

NOTES ON THE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL URBANIZATION AND THE MAYOR OF SAN MIGUEL DE SALINAS - SENOR ANGEL SAEZ 17th JANUARY 2007

Attending :- Senor Angel Saez --- The Mayor of San Miguel de Salinas
Mrs Carol Sear ----- Representative of Presidents of the Urbanizations
Mr Martin Sear
Mr Terry Watson ---- Representative of Presidents of the Urbanisations
Mr David Hardy SMdS Website
Miss Chloe McSherry (Interpreter)

1. Mr Watson thanked the Mayor for giving up his time and agreeing to meet the representatives; he then introduced them and gave apologies for Mrs Karen Landon and Mr Pete Herbert.
2. Mr Hardy explained that he was only an observer but he would offer any assistance he could in explaining matters to the Mayor
3. Miss McSherry presented the Mayor with a Spanish translation of the agenda which had failed to arrive from the front desk.
4. The Mayor then took up the agenda

Current update on the Water Supply

He gave a progress report on the new water main network. Two holding tanks will be built one adjacent to Los Comunicaciones and one Close to El Galane, work is in progress and a number of difficulties have been overcome. He will update us at our next meeting and of course on the San Miguel website

Roads - re-surfacing, traffic calming measures, markings and street lighting He stated that his road improving plan had already started in the Urbanisation adjacent to the Ford garage then progress on into Los Phillipinsas. See San Miguel Website 'Road works'

The Postal Service and Post Boxes

The Mayor explained that the Postal Service was the responsibility of the Post Office but he would once again see if he could resolve the issue.

Waste collection and recycling, Rats – Feral cats – Dog fouling and Completion of Recreation Areas

The Mayor said in line with waste collection problem he would look into providing of additional bins at waste collection points.

On poorly managed recreational and green areas which had now become rat ridden, overgrown and rubbish tips, the Mayor agreed to send in a large team to Blitz them.' He also said he had ordered a second road sweeper and approved the use of Road Signs for Dog fouling

Anti-social behaviour and improving facilities for young people

This is new territory for a Spanish Mayor who stated that in the 'Pueblo' this would be dealt with in a traditional way (bring back the Birch) Joke!!! So he suggested we discuss it at our next RPUC meeting and try and offer him some solutions?

The Mayor and the Representatives thank Chloe for her sterling translation work.

We summarise this congenial meeting as a beginning and an acceptance by the Mayor of the representations made. He was pleased to set regular meetings with the group and listen to the priorities identified by the People. Effective dialogue is one thing but it requires achievable requests by the Presidents and a resulting appropriate response by the Town Hall to deal with the problems that have been identified. "Working together is the only way", said the Mayor. Lets see if its just words – lets hope its actions!

Terry Watson

Representative of Presidents of Urbanization Committee

Acknowledgement. These notes have been compiled from David Hardy's San Miguel de Salinas Website in the absence of notes from Carol Sear due to illness, and from my own notes.