

**What Has Been Happening?**

Since our last Newsletter we held a Residents Meeting in the Courtyard on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. At previous meetings the turnout was very low, but at this one we were happy to more than 35 residents turn up and show interest and voice their concerns. Hopefully at our next meeting we'll see more of you. Here follows a quick review of concerns raised and what has been done or can be done.

The first one was from a resident in Cedar Vale, who was very concerned about some recent late night /early morning activity. Having contacted Andrew Construction with full details of events, here is what they have replied to us.

***"We have CCTV cameras on site and we will review the footage and pass on any findings to the Gardai. We routinely meet with the area Garda liaison officer to discuss site security generally. We would also appreciate it if the Residents Committee encourage ALL residents to report any suspicious activity."***

Another issue raised was the possibility of a walk way leading out to the Kentstown Road, we are aware that there will not be a road leading to the Kentstown Road, but wanted to know if it would be possible for a walkway/path to be installed. Again, we contacted Andrews Construction, and this is what we were told by them

***"We have tried on several occasions, through applications to the Planning Department to get a second entrance onto the Kentstown Road. Each time our application has been rejected. Even a pedestrian access would be a planning issue and you should refer the matter to them. I do not think any such application would be successful."***

It was also raised at the meeting that some teenagers are jumping over fences and walls on Willow Green to gain access to the Kentstown road. They are making blocks and pushing each other over. We have asked Andrews if it would be possible to perhaps put something on the wall to deter them from doing this as younger children



are now trying to copy them and a lot of parents are concerned about the safety of the children.

The teenagers have been spoken to, but are continuing to use the wall and fence as a short cut. This is really a matter for parents. So we urge you to try and stop them .

The subject of broken trees was also discussed, and we reminded Andrews Construction of this and also about the crack/gap on the entrance wall/pillar is also in need of attention. This is what we were told by them

***"We applied to Meath County Council to have this development Taken in Charge. The broken trees will be replaced during this process. I have referred the issue re the crack in the wall to our Site Manager- he will take action."***

With the cold weather approaching and the possibility of pipes been frozen residents should ensure that boilers are regularly serviced. Throughout the winter they should ensure that the heating system is not left off for long periods. Each heating system is fitted with a timer and all residents should ensure, during particularly cold weather, that the heating is programmed to come on at regular intervals even if it is only for a short period of time. Another suggestion was made. That perhaps, if a tap is left running at very low trickle level, this too could help frozen pipes too.

## HANDING THE ESTATE OVER TO THE COUNCIL

Following a lot of communications between ourselves and Andrews Construction, it has been confirmed that Andrews Construction are going to start procedures of handing the estate over to Meath County Council as early as December of this year. Although this process may take a considerable amount of time, we need to start preparing for when it actually occurs, We have had companies out with regards to cutting to public greens with the estate, and the quotes are extremely high. At the moment the cost of cutting the greens, for the year is €8,450. We are currently trying to reduce this figure by bartering with the companies, and also by thinking of perhaps doing the jobs ourselves. We can hire out the Roll on Mowers, purchase petrol, and get a team of men together to carry out the job, it would mean giving up a few hours maybe twice a year, as we could set up a rota, if you are interested in helping out, please let us know. We are looking into the Insurance at the moment, and that will be a major factor, Otherwise if we cannot carry out the job ourselves, things will be very tight. A meeting will be held with the Road Reps soon, to organize the collection of funds.

## PRIDE OF PLACE

Having the judges come round in the estate in July. On the 14<sup>th</sup> October the Pride of Place Awards 2011 took place in Trim and sadly we did not win anything, but judges were extremely impressed with what we achieved over the year since last year's entry. We scored 72 points out of 100 (12 points more than last year). Full grading can be seen on our website at [www.athlumneywood.ie](http://www.athlumneywood.ie)

## Neighbourhood Watch

After several attempts at trying to get the system up and running, we are now advancing in our attempts for this scheme. This is where we are at the moment. We need agreement from 70% of residents in order for the Gardai to set it up. At the moment we have around 22%. When Your road rep. knocks on Your door, please sign the forms for us otherwise **we will not have the neighbourhood watch scheme.**

## ROAD REPS

At the meeting we asked people to come forward to be Road Reps. These Road Reps will help us deliver Newsletters, and any door to door activities /canvassing that we need to do. We have 12 Road Reps, which is very good, but the more we have, the better. If you are interested in becoming one, please email us at [athlumneywoodra@gmail.com](mailto:athlumneywoodra@gmail.com) Thanks.