

Minutes of the Presidents Liaison Group

Held on 12th February 2008 at Cheers Bar

Present:	Terry Watson	PLG Chairman	Blue Hill
	Isobel Maughan	President/PLG Secretary	Aldea del Monte
	Tina Fownes	Vice President	Aldea del Monte
	Eleanor Morris	President	Galatase, San Miguel
	Ian Fitzpatrick	El Galan	Representative
	Neil Burman	Balcon de la Costa Blanca	Representative
	Mike Newland	Eagles Nest	President
	Frank Oliver	Blue Lagoon	President
	Mike Levy	E Galan	
	Pete Herbert	Lomas del Golf	President
	Phil Bacon	Vallas Maria/Torrestrelle	President
	David Hardy	San Miguel Website	
	Dick Conway	Blue Hills	
	Sally Conway	Blue Hills	

Apologies: Louise Clarke Round Town News

The minutes of the meeting held with Sergio Correas at Town Hall on 24 January and attended by Terry Watson, Frank Oliver, and Isobel Maughan were handed out to be used as Agenda for todays PLG meeting

1 Denuncia against the Mayor of San Miguel

A copy of the December 07 court judgment was passed out. This official document was in Spanish but basically when translated read that the Judge found in favor of the Mayor as evidence submitted did not conclusively incriminate the Mayor personally.

2 Map of proposed new water supply pipeline

A map of the proposed new water supply line was handed to the Chairman by Senor Correas at their last meeting. Mike Levy commented that this is the same proposed map which was made available 3 years ago and still had nothing come of it. The Chairman supported by the Secretary and Frank Oliver stated that Senor Correas appeared to be genuine with regard to work actually starting this October. It was agreed that we can only wait and see but in the meantime keep approaching Senor Correas/Town Hall for updates using the map he gave the PLG as guidance to work progress. The project is to be funded by a 10% grant from Valencia and 90% from the company who wins the contract. Senor Correas stated that the company will recover their investment over a period of time, by a nominal fee on the water sumas. (Chairman's comment: The fee cannot be too great as San Miguel de Salinas citizens will also have to pay the same rates)

David Hardy, San Miguel Website, agreed to supply contact information of possible European MP's who might be willing to add their input to keep pressure on San Miguel / Valencia to keep to proposed timescale for resolving situation.

Plans for the cleaning of existing water deposits (reservoirs) and pipe lines will need to be addressed by the Town Hall/Contractors before the new water supply comes on line.

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3 Urbanization/Street Names

Frank Oliver had discussed with Senor Correas at the January 14th meeting, the subject of Orihuela Costa renaming some of the streets on his urbanization. Senor Correas will invite the PLG to attend a meeting with the Mayoress of Orihuela Costa. The meeting is to discuss the possibility of moving the borders so that the border runs down the centre line of major roads, so allowing the minor roads to retain/return to their original names. It is also proposed to discuss the urgent cleaning up of “green area” the worst part of which falls within Orihuela jurisdiction. No date has been set for this meeting but looking towards end of February hopefully. (As soon as Senor Correas has recovered from his throat operation)

4 Legality of Properties

In the main this involves properties in El Galan. At our last meeting Senor Correas had showed the PLG a pile of illegal property files which he stated the builders of which were to be contacted. The Town Hall was to place a levy on these builders until all legal documents were presented and allowed the properties to be made legal.

5 Shells of 2 building constructions

Builder that started these has since gone into liquidation so no possibility of them being completed. Option to put to the Town Hall is that San Miguel takes the sites over and makes one of them into a community centre. Most favored suggestion at meeting today however was to get both shells demolished completely and restore the land. Both options are to be discussed with Town Hall. (PMN The Chairman feels that the “not in my back yard syndrome is back again”. Would not a Community Centre benefit the whole of Las Filipinas if well planned and properly organized, young and old could have a meeting place. There are some lonely older people here as well as the youngsters that I feel would benefit from having a meeting place. Let’s see what comes from the Town Hall)

Bus Service

This was not discussed at recent Town Hall meeting as Senora Inma Hernandez was not present. Frank Oliver hoped to acquire an up to date bus timetable of local bus service from a resident who is trying out the current service offered.

Possibility of a daily service, on the Las Filipinas to San Miguel route to be discussed at next Town Hall meeting with Senorita Inma Hernandez

The Orihuela Costa bus service route is quite well used. Timetables for service they offer is available from Blue Lagoon Arch (office open 4pm to 6pm) also information on routes are shown on posters in “Bargain Books”, San Miguel.

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6 New Football Facility, Blue Hills

Work to finish off around the area is progressing. Netting is in place now but still no goal posts. These apparently are in San Miguel waiting to be delivered to site and secured in place. Promised machinery to clear area around this facility did not show up 2 weeks ago as promised. This machinery was then to move to Blue Lagoon and clear green area there but again did not happen. PLG to get back will discuss this with Senor Correas and Senor Jesus Ballaster at next meeting. (PMN. The goal posts appeared the day after the meeting also a couple of park benches)

8 Any Other Business

8.1 Sewers

Timescale requested as to when sewers will be cleaned. Complaints of smells from manholes and sewers also filtering back into properties. A list of specific areas, ie street names, location of manholes etc affected is to be put together and addressed with Senor Correas at next Town Hall meeting. Presenting a specific list to be checked out and cleaned should get better response. Mike Levy requests that Calle Malaga and Calla Marbella be top of the proposed list for urgent cleaning.

8.2 Adoption of Blue Hills

As requested by the Town Hall, a meeting of owners within Blue Hills Urbanisation was held and voting officially confirmed their wish to be adopted by San Miguel. A letter to this effect was handed into the Town Hall which should now finalise their adoption requirements.

8.3 Anti Social Behavior

Frank Oliver informed those present that it appears the next generation of youths gathering around Blue Lagoon Arch seems to have started again. He is to push for the promised open shelter and benches to be provided by San Miguel which they agreed would be delivered and put in place on land beside arch before Christmas. This meeting area would hopefully keep the youths from taking shelter underneath the arch and then drifting in to the "Green area" where they might take the opportunity to vandalize the benches and street lighting.

8.4 Nuisance Quad Biking

Mike Levy stated that the new tarmac road leading to water pumping station through waste land top of El Galan has encouraged youths on quads to race up and down causing nuisance to surrounding residents. As a possible solution it was requested that the company responsible for the track being laid to tarmac is to be asked to fit gates on the entrance of this new road allowing access only to authorized vehicles.

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8.5 Builders, Electricians, Plumbers

Pete Herbert raised the point of any one knowing of reputable builders that he could use for some minor work. The Secretary then suggested that a list of builders and other services that have been used by urbanizations for minor building or repair work could be put together as contacts to approach when work required to be done. Committee members were asked to pass on any names and contract telephone numbers to the Chairman or the Secretary and they will make a list to send to PLG members. The Secretary stated “Better someone who has done satisfactory work before than random choice out of newspapers!”

8.6 A request received from PSOE representative (political party) to be allowed to attend a PLG meeting was discussed.

This was agreed in principle, but it was considered that Senor Correas should be invited to attend first and then the other parties invited to observe but only by invitation in first instance. A request such as this in itself can only be seen as positive recognition of the PLG efforts. The Secretary on a visit to the Town Hall with her Administrator was told by the Town Architect (A purely Spanish speaker) that the PLG was doing a good job of highlighting the problems in their urbanizations and keep up the good work.

With no other items raised, meeting was closed.

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 11 March 2008