

Minutes of the Presidents Liaison Group held at Cheers Bar
Tuesday 11th December 2007

**Present: 7 Community Presidents/Representatives, 2 Press,
1 Neighbourhood Watch**

Terry Watson	Chairman	PLG
Frank Oliver	President	Blue Lagoon Urb
Ian Fitzpatrick	Representative	El Galan Urb
Alan Norris	Administrator	Eagles Nest Urb
Isobel Maughan	President	Aldea del Monte I Urb
Neil Burman	Representative	Balcon de la Costa Blanca
Phil Bacon	Representative	Villas Maria & Torrestella
Dick Conway	Neighbourhood Watch	
Louise Clark	Round Town News	
Rebecca Griffin	Coastrider	
Apologies: Dave Hardy	San Miguel website	
Carol Sear	President	Miramar & Monteray
Mike Levy	Representative	El Galan

There was no formal agenda as meeting was to discuss minutes/outcome of meeting requested by the Mayor with all Presidents that took place at Town Hall on 5 December 2007.

1. In the minutes, the Mayor advised major urbanization concerns should now be channeled to himself through his political representative Maria Jose Costa:

This was discussed and agreed by all those present as not acceptable. The Mayor was asking for support by requesting that Presidents/PLG approach him with their respective community concerns, rather than individual owners hounding him. He said that “he would make himself available for discussions only if requested by Presidents of Communities”. This request for support can only work if Mayor honours his part by being available in person to Presidents rather than going through a political representative, as PLG concerns were not politically motivated. This united feeling will be stated to the Mayor at the first opportunity arising.

It was voiced that Mayor’s request for support from Presidents was probably due to recent large demonstrations he had been faced with regarding three different major concerns, and that he could be “feeling the heat” from all sides. It is accepted that some major issues need resolving by officials higher than the Mayor, but there are still pressing issues that can be resolved directly by him and these should not be ignored.

It was also suggested by the 2 members of press present, that, with their assistance, any positive results with small issues being resolved could be highlighted through articles in English and Spanish local newspapers, ie write ups and photos, giving the Mayor good publicity which would encourage him to further assist in resolving larger issues, such as “clean” water supply and supposed green areas / roads being finished.

2. 12 Urbanisations are currently represented within PLG:

It was stressed that first port of call for owners was to approach their own community President. Any further action could then be brought to PLG attention and if necessary, taken up at PLG meetings with the Mayor. With this in mind, those present were asked to consider starting up community “surgeries” as these had proved very successful. Lists of Presidents and the urbanizations they represent will be published in local newspapers once information gathered. Very basic map marking the various urbanizations represented by PLG was also requested asap.

3. Issue of bringing urbanizations up to standard to allow being “signed over” to Town Hall:

Two presidents have been informed that if communities go ahead and complete required work, money spent will be reimbursed. Opinion of those present was that this was not very believable and too large a risk to take.

4. Round Town News reporter has been approached regarding Trevor McDonald programme on Crime in our area:

Researchers have asked if anyone recently affected would be willing to have their stories told and Presidents asked to contact anyone who might wish to partake. Those present agreed to pass on information but requested researchers include good experiences in programme to give balanced views. Basically to be realistic in their reporting. Crime occurs in all parts of the world if people put their belongings and themselves in risky situations.

5. Phil Bacon advised the committee that Peter Flugel (German Web Site) would no longer be attending the PLG Meetings as he felt the Chairman had unfairly accused him of having political affiliations. The Chairman stated he would have a word with him and try and resolve the matter.

Terry Watson
PLG Chairman

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 January 2008