

PLG meeting at Cheers Bar, 11.00am
13 May 2008 - MINUTES

Present:	Terry Watson	PLG Chairman / Blue Hills Urb
	Frank Oliver	Blue Lagoon Urb
	Richard Hughes	Blue Lagoon Urb
	Ian Fitzpatrick	El Galan Urb
	Mike Levy	El Galan Urb
	Alan Norris	Eagles Nest Urb
	Mike Newland	Eagles Nest Urb
	Isobel Maughan	PLG Secretary / Aldea Del Monte Urb
	Neil Burman	Balcon de la Costa Blanca
	Carol Sear	Miramar & Monteray Urbs
	Peter Herbert	Lomas de Golf Urb
	Trevor Brook	Puerta Laguna, Balcon de la Costa Urb
	Derrick Howarth	Puerta Laguna, Balcon de la Costa Urb
	Shirley Mayers	Zodiaco VI Urb
	Myra Cockx	Zodiaco VI Urb
Visitors:	Sergio Correas	Councilor for Urbanisation (Town Hall)
	Jesus Ballaster	Councilor of Roads and Parks (Town Hall)
Apologies	<i>Eleanor Morris</i>	<i>Galatese</i>
	<i>Louise Clarke</i>	<i>Round Town News Reporter</i>
	<i>Dick and Sally Conway</i>	<i>Neighbourhood Watch</i>

- 1 Chairman,** Terry Watson introduced Sergio Correas (Councilor for Urbanizations), and Jesus Ballaster (Councilor for roads and parks) who are our main contacts within the Town Hall when discussing urbanization concerns raised at PLG meetings. Sergio and Jesus were invited so that members present could put a face to those regularly mentioned in our minutes when advising outcome of meetings held at Town Hall when PLG issues/concerns are discussed and action requested.

Inevitably, with Sergio present, he was asked to clarify certain major issues:

- i. Current stage of resolving water situation.**

He explained, in some detail, meetings that himself and the Mayor have been involved in with Valencia over the last few months to secure agreement of finance plan to enable proposed schedule of work to go ahead to resolve water issues resulting in documents which are due to be signed this week, (a copy of which will be given to the PLG Chairman for information). Discussions with companies wishing to tender for water supplying contract with San Miguel can go ahead, now finance and requirements are agreed. Repayment of funding is to be over a 25 year period and assurance given that increase in user water bills would be cents rather than large increases. Sergio explained there are still issues to be resolved regarding ownership of some of the current pipe work etc but he is confident that, as noted in previous meetings, by October this year, the start of construction work will be visible.

- ii. Problems being encountered due to new road signs and road markings**

Having tried driving around the areas themselves, both Sergio and Jesus acknowledge serious first hand concerns. This situation will be resolved but as he is currently trying to arrange discussions with Orihuela Cost regarding reassigning boundaries to run alongside roads rather than through properties, it seems sensible to get agreement to this before remarking roads and changing road signs. In the meantime, as a temporary measure, Sergio suggests that road signs such as "no entry" which could lead to accidents or not

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allowing residents access to their own streets could be covered up black bin bags. He does ask though that he is given basic hand drawn map giving street names and marking which sign is to be covered. These should be given to PLG Chairman or Secretary who will get them to Sergio.

Sergio and Jesus had to leave for other appointments and they were thanked for effort made to attend today and working with PLG to resolve issues and concerns affecting urbanizations represented.

1.2 Introduction of new attendees.

Chairman welcomed Shirley Mayers, President & Myra Cockx, Vice President of Zodiaco VI where some properties within their urbanization come under San Miguel, others under Orihuela Costa. Contact numbers and email address will be added to PLG contact list.

