



AGM 2016 Minutes of the Meeting

The Annual general meeting of the 'Palmeras de Altea Residents Association' was held at the Piano bar in the Villa Gadea Hotel, Altea on Saturday 26th March 2016 and was attended by 26 members of the Association. There were eight proxy votes held by the members of the board and it was noted there were 12 apologies for absence received.

Mr. Carlos Iturrioz (the previous President) at the request of the board kindly agreed to chair the meeting as an interim measure. He made the first call at 16.30 hours and the meeting officially came to order at 17.00 hours. Members of the board present were:

- Trevor Giddings, Secretary.
- Cor van den Heuvel, Treasurer.
- Richard Verney, Non-Executive member.

Agenda:

1. Opening and welcome by Carlos Iturrioz, the previous President.
2. Reading of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 28th March 2015, approval and adoption.
3. Review of Activities and Achievements.
4. Financial Report of 2015.
Budget for the year 2016.
Annual membership fee, proposal to be held at €150 per annum.
5. Elections:
Existing Board: President : Vacant
Vice-President : Vacant
Secretary : Trevor Giddings
Treasurer : Cor van den Heuvel
Non-Executive : Richard Verney
6. Questions from the floor and any other business.
7. Closing the meeting by Carlos Iturrioz.

Item 1:

Carlos opened the meeting by welcoming those present and thanked them for their attendance. He noted that one of our members Mr Raymond Foreshaw had passed away and offered his and the boards condolences to the family. He also pointed out that as agreed at previous years AGM's the meeting would be held in English but that he would be happy to translate it into Spanish if asked. The members present agreed to English being used throughout.

Item 2:

Carlos asked whether any member present required these minutes to be read out or whether they could be adopted as published. A vote was taken to adopt the minutes without a formal reading.

Item 3:

Carlos reviewed the activities and achievements by the boards officers and read a lengthy list of them to the meeting.

Item 4:

The treasurer Cor van den Heuvel presented the Financial Report of 2015 and the Budget for the year 2016 to the meeting (all previously sent to all the members) and asked the members if there were any questions. A short discussion ensued around the costs of cleaning the Galera and the numbers of members we have before both the Financial report of 2015 and the Budget for the year 2016 were voted on and approved.

Item 5:

- President Vacancy:

A vote was taken and Peter Thuesen was adopted as President of the Association.

- Treasurer:

No candidates were forthcoming. Carlos said it was illegal to operate without a Treasurer but it would be all right if the members voted to keep the position open to allow the Board time to find a suitable candidate. In the meantime Cor agreed to stay on in the interim.

The remaining board members were all approved to carry on for a further year.

Item 6:

Questions from the floor:

1. The entrance to the Galera, the dangers of turning illegally into the Galera from Altea and turning left from the Galera to go to Calpe. The options are: A roundabout, a junction like Altea Hills, posts in the road or some other solution.

The board have been and will continue to pursue the above with the Ayuntamiento and Highways department and at the suggestion of a member ask the Guardia Civil for their help too.

2. The Fire Safety exit:

The board have raised this again with the Ayuntamiento recently and is on going .

3. Hydrants:

The Ayuntamiento want us to pay a private company €200,000 for a survey before they would draw up a plan and ask the Valencian government to pay its installation.

4. Legal Advice:

Our new President is seeking legal advice to see if we can use the law to solve some of our issues on the Urbanisation.

5. Railwaybridge:

Carlos did ask about improving the road on the bridge but the railway company will not.

6. White Line/Cats eyes/ Rumble Strip:

Although the cats eyes and white line on the El Puput entrance road were replaced by the contractors Tyosa the white line is not reflective and needs replacing. A rumble strip was also suggested to help drivers to gauge where the ditch is.

Item 7:

No further questions were forthcoming and Carlos Iturrioz closed the meeting at 18.15.

Trevor Giddings (Secretary)

31st March 2016.