



Minutes of Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 3 February 2021, 2pm

1. Apologies for Absence

John Harris; John McCracken

2. Treasurer's Report

GC reported end of 2020 bank balance of €14 518. and €142 on hand as petty cash. Relevant forms and letters had been lodged with Caixa Bank - PG GC and CJM all signatories.

3. Registration of the Association

A further email has been sent to Tina requesting an appointment but still not had response. Forms all completed ready to confirm change of officer. Need to sort out position regarding AGMs and meetings in general.

CB suggests we send out newsletter detailing impossibility of holding meetings and advising current committee and all officers, standing to stay in place until AGM can be held. Although email addresses are recorded when members registered, many do change email without advising. There are some cases where two or three members of a household will have same email address and this will cause a discrepancy in numbers between members registered and email addresses registered.

Attendance at AGM has varied over the years and quite often there have been only committee and a few members. Alternatively there was certainly one meeting attended by 250+. In the current situation maybe not many would attend even when restrictions are lifted. Therefore any meeting would have to be by circulating email information or possibly a Zoom meeting.

4. Update on Responses to the Letters sent out in December

Still only two responses received - from the office of the PM and the Ombudsman. Four others have not responded and a reminder letter needs to be sent.

The PM office advised that in their opinion the issue is between Attorney General and Ayuntamiento. As such this does not help us other than providing information to progress up the line.



5. Review of 28 Page report vis a vis Response to Ombudsman

The Ombudsman had replied with requests for more precision in the enquiry. NJ had drafted an excellent response and PG now suggests this draft be amplified particularly highlighting points in our letter vis-a-vis the Regional Report. The glaring error in our request was not clearly identifying what we want to happen.

The Ombudsman had indicated he could deal with any maladministration items however it may be difficult to define and needs to be viewed from many points within the scope of our complaints. In fact we need to focus the Ombudsman on peoples' rights.

The Ombudsman is requesting details of complaints over the last 12 months, although in fact our situation is ongoing over 20 years. Particularly we need evidence of complaints to and failures by the council during the last year.

It is necessary to prove the Ayuntamiento guilty of maladministration by not having pursued recommendations contained within the Regional report. It was only at the meeting last summer we understood they were not intending to take the recommendations any further. Evidence has to be provided in the form of complaints to the Council, However with the reduced communications/meetings in the current situation, we do not have documentation of complaints made. The few meetings held were not minuted, nor indeed any agenda provided despite requests. Other than verbal complaints we are unable to demonstrate these failings by the Ayuntamiento.

In summary, we need to better define what we want to complain about, what evidence we have and what do we want the Ombudsman to do. It needs to be obvious that we have complained about failure in obligations.

We have read with interest items posted on a 'FactFinder' website, which seems to purport responses to requests for information from CRA, which have not been forthcoming from the Councillor representing the foreign community.

To augment our complaint we need the response from Murcia Region how they view the lack of action by Mazarrón. Perhaps we could delay a detailed response to the Ombudsman which is required within a 30 day period, by saying we await the response from Murcia.

NJ was requested to fine tune a response in the terms which he considers would be acceptable to the Ombudsman. It was noted that the requirements to complete the urbanisation are far more extensive than that which seems the Ombudsman is prepared to review.

We do have contact information for several other bodies relevant to Murcia - next may be to approach MEP and more important to push Murcia to establish what they will do about compliance with their report which appears to place responsibility for action on Mazarrón.

6. Meeting with Silvana

Silvana has requested a copy of the report, however all this is in the public domain, so unsure of what she requires.

Silvana has requested a meeting but not confirmed when or agenda. The CRA are keen to maintain harmonious relations with Mazarrón through Silvana but there do seem to be communications problems since meetings of neither the Round Table nor the Working Table have been commenced.

Despite requests for details of works in hand and expenditures made against the budget allocated we have not received any information. Silvana has mentioned that a project of trimming palms on public roads has been done, however the project has not been completed. Some potholes in roads have been filled but not in any competent way to ensure longevity of the repairs.

A budget of €90k was supposed to be allocated for lighting - probably much more will be required and a proper tender should be submitted but this route does not appear to have been followed, it is understood this may as a result of monies outstanding to Iberdrola. Issues had been raised of lost wiring and incorrect connections which really should have been responsibility of council on takeover from the developer. However, this does not really answer the problems of bringing the system up to standard.

The new completion of the football pitch was welcomed after residents trying for over ten years. However, it was noted this had been paid for from a Regional sports budget allocation and not Mazarrón - may there be scope for other items from this budget?

It is pleasing to see small items addressed but there are so many greater items to be actioned.

We want to be working toward making things better including working alongside the Council. A great deal could be realised by visiting the various sectors, establishing a list of the problems which need to be resolved and resolving a strategy to move forward.

The urbanisation needs to be completed as it should have been years ago. Gaspar and the administration need to be clear on the promises made at his election and how he is following through on those. Lighting and roads and prime issues and sensible application of the budget made available for Camposol.

CB and **CJM** to meet with Silvana to arrange future meetings.



7. Reports from the Gardening Groups

CB reported that palms to be pruned this week by BClean - cost some €1400. There had been an issue with garden rubbish on all four sectors. Skips are emptied fortnightly, reduced from the weekly clearing. CB was in process of producing modulo1 to reinstate weekly collections. Silvana very helpful in completing relevant forms. The four groups are liaising well together although work is not permitted under current regulations.

Email has been sent to Elaine to request representation from A Sector. Unfortunately she is unable to assist but has passed this on to rest of her committee to contact CB direct.

8. Council Sports Fund / Camposol Budget

Informed that regional sport fund paid for football pitch. Acknowledged that this was a great step forward

9. Aid for those struggling with the pandemic

No responses other than that already reported - Closed

10. FoodBank

No further action - **NJ** scheduled to attend meeting to pursue discussions and report back to Committee.

11. Halloween Fund Raiser

Alison Lister, former CRA committee Member, asked whether the CRA would be interested in being involved. PG asked Sue Reid (from Cloud 9) and Ida Halton (Harlequins) would like to join the charity effort - positive reactions received. **PG** suggested Alison be invited to rejoin the committee.

12. Any Other Business

Membership - at one point numbers had been 930, currently 1227, which shows we are recruiting well. Another newsletter needs to be drafted - Action **PG**

NJ reminded that he suggested before Christmas we should endeavour to recruit other members, in particular foreign nationals. He had circulated some Dutch residents but there had not been any response or interest. PG reported that previously Dutch residents had supported FAST but these numbers had declined.

Thanks for attendance