While introducing Shirley and Myra, the Chairman took to opportunity to again remind those present of general aims and objectives and none political status of PLG

2 Agreement of previous PLG meeting minutes:

These were agreed apart from apology for absence received from Carol Sear was not recorded in minutes, sorry Carol

3 Notes of meeting Monday 5th May with Councilor (Sergio at Town Hall):

Items raised and responses given were read out. *A full copy of the notes are attached.*

4 Items requested by to be included/updated in today's agenda:

- .1 Peter Herbert, Lomas de Golf** regarding unfinished proposed roundabout beside Alba Bar – Can PLG get progress report from Town Hall, when this work will be completed?
Pressure being put on Orihuela Costa to tidy up their part of Lomas de Golf is eventually getting results although they state that the started but unfinished roundabout and roads leading off are the responsibility of San Miguel, not Orihuela Costa. Other members present today were able to add information as to why work appears to have stopped. Apparently there were plans for the area leading from the proposed roundabout to be developed as commercial units, Eroski Centre being one, with the developer taking responsibility of finishing roundabout and resurfacing of adjacent roads but it appears the original developer has now pulled out, hence little progress. More information will be requested from Town Hall.

Peter will supply details of contacts within Orihuela Costa that may be of help to others who currently face problems with their urbanization split between San Miguel and O/C.

- .2 Frank Oliver, Blue Lagoon** regarding urgent repairs needed to fill in large potholes in roads within Blue Lagoon Urb
This item will be raised with Sergio/Jesus at Town Hall again as although brought to their attention on various occasions in the past months repairs have still not taken place. (Maybe handing a list of particular road names needing urgent attention may get action started)

Websites from Frank mention in last month's meeting which is worth a look at for bus timetables etc.

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5 Any Other Business – Issues Raised at today’s meeting

.1 Mike Levy El Galan, regarding cleaning of drains.

This item was raised previously with Sergio and the Chairman was shown a work schedule of when the drains were cleaned. As requested previously by Town Hall, if they are given a hand drawn map with street name and marked with the individual drain covers which are causing bad odour problems then they will get these checked out.

.2 Mike Levy, El Galan, regarding lack of police presence in El Galan and surrounding areas.

It was noted that majority of those present today disagreed with this concern and voiced they regularly see Guardia and Police Local vehicles touring around during the day, evenings and even early hours of the mornings.

.3 Change of email address noted for Mike Levy. If anyone else has changed their contact details, telephone numbers, email address etc, please notify Terry or Isobel.

.4 Mike Newland, Eagles Nest, pointed out that although Sergio and Jesus are visiting areas requiring attention, yet promising 18 months ago to visit their urbanization to see problems needing to be resolved, has not happened. Also, can it be clarified what “adoption” of urbanizations by San Miguel actually covers.

A request to visit Eagles Nest and the question of what “adoption” covers will both be added to agenda for next meeting with Sergio.

**.5 Extra bottle banks requested throughout area.
Extra dumpsters requested
Various bottle banks and refuse bins need resiting.**

The best way to get Town Hall action on these items is back to simple hand draw maps, clearly marking street names and location of bottle banks or refuse bins etc needing attention. If these are given to Terry or Isobel, they will then be added to agenda and handed to Sergio at next meeting. This way makes it easier to pass correct details on and is also used as visual reminder every time we have meetings at Town Hall!!!!

.6 Petition for youth facilities

Louise Clarke, reporter from Round Town News, has drawn up a petition form and is encouraging local children to ask as many people as possible to support their need for facilities in the area by signing petition forms which will be presented to San Miguel Town Hall with her help. A copy of this form will be emailed to all PLG members asking for their support in getting signatures.

.7 Invitations to political opposition party to attend a PLG meeting

Although agreed in principle and noted in minutes of a previous PLG meeting early this year, after discussing this item again today, it was thought that even though Sergio is now an elected councilor, his visit to our meeting today was simply to put a name to a face that is so often mentioned during meetings and in minutes rather than him attending as party representative. It was noted that the majority of those present thought that although still in

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favor of an invite being issued in future, now might not be ideal time to invite a member of none elected opposition party to address the PLG.

