

NOTES ON THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESIDENTS
OF SATALITE URBANIZATIONS AND
THE MAYOR OF SAN MIGUEL de SALINAS
THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 2007

Attendees: Alcaldía Ángel Sáez - The Mayor of San Miguel de Salinas
Inmaculada Hernández - Concejala de Jovenes
Mr Terry Watson - Representative of Presidents of the Urbanisations
Mrs Carol Sear - Representative of Presidents of the Urbanisations
Mr David Hardy - SMdS Website (Independent Reporter)
Miss Chloe Mc Sherry - Interpreter

The following details are the responses from Alcaldía Ángel Sáez concerning the issues raised at the meeting held at Cheers Bar on 8th February 2007.

1. **Water Supply** – This was a highly debated issue, whereby various representatives felt that the answers given by the Mayor were not necessarily totally true facts. It was felt that the current workings of the pipes being laid in the rustic area of San Miguel, adjacent to Las Filipinas are in fact a Valencia project and not the pipework for the new water supply.

Alcaldía Ángel Sáez highlighted the fact that the pipework running along the road from San Miguel to Campoamor is in fact the Valencian project to supply greater volumes of water to the area that is much needed to cater for additional people.

With regard to the new water supply to Los Filipinas – Blue Lagoon the Mayor stated that the contracts have been signed, some which had resolved barriers causing the unnecessary delay in the completion of this project. He will shortly be issuing a statement through the SMdS Website and will be asking Presidents to ask members of their urbanizations to petition and write letters to the Town Hall asking again for better quality water. This will help in bringing an early resolution to the improved supply.

An article published in one of the Costa Blanca free papers has supposedly highlighted the fact that ERNA wish to relinquish their rights to supply water and hand this over to Aguahest. This is to be confirmed via an e-mail to the Leader now.

This information was totally incorrect as the article referred to the area of Orihuela Costa.

Records are being kept of the chlorine levels within the potable water supply and at times the level is far above the satisfactory level.

The levels of chlorine are checked daily by the Policia Local and recorded. The Town Hall has a legal requirement to do this to all its water supplies. The winter time levels always show lower levels.

2. **Roads & Resurfacing** – Concerns were raised by certain people that some areas are not on the list for re-surfacing. These areas are Balcon de la Costa Blanca and Altea del Monte. This will be looked into.

All roads will be resurfaced when the new pipework for water has been completed. This is described as being in the fullness of time.

3. **The Postal Service** – The comments from the Mayor were passed to the attendees and some stated that the postal service for their area was alright. Some areas are actually having deliveries, although not daily, they were receiving their mail. Eagles Nest now has an actual Correos post box for mail going out and this is collected daily. It is evident that with time further improvements will be made to the service but with so many illegal properties still in existence, as far as the post office is concerned these people do not exist. We look to the future.

The Mayor accepted that the service was poor. He did add that historically the postal service in Spain is not used in the same high volume way as in other countries, As stated before we look to the future for improvements. A suggestion was given that if extremely important documentation was expected from UK or wherever, it should be couriered directly to your door for a small cost.

4. **Waste collection, Feral Cats, Dog fouling, Rats** – Some concern was raised about the catching of domestic cats and what would happen. Assurances were given that these cats would be released immediately. Approaches are to be made again to Jim & Gwen asking for costings related to continuing with their work of catching the feral cats and spaying and castration with a view for asking for financial support.

The Mayor is aware of this problem and has explained that the Town hall does provide a service for catching feral cats. People only have to enquire at the Town Hall.

Included in this discussion was an issue raised concerning the drainage system on all Urbanisations and when these were last checked. It would appear that in Orihuela Costa these drains are checked every 2 years. This will be an issue to be raised at the next meeting with the Mayor of San Miguel.

The Mayor assured the meeting that the drainage system is checked twice a year in May and September.

5. **Anti-social behaviour and improving facilities for young people** – This issue raised a lot of debate and it would appear that many areas suffer from this problem. Various issues were discussed including some raised by the President of Blue Hill and the possibility of using various venues, ie. Where the unfinished hotel is, Blue Hill restaurant, or an area of Blue Lagoon to be designated for a building for young people. After further discussion it was decided to submit the idea to the Mayor as a Community Centre for all ages.
Terry add on: - Possibility of Multilingual Social worker at the centre has just sprung to mind

Inmaculada Hernández - Concejala de Jovenes stated that The Old Instituto is designated as a youth centre and The Town Hall are open to suggestions for activities that they can arrange to occupy youth.

6. **Any other items –**

Green Areas. It would appear that some of the green areas at the bottom of El Galan are in fact part of San Miguel and not of Orihuela Costa. Concern was raised as to why no follow up on maintenance was done in clear weeds, rubble and generally tidying the area.

The work on the park areas that has been done is Orihuela Costa and NOT San Miguel. The Mayor stated that he would clear and plant areas that were the within the responsibilities of The Town Hall but residents must be mindful that many areas subject of complaint are actually own by private developers.

A further mention was made regarding children and lack of facilities – it was stated that there is a growing culture of under-age alcohol abuse by teenagers that have been drinking within the various establishments. Even though Policia Local were in the area, nothing is being done by the Police to stop this continuing. It was proposed that this issue be raised at the next meeting with Mayor.

The Mayor was concerned on this issue but when it was stated the area the children are frequenting he replied it was not San Miguel but Orihuela Costa.

The Mayor wants this committee to follow procedures and submit petitions in the correct manner for matters it wishes to have addressed by the Town Hall. Petitions will be registered on submission and the committee can follow up on the progress of works meeting by meeting.

Dick Conway suggested inviting the team from Neighbourhood Watch to one of the Future meetings; It was agreed.

Carol Sear and Terry Watson
REPRESENTATIVES OF PRESIDENTS OF SATALITE URBANIZATIONS