearney
194: Breda Nicholson
194: M.Quinn
242: Bernie Kelly

245: JJ Burke
275: Mary Fahy
239: Stephen McDonnell

Apologies

12: Deirdre McCarthy
179: Marion Costello

BE SAFE BE SEEN:

All Pedestrians and Cyclists, PLEASE BE AWARE.....with the dark evenings YOU may be able to see the car, but the car driver cannot see YOU. It's very common in the estate that pedestrians and cyclists are not wearing any reflective clothing, and cyclists have no lights on their bikes and not wearing any reflective clothing. We appeal to everyone, to wear reflective clothing and ensure you have lights on your bikes, or else a BAD ACCIDENT will occur.....

We appeal to everyone on this PLEASE..... DON'T BECOME THE CASUALTY....

Treasurers Report & General Financial Details:

- Balance in main account as of 01-Oct-14 is €18,448.61, includes all expenditure to date. The balance of the social account is €389.46. The balance of the petty cash account is currently €87.50 with €47.00 for stamps and €20.00 for phone top up, having been spent in the last month
- WM reported that €600.00 had been collected since the last meeting. The total collection for this year is €10,950. This includes €220 in back payments from the last financial year 2013/14.
- The outgoings for October was €196.68 to Rennicks for signs, €57.00 for printing and €100.00 to petty cash.
- WM reported that the collections for our fourth financial year had started well. However, there are still contributions outstanding. Area 7 needs further collection, MG spoke with MK who will speak with LH. If help is required then this can be provided. Many thanks to all who have made their contributions.
- MG confirmed that Arlun owns house number 232. MG is to make enquiries as to why it was not included on the original list.

Dog Fouling Signs:

- MG reported that the dog fouling signs have been received as was voted and agreed to purchase in Octobers meeting. These are to be fixed in November. It was reported that there may be problems with the brackets supplied for fixing to the lamp posts, but this issue will be overcome.

Shrubbery at Entrance to the Estate:

- WM, JF, SM, KK, RO'C, JJB and MG cleared the weeds and tidied up the front shrubbery to the estate last month. Thanks to all those who helped.
- New kerbing to be placed around the shrub beds, commencing 10-Nov-14.

General Maintenance:

- Garrett Fox to confirm that he has completed the cutting for this year due to the recent wet weather. He has also completed his two year contract.
- The tenders for the years 2015/16 are to be drawn up and sent out to three contractors. They will be sealed and opened at the AGM in February. MG asked if there were any clauses that needed amendment or adding.
- RO'C suggested that a clause be added to make sure that the grass was cut between the trees and posts. Even if it meant carrying out the task by hand.
- MG suggested that we include for fertilizing the green areas and verges. This was thought not to be necessary but fertilizing around all the trees between the first and second cuts was to be added with a potato based fertilizer. JJB mentioned that its a 7617 mix. It was agreed that these would be included.

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- It was thought that the supply of good quality top soil and seed for the filling of the grass verges will have to be left until March 2015 due to soil and seed possibly being washed away, under present weather conditions.

Extra Shrubberies:

- The Associations intention is to create new rockery and shrub beds to four areas on the estate as described in the last minutes. MG reported that a meeting had been set up in October, but had to be cancelled due to work commitments. MG to set up meeting with EM in November
- Existing shrubberies in the estate, are to be revamped also. Separate meeting to be held in November on this issue.

Park Entrance:

- The scheme to improve the pedestrian entrance of the park is still awaiting confirmation of a preplanning application meeting. All relevant correspondence has been placed on the Associations website. MG to chase.

Litter:

- KK mentioned the litter on the estate after bins had been blown over recently. The residents concerned were not picking up the litter.
- Residents are asked to use straps to tie down wheelie bins as detailed in previous minutes, and to pick up their own litter from the bins.....**Your litter, is YOUR litter.**

Smokeless Fuels:

- JF asked if people could use smokeless coal on their fires, as some nights the air becomes thick with unpleasant smoke.
- WM mentioned that this is difficult without a bye-law in place such as in Galway.

Tullinadaly Road:

- SMD mentioned that the new concrete aprons formed in the carriageway of Tullinadaly road are dangerous. MG to write to Council for explanation.
- With the Tullinadaly carriageway way being so wide at the entrance to this estate, it was thought that a lane could be created with white lining to feed traffic turning left into the estate. Or the vision splay be improved by moving the estate road out and marking the road with hatched lining either side. MG to write to Council and raise these points.

TEXT ALERT Security:

- JJB reported that he had spoken to the Gardaí regarding the 'Text alert' scheme. He reported that the Gardaí are awaiting other schemes to be set up including rural Community Watch schemes. All of the schemes will then be launched together.
- JJB reported that this item was as last minutes.

Summary of Estate Projects for 2014:

In Progress or Completed:

- Dog Fouling Signage:– To be completed Nov 2014.
- Kerbing around shrub area at entrance: - To be completed Nov 2014.
- Soil Subsidence: - To be started March 2015.
- New Shrubberies & Revamp Existing: - Under discussion in November 2014.
- Cleaning & Painting of rear of Wall at Main Entrance:– Completed.
- Cleaning of shrub bed at front entrance: - Completed.

To Be Commenced:

- Drainage of water logged greens: - Open.
- Road sweeper and cleaning of gullies: - Open.
- Cleaning of dirt between walls outside houses and pathways: - Open
- Tree supports Area 1: - Open

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: 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.