.8 Shell of half built “hotel”

As noted at previous meetings, a suggestion of utilizing this shell of a building as possible youth/community centre incorporating a local police station and satellite Aymenio was put forward to Sergio. He could see possible advantages but advises that a proposal such as this, needs to be put directly to the Mayor as it would not be within Sergio’s authority to make such decision. A further point was raised that legally a voting station should be based within Los Filipinas. If this is correct then that could add further weight to suggestion of utilizing this building. **PMN. The Chairman has approached a Spanish lawyer with regard to the siting of a satellite Aymenio/Voting station. He said “That he thought it was dependent on the numbers of residents in the Urbanizations and the distance they had to travel to vote. But he would clarify this later.**

.9 List of local trade people

It was proposed a few months back that a list of contact details be put together of electricians, plumbers etc that Presidents could contact when minor work on urbanizations is required. Being able to get contact details of tried and tested workmen is preferable to going through adverts in local papers. For example, I needed a large tree taken down so I contacted another president who put me in touch with an owner on his urbanization who had a chainsaw. For me this was much better than picking random company from newspaper ad. Similar story when an electrician (who would turn up when he said!!!) was needed for a small but urgent job by another urbanization. So if you have managed to find reliable and reasonably priced trades people amongst owners and neighbours, let me know and I will put together an “odd job contacts list”.

With no further items raised the meeting ended.

Next Meeting to be held Tuesday 10th June 2008, Cheers Bar, 11.00am
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Item 3 of above Minutes

Meeting at Town Hall 5th May 2008 – Sergio, Terry Watson, Isobel Maughan

Items Raised at PLG meeting to be discussed with Town Hall

- i Metal holders to keep Refuse bins in situ Aldea Del Monte area -
These will be put in place Wed/Thur this week
PMN This has now been done as promised

- ii Green area bins
Sergio/Jesus advised they have arranged regular emptying of these (once per week, supposedly starting this week)

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- iii Drain, El Galan
Should be fixed this week
- iv One way road signs
Sergio and Jesus fully aware these are not logical after driving round area themselves last week. Reason he gave was that these signs/road markings were put in place using 5 year old map and totally unsuitable now. Roads will be remarked/signs changed, ASAP using upto date maps.
- v Bottle bank situation beside disused Grove Bar is obstructing road
This will be resited – supply hand drawn map as reminder to Sergio
- vi Water
Lots of legal paperwork/meetings taking place between San Miguel and Valencia are going on but basically seems things still on track and work in our areas should be seen to be in progress by October as previously noted
- vii Final adoption of Blue Hills
Blue Hills and *El Galan** together cover a large part of las Filipinas area. Everything now in order and agreed for Blue Hills. There is only one outstanding issue of 5 street lights delaying adoption of El Galan. Once this has been resolved adoption of both urbs will be finalized/agreed at internal town hall meeting (held every two months)
PMN *This needs to be clarified with Sergio again, as he may have meant Blue Lagoon, not El Galan when discussing this item.
- viii Damaged/Dangerous Electric box
Engineer was sent to area but could not see the problem. Will be shown exactly where this is when Sergio and Jesus visit area with Terry/Isobel on Friday.
PMN Friday - Sergio taken to this electric box and he telephoned engineer to get to area that day to repair.
- ix Meeting with Orihuela Costa
Sergio still trying to arrange as urgently needs to discuss changes in boundaries. Land beside disused Grove Bar has been allocated for possible building but with current boundaries this area is split between San Miguel and Orihuela Costa and needs to be resolved
- x Sergio and Jesus will come to areas of Blue Lagoon and Blue Hill on Friday to see for themselves some of the issues raised today and also need for regular maintenance of green area which after only a few months are returning to pre clean up stage.
PMN Friday – Sergio and Jesus did visit area as arranged with Terry/Isobel and taken to relative items raised needing attention. They were impressed with efforts made by residents trying to make green areas look the way they should (especially El Galan way). They have now agreed that a vast amount of “plants” will be allocated to our area and suggested a separate meeting to be arranged, next week if possible, to discuss long term/low cost maintenance of green areas. They will get us a list of plants they would be willing to allocate (taking in hundreds!) so cost effective ideas of best type of plants (no water supplied to a lot of the large areas) and offers of help with planting from residents will put forward so get thinking !!! We need to keep the momentum going on this.

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