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### Minutes of the General Assembly of 28 October 2014

Members present 49, Non-members 5

#### Opening

The meeting came to order at 10.35am and the President welcomed all the members present. Also in attendance were Mayor José Chulvi, Councillor Doris Courcelles and Josep Lluís Henarejos from AMJASA.

#### 1. Town Hall Update by Mayor José Chulvi

- The Town Hall is waiting for the contract for asphaltting the roads to be finalised. It was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will be finalised on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The work will hopefully start in early December this year. All together in Jávea there are 86 streets in five areas scheduled for complete or partial asphaltting, including 38 on the Montgó. The Montgó will be first priority. Before the work can start AMJASA has to prepare a number of the roads by changing some pipes, etc. A full listing of the streets affected is available in the Jávea News page on the APMJ website.
- Important changes have been made in the fire protection and response protocols. There is a new chief for the Protección Civil in Jávea. We will invite him to one of our Montgó Mornings.
- Keeping the vegetation clear on the Montgó is the responsibility of every house owner for private plots, Jávea and Dénia Town Halls for the public areas, and the Generalitat Valenciana for the Natural Park. Many plants and bushes are growing into the roads and the responsibility for their clearance is difficult to determine. However, in the first instance residents should report overgrown areas to the Town Hall in Jávea which might be in a position to help clear the problem. It should also be noted that the task was huge but resources limited.
- Question: Who is responsible for cleaning the barrancas (gulleys) and is there a plan for their clean up?
- Answer: The cleaning of the barrancas is a problem. The organisation responsible for the barrancas, the Confederación Hidrográfica del Júcar (CHJ), has also suffered budget cuts. If the Town Hall wanted to do the work, then authorisation had to be sought from the CHJ. Before the recent fire there was a plan for the clean up of the barrancas, but now fire prevention was the number one priority and a new application from the Town Hall needed to be sent to the CHJ.
- APMJ Proposal: We have already voted some money to help with the asphaltting of the roads. The money was still available and could be given to the Town Hall to help clear the barrancas and the overgrowth ahead of the asphaltting.

- Question: What could be done to help the problem with garden waste being thrown into vacant plots and public areas?
- Answer: We could all help ourselves! Every owner should take care of their own property, should use the garden waste containers at the Punto Verdes and, most importantly, report anybody dumping waste. If caught, they would be fined.
- Question: How are the plans to build the Residential Homes in the Huertos del Montgó progressing? When will the developer start building? Could we see the plans?
- Answer: Residents could see the plans in the Town Hall, in C/ D'Avall. The original plan was for some 300 homes, but now the plan is for 65 with supporting facilities. The plans had yet to be approved at the regional government level. Changes would be needed to the water supply, access roads, etc. A water deposit would be built for the development. The fire-fighting helicopters could use this deposit.
- Question: Would existing residents be expected to pay for roads and services as had happened across the region under the 'land grab' laws (LRAU)?
- Answer: No, they would not be required to pay as this was a wholly private venture.

## **2. AMJASA Update by Josep Lluís Henarejos**

- AMJASA has responsibility for some 600kms of pipe work in Jávea, more than many other towns in Spain with a similar population as a consequence of the wide spread of houses in the town.
- AMJASA is checking all the connections and repairing leaks. Residents should inform the company if they discover a leak. AMJASA can be contacted during normal office hours via 96 579 0162, by email at [amjasa@amjasa.com](mailto:amjasa@amjasa.com) or Facebook; out of out-of-hours contact should be made by telephone using the office number, or by calling the local police.
- Residents are not being advised when AMJASA needs to turn off the water supply for work or repairs. It would be helpful if the company could send an e-mail to the APMJ so as to advise members. (Note: An arrangement for this has since been put in place.)
- Question: People living in a small side street in C/Montgó are experiencing water leaks 2-3 times a year. Can the pipes there be repaired properly?
- Answer: AMJASA is going to change all the piping in this street, along with 15 other streets in the area where changes were needed.
- Question: Is there a device available to check leaks in the house?
- Answer: You can simply check if the meter is running when nothing is turned on. There is a plan to improve all the meters with digital meters in 2-3 years, which will help highlight problems.
- Question: If you use over a set amount of water then you will be charged for all water used at that new higher price. Isn't this unfair?
- Answer: Compared to other towns in the area, charges are not very high in Jávea. That said, the tariffs are being reviewed. Whatever the charges, it is important that every user tries to conserve water.
- Question: What can be done about your AMJASA bill if you discover you have had a leak?
- Answer: If your bill is more than the normal amount following a leak then you might be eligible for a refunded of part of the excess. However, it is important to get the leak repaired by a recognised plumber and to submit the repair bill to AMJASA along with the request for a refund.

On behalf of all those present José Chulvi, Doris Courcelles and Josep Lluís Henarejos were thanked for their attendance and informative contributions.

## **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

Matters arising from the General Assembly held on 25 October 2013 included the on-going discussion regarding APMJ Funds and how these can be reduced in the future. The proposal to approve the minutes of that meeting was made by Hugh Epsom and seconded by BJ Coombs. Carried unanimously.

## **4. Financial Update**

The budget was detailed in the copy presented to the attendees.

The current balance was €11,593.

Membership for 2014 comprised 313 households. A reminder would be sent to members who had not yet paid for this year.

There were 29 new or re-joining members.

The membership subscription for 2015 could be paid from December this year. The amount would stay €15 per year.

We were buying a new buzón bank with 36 mailboxes. The €2900 this would cost needed to be added to the budget.

Overall, the finances were healthy.

## **5. Buzones**

A new buzón bank with 36 boxes would be installed at the Punto Verde by the Clínica Dental before the end of the year.

The one-off cost to members would be €80 per box.

## **6. Social Events**

Christmas Lunch will be again at the restaurant La Masena on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Invitations with a menu would be sent out shortly.

We would continue to hold the Montgó Mornings each month. The next one would be Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## **7. Speed Limit – Jávea/Jesús Pobre Road**

The speed limit on the Carretera Jávea/Jesús Pobre is 50 kph. Many people were driving much faster than that and accidents were common, especially while overtaking those keeping to the limit. Signage on the road was very poor, as were the road markings. The speed limit was set by the provincial government in Alicante and not the Town Hall. Views were sought from members as to whether they thought the speed limit should stay at 50 kph or it should be increased. The issue was put to a vote with seven members wishing to keep the limit as it was and the rest wishing to increase it. The President would now send a letter to the Alicante government asking for a review of the speed limit and for better signage/markings.

## **8. Volunteers for Committee Posts**

Volunteers for the post of Treasurer were still sought. Shirley had agreed to stay in post until we could find somebody else and then provide support to the new Treasurer until he or she had settled into the job. (Note: A volunteer for the Treasurer post has since come forward.)

John Sloggie, our NHW Coordinator, also wishes to hand over the job to somebody else because of other commitments. A volunteer is sought for this post.

The post of Social Secretary was still vacant.

Volunteers for either of these two latter posts should contact the APMJ President, Andrew Simmonds, in person or by email ([presidentapmj@gmail.com](mailto:presidentapmj@gmail.com)) or the Secretary, Barbara Walters ([montgo.residents@googlemail.com](mailto:montgo.residents@googlemail.com)).

## **9. Closing Remarks**

In closing the meeting the President expressed his thanks to the Committee for their hard work during the year. He looked forward to the coming year and hoped that the APMJ could contribute to the discussion on the General Plan for Jávea, amongst other issues.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:20 hrs.**

**The next AGM will be in March 2015.**

### **President**

Andrew Simmonds

### **Secretary**

Barbara Walters