

PALACE FIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

(Tenants, please pass on these minutes to your Landlord)

Residents Meeting No. 26. Held on 7th September 2011.

at Ard Ri House Hotel, Milltown Road, Tuam at 8pm.

1. PRESENT. (a)

William Martin No. 91.	Michael Goss.No.48.
Marian Walsh No. 5.	Liam Halion No. 197.
John Fleming. No.77	
Karen Kennedy. No.150.	
Ronan Kelly No. 144.	Bronagh
Mary Fahy. No.275.	McLoughney. No. 64.
Stephen McDonnell. No. 239.	M. Keaney No. 190.
Maeve Waldron No.47.	Deirdre McCarthy. No 12.

13 Persons present.

Thanks to all who attended.

(b)

Apologies from

It would be appreciated if an hour be set a side on Saturday the 24th of September 2011, between 10 and 11 am for rubbish to be picked up from the area outside your house and green, in an effort to tidy up the estate. Please make a note of this date and time and take part.

2.DISTRIBUTION.

(a) The previous minutes were distributed to the area representatives and these in turn were delivered to their allocated areas.

Copies of minutes were also distributed to Declan Costello (Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Officer) and Sergeant Michael Bradly of Tuam Gardi station.

3.DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

(a) Wednesday 5th October 2011 in the Ard Ri House Hotel at 8pm.

All are welcome to attend.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS MINUTES.

(a) They were accepted.

5.TREASURERS REPORT.

(a) MW told the meeting that to date, a total of 14,097.00 Euro was currently in the Associations account with the St. Jarlath's Credit Union. This represents a net figure of 11,343.00 Euro towards the estates maintenance and 2,754.00.00 Euro towards the raffle.

(b) Collection of monies for the maintenance of the estate is still ongoing and will continue.

(d) MG pointed that a total of three financial meeting had taken place earlier in the year. One further meeting yet to be fixed, would be held to discuss the figures for next year in preparation for the AGM in February next.

(e) There were monthly draws held during the summer break and at this meeting, the results were as follows:-

July 2011. 1st prize. House number 115, 2nd prize. House number 206 and 3rd prize. House number 136.

August 2011.1st prize. House number 238, 2nd prize. House number 227 and 3rd prize. House number 255.

September 2011.1st prize. House number 242, 2nd prize. House number 174 and 3rd prize. House number 217.

(f) The landscaping contractor presented his fourth invoice for payment to the committee. This was approved for payment.

6. MATTERS ARISING.

(a) The light and column to the front of the estate was discussed. MG had contacted a firm based in Ireland specialising in the supply and fitting of solar powered lights, in view of the potential problem with providing an electricity supply. The firm is L and H

Eco Tech Ltd. JF and MG met them on site last month and discussed the illumination of the path and the area behind the decorative walls. Their price for a solar powered unit with battery would be 2,700.00 Euro. This cost plus additional costs was considered to be too expensive.

It was resolved that we refer back to the Airtricity price approved earlier in the year and make enquiries with the ESB or Airtricity with a view to providing an electricity supply. WM pointed out that he knew of an electrician who was involved with JJ Rhatigan and may be able to help.

(b) It was agreed that an AGM would be set up for February next. This would be used for voting in certain members of the committee and agreeing next years rates.

(c) In June last, RK had heard that the Galway CC was seeking to purchase houses within the estate for rental to Council tenants. A meeting was set up with Colm Keaveney TD in his office with Galway County Councillor Shaun Cunniffe to clarify the situation. Subsequently, we have received a letter from Colm Keaveney who had spoken to the GCC's Director of services who confirmed that this is not the case. CK mentioned that he and Councillor SC would continue to monitor the situation. The letter was shown to the committee.

(d) MG pointed out that he had written to Francis Mulry of Arlum Ltd asking him to attend the next meeting or the meeting in November next. He also pointed out the two main outstanding items of work on the estate still to be carried out, they being the white lining to the road junctions and speed ramps together with the removal of the metal sign to the estates entrance.

(e) MG mentioned and it was agreed, that we wish more people to attend the committee meetings for this new year.

7. MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNAL AREAS.

(a) As mentioned in 7(d) of the last minutes a working group will be put together to clear the shabby parts to the shrubbery areas on the estate. This would take place on the 17th of September next. RK mentioned that he might make a start in the evenings. MG said he would contact Emmet Murphy regarding this. LH confirmed he still had the weed killer needed for these areas once the work had been done.

(b) The committee agreed that the estate was looking well since Leo took over the cutting of the grass areas. WM pointed out that some areas still needed further attention though. It was agreed that Leo would be asked to attend the next meeting to discuss certain points.

(c) WM mentioned that the gullies and gutters to the roads will need to be cleaned again shortly. It was noted that with the leaves about to start falling on the roads they will cause a problem in these areas and should be cleaned before and after. It was

agreed that this point will be taken up with JJ Rhatigan.

(d) RK pointed out that the trees to the right hand side of the estate entrance and other areas on the estate should be replaced this year. It was agreed that this would be taken up with JJ Rhatigan. It was also mentioned that these trees should be protected in some way to prevent them being damaged in the future.

(e) MG pointed out that the area around the pedestrian access to the park next to number 270 needs to be improved. The area is dark due to the dense coniferous trees behind the fence to the park and in addition, the side wall next to the path to 270 is covered in graffiti, this is unacceptable. The committee agreed that a plan needs to be drawn up showing the path and light moved over and the coniferous trees removed. New planting in the form of shrubs and trees together with the decoration of the wall will improve the area. It was also mentioned that the trees are in a dangerous state as they have been damaged by storms in recent months/years. MG will contact the Galway CC and Councillors to gain support to change this area. This idea was discussed with the Gardi under the neighbourhood watch scheme and it was supported by them as the area attracts crime at night.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME.

(a) MF mentioned that she was still suffering from rubbish and other items being thrown in her front garden along with her neighbours. MG will contact Declan Costello and see if anything can be done about this.

(b) WM asked if the two neighbourhood watch signs were ready to be erected at the front of the estate and at the park pedestrian access. MG will contact Declan Costello over this matter as it is some time since the application forms were sent off the Dublin.

9. JJ RATGIHAN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

(a) As last minutes.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(a) BM asked if anything can be done to reduce the height of neighbouring properties trees over shadowing the rear gardens to numbers 63,64 and 65. MG mentioned he would inspect the problem and approach the neighbours with other members of the committee.

SOME USEFUL NUMBERS.

1/ ESB for street lighting replacement 1850 372 772.

2/ Palace Fields Residents Association website.

<https://sites.google.com/site/palacefieldstuam>

3/ An Garda Siochana Tuam 093 70841. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Liaison Officer - Declan Costello.

4/ Dog warden name and number Christy Corcoran 087-2224192.