



Palmeras de Altea Residents Association - AGM 2018 - 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 31st March 2018 and was attended by 50 residents of the urbanisation and there were 7 proxy votes held by the members of the board. Peter made the first call at 16.30 hours and the meeting officially came to order at 17.00 hours.

Members of the board present: Peter Thuesen, President.
Trevor Giddings, Secretary.
Leslie Schlebaum, Treasurer.
Richard Verney, Non-Executive.

Agenda:

1. Opening and welcome by Peter Thuesen, President.
2. Reading of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25th March 2017, approval and adoption.
3. Review of Ongoing works.
4. Financial Report for the year 2017.
Budget for the year 2018.
Annual membership fee, proposal to be held at €150 per annum.
5. Elections.
After 4 years of duty, according to the statutes, it is proposed to nominate the secretary Mr. Trevor Giddings for re-election. He would only be available for another year, awaiting volunteers to take over at the 2019 AGM.
Existing Board: President : Peter Thuesen.
Secretary : Trevor Giddings.
Treasurer : Leslie Schlebaum.
Non-Executive : Richard Verney.
6. Correos revised set-up of buzones, background and explanations.
Voting on future management and usage of the mailboxes.
7. Entrance, proposal to issue process of enhancement.
8. Questions from the floor and any other business.
9. Closing the Meeting by the President

Item 1:

Peter opened the meeting by welcoming those present and thanked them for their attendance. He also mentioned a big thank you to Mr Ton Wantenaar and Alexandre Le Boulaire who though not on the board work very hard for the association.

Item 2:

Peter asked whether any member present required the minutes for the AGM held 25th March 2017 to be read out or whether they could be adopted as published. The members made no objections and the minutes were thus adopted without a formal reading.

Item 3:

Peter reviewed the 'Ongoing works' of the association and discussed some of them at the meeting. He told the meeting that we had sought legal advice on a range of subjects but whatever we want to do WE have to pay, the Ayuntamiento are not helpful in this regard. Peter said any member who requires it can have a copy of the Solicitors report via email. It includes their legal opinion on payments for the sewer replacement, Suma, the liability of the developer Mr. Jaime Cortés, noise reduction wall, roundabout, street lighting, completing the urbanisation etc. The Office at the entrance is now being shared and we get a small income from the tenant. We have made enquiries about getting the money from the old Associations bank account but no real progress so far.

Item 4:

The treasurer Leslie Schlebaum presented the Financial report for 2017 and the Budget for the year 2018 to the meeting (all previously sent to all the members). After a brief discussion the Financial report for 2017 and the Budget for 2018 were approved by a unanimous vote. The Association annual fee will stay at €150.

Item 5:

Trevor Giddings re elected for a further year. Peter appealed for more volunteers.

Item 6:

The Correos have insisted that we must re arrange the Buzons alphabetically by using the names of the roads and the numbers of the houses as per their letter of 23rd November 2017, sent to ALL residents by them. Buzon numbers will not be needed on correspondence once the new system is in place. Peter told the meeting that we will send a letter to ALL residents to advise them of this change, invite non members to join our Association to secure a Buzon and give them ALL a time scale when this work will be completed.

The meeting voted unanimously to proceed as Peter suggested.

Item 7:

The board would like to improve the entrance to the Galera by means of a wall with our name on it, similar to Altea Hills but not that scale and also improve the Basura area. Peter proposed we use an architect to come up with ideas for these improvements. A vote was taken and 48 voted yes and 2 voted no.

Item 8:

Questions from the floor and any other business.

- a. A member made an enquiry about parking near the Casita. We were told a camera would be installed but the Police have not responded to our calls about it.
- b. A member asked all members to register with the Ayuntamiento as it increases the funds to the Ayuntamiento from Valencia. Not sure of the benefit to members.
- c. A member raised the matter of a previous letter to the EEC about the infrastructure on our Urbanisation and suggested we could follow that up to get the Ayuntamiento to act on various matters. The board agreed
- d. A member asked how much would it cost to complete the Urbanisation restructuring. We don't have an accurate estimate at the moment.
- e. A member suggested we ask all residents for an extra one off payment of €100 to take care of buying a new road sign for the Galera.
- f. A member suggested we should approach Onieva about signage and the road junction. The board will take up that idea.
- g. A member asked if we were getting fibre optic cable on the Galera and the answer is yes.
- h. A member suggested we enquire about buying land on the right to get an extra lane on the main road to improve our entrance and exit to our Urbanisation. Without support from the Ayuntamiento this is a non starter.
- i. A member asked if the surplus we have on our account is sufficient for the improvements we wish to make. We will use an architect for ideas and costs.

Item 9:

The meeting was closed by the President around 18.20 hr.

Altea, 31st March,
Trevor Giddings, Secretary.