



## ASOCIACIÓN PROPIETARIOS MONTGÓ JÀVEA

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8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Members present 55, new members 4, Non-members 2

Came to order 10:30hrs

#### Opening

The meeting came to order at 10:30 and the President welcomed all the members present. The agenda for the meeting was adjusted for the attendance of Doris Courcelles, and Sr.Oscar Anton who were present to answer questions.

#### 1. Deputy Mayor and Finance Councillor Sr. Oscar Anton

- Oscar Anton our Deputy Mayor and Councillor responsible for Finance and Communication with Non Spanish residents commented on a number of developments:-
- The Help Desk in the Town Hall since its set up two years ago, has dealt with over 4.000 queries from residents.
- A number of new developments and laws are currently being introduced and the Town Hall has organised a number of talks to explain to residents what they involve.
- On May 14<sup>th</sup> in the Casa de Cultura there will be a talk on the new Eco Certificate which is required for anyone selling a house (AMPJ have organised a talk for members in June – more information to follow). Older houses will require a new *cedula* as part of a new law introduced requiring an inspection of all appliances to ensure that they are up to date. This is only required if you are selling a house.
- There is also a new law obliging every householder who rents their property to declare this for tax purposes.

## 2. Town Hall Finances

- 2 years ago the new Coalition inherited a debt of over € 40 million. This debt in the past two years has been reduced by € 12 million and Javea has the best record in the Valencia Community for debt reduction. The strategy during the 4 year term of office is to reduce this debt in total by € 20 million.
- The Town Hall has received grants from the Valencia Government to complete the works on the Arenal and Asphaltting in many areas of Javea including the Montgo area.
- Doris Courcelles explained the maintenance of hedges, trees and parks which comprises of 68 km in Javea will continue to be well maintained despite budget constraints and this will be also include the cleaning of the *barrancas*, many of which are on the Montgo. The Town Hall is currently looking to use employed labour to do this but the logistics of liability have to be carefully examined.
- A number of questions were asked with regard to overgrown hedges and trees on private property and Doris explained that this is the personal responsibility of that home owner. Legal steps can be taken to force this person to correctly maintain his property but the most sensible option was to talk to your neighbour and arrive at an amicable solution.

On behalf of all APMJ members our president Tim Fawle thanked Doris and Oscar for their attendance and commented that the cooperation with APMJ, Councillors and the Town Hall was excellent enabling our member to solve various problems.

## 3. Annual General Meeting

Apologies for Absence – Phil Fraser.

The Minutes were approved and proposed by John Sloggie and seconded by Penny Floodgate.

## 4. Finances

Shirley Sloggie our Treasurer explained APMJ finances and at December 2012 the membership was 273 members. Expenditure has risen this year due to the introduction of our new Website and meeting costs where APMJ pay for coffees of those attending. At the year-end our bank balance was € 13.000,-. Tim explained once again that we are looking to fairly and correctly to reduce this amount by funding various activities such as maintenance of overgrown areas if the Town Hall's budget cannot cover this. Members will receive a copy of the accounts by e-mail; and in the future before the AGM will be sent a copy of the accounts to study prior to the next AGM.

Shirley Sloggie was thanked for her great and reliable work in the last year and Mike Granville for auditing the accounts.

Shirley explained 2012 was a very good year for the association.

We had at year end 273 members against a budget of 250 members.

The number of *buzones* have expanded in different areas and we have sold these to existing and new members.

Total expenses € 4.491,-

The subscription was reduced for this year to € 15,- per year per household.

Chris Winter and Shirley Sloggie are tightly working together.

All subs for this year should be paid by 31. May 2013.

A copy of the report is attached.

## 5. APMJ Budget Proposal

- Look for creative ways to wisely spend some funds to improve the Montgo area.
- As APMJ have a very healthy bank balance it is proposed that we should use some of this money to pay for cutting back overgrown areas on the Montgo if the Town Hall cannot do this work.
- We will always ask the Town Hall (Doris) to complete this work first but if they do not have funds available, then APMJ funds could be utilised. Each case will be assessed by the Committee on it's merits.
- This will not include the Carretera Jesus Pobre as this is controlled by the *Diputación de Alicante*.
- Considerable discussion took place and a suggestion was made to provide a limit of spend on each job and also to discuss this with members. The Committee will re look at this because it is difficult to satisfy everyone. Tim did comment that we are a non profit association and we must make moves to spent this money wisely as funds have accumulated over the years.

## 6. Committee Member Subscriptions

The committee proposed a motion to the General Assembly that during their term of office each committee member will have their subscription waived in recognition of their efforts made on behalf of APMJ.

The motion was agreed and proposed by David Hattersley and seconded by Tom Hay.

## 7. Election of Officers

All members of the committee agreed to continue apart from Ans Dorpema, she has decided not to continue as a Committee Member due to other commitments.

The members were proposed by Patricia Dewar and seconded by Garry Mudge.

Tim Fawle will be looking for a new president for next year, as he will complete four years at the end of this year and it is time to appoint a new President.

## 8. President's Report 2012

- An excellent communication with the Mayor Jose Chulvi and his Town Hall team has resulted in a substantial improvement in many roads that have been asphalted.
- We can now pick up the phone and in most cases get a rapid answer to any questions.
- Continued to improve communication with members through the launch of our website and Newsletters and Facebook.
- APMJ website is very informative to those you chose to use it with some interesting information which is helpful to members.
- Neighbourhood Watch has been active this year with several alerts, increased presence by the Guardia and local police and members participation in reporting incidents.
- Another *buzon* box was purchased to the area of *Punto Verde* Clinical Dental.
- At the October GA members approved the reduction in subscriptions from € 20,- per household to € 15,-
- Reduced dog fouling of streets by providing signs.

## 9. Sally Skelton's Help

Sally has helped APMJ members covering a number of issues:

- The majority of her work has been with the *Catastro*: errors with boundaries, street numbers not corresponding with *Catastro*, outstanding payments that people are not aware of.
- There have been problems with *barrancas*, queries with Amjasa, Iberdrola, discount on *basura* tax only corresponding to pensioners, over-hanging branches, pot holes, etc., even had someone asking regarding should they declare their rent of their property!
- Most of the problems with *Catastro* required a visit with the person to office in the C/ Mayor.
- Other enquiries have been dealt with through phone calls and putting them in contact with the person who can assist them.

## 10. Neighbourhood Watch

- Neighbourhood Watch has been very active over the past Year where certainly in the past few months we continue to see various incidents in our neighbourhood. Attendees were shown the various incidents that have been reported during the past year.
- Our thanks to members for reporting these incidents and to Phil Fraser our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for circulating these alerts.

## 11. Plans for 2013

- Continue to increase membership members.
- Continue to develop a higher profile for AMPJ that can lobby the Town Hall on key issues.
- Expand social activities for those members wishing to get to know fellow members.
- Develop a selection of interesting talks to ensure members are fully informed of developments, e.g.: Liz Yardley explained the plan to organise meetings with the following subjects which should be of interest to everyone i.e. ECO certificates, Iberdrola, Amjasa, Seprona and Amigos de Javea. In addition a member offered to present a talk on the world of Finance and its implications and members

were asked if they would attend this. Unfortunately only 3 people from over 60 attendees expressed interest which did not make a viable proposition.

Liz Yardley was thanked for taking these initiatives which undoubtedly will be of interest to APMJ members.

- Continue to communicate well with all members through regular Newsletters, Montgó Mornings Social Events and General Assembly Meetings which are held regularly.
- Work with the Town Hall on minor road maintenance, pot holes, etc. These are small problems that need to be addressed but may not be in the overall budget plan.
- Help homeowners to solve the problem of encroaching branches, etc. from adjoining properties.
- As Javea Town Hall have responsibility for maintaining the *barrancas*, we will develop a plan with them to prioritise this work.

## 12. Any Other Business

It would be good if all our members who have internet look through our website regularly. There are interesting topics.

The next coffee morning will be at the new restaurant “Le Gourmand” (former 121) on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

There were no other items raised under Any Other Business.

## Meeting adjourned at 12:05 hrs.

In closing the meeting Tim Fawle expressed his thanks to the Committee for their hard work during the past year.

Following the meeting over 30 people attended an excellent lunch in El Gaucho organised by our Social Secretary Liz Yardley.

### President

Tim Fawle

### Secretary

Barbara Walters

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