

## **Meeting of the town Council on September 29th**

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All members of the Council were present.

17 male and 2 female members of the public attended.

### **1. Approval of the Town Hall accounts.**

The spokesperson for the PSOE inquired about the return of money charged for water consumption. The Mayor replied that cases where money was returned were always investigated by the Local Police and, where necessary, the municipal plumber to ensure that refunds were due. This could be the case where water metres had broken or where there was a leak. The PSOE spokesperson stated that where a leak occurred after the metre no refund would be due. He cited the case of a Mr. Smith of 35, Urb. El Olivar, Buenavista.

He also asked why the Town Hall had assumed responsibility for the cost of the demolition of a wall on the Valle Del Sol estate; one which had been built by people on the estate without permission. The Mayor replied that the people in question had not been identified. The PSOE spokesperson claimed to know their identity, as he had been informed of it. He asked for permission to accompany the Local Police to the estate so as to be able to identify the people to whom the bill for demolition should be given to. The request was granted.

The spokesperson also inquired about money paid for the legalisation of a swimming pool. It remains unclear whether the house is legal and whether the pool is in the original project. The Town Hall documentation will be consulted.

### **2. Award or renewal of the franchise for the running of the Mountain Hostel.**

According to the Mayor, these franchises are not extendable but are subject by law to public offers. The Council is obliged to award the franchise to the highest bidder. A further three month extension will be added to that already granted.

### **3. Ratification of the agreement of the JGL (Local Government Committee) for autonomous rehabilitation.**

Due to our lack of familiarity with this matter we are unable to grasp the details and so are unable to report. References were made to various resolutions of which we have no knowledge. Sorry.

### **4. Approval of an audit of the municipal accounts with particular reference to investments and subsidies. (2006 to 2008).**

The intention is to carry out an audit of the municipal accounts, which will be passed on to the Public Prosecutor, whatever its outcome. The Provincial Government had already refused to carry out this audit so the cost will fall to the Town Hall. The contract for the audit will go to the firm that makes the best offer. The result of the audit will be made public. The PSOE supports this audit as, according to the spokesperson, "We too are interested to know what happened".

There was a slight disagreement between the PSOE and the PP representatives because, in the special meeting held the previous week, the request by the PSOE that Sra. Llamas be investigated had been denied. (See my previous report).

#### **5. Decision to name a street or square after Don Antonio López Cazorla, a Civil Guard who was killed on duty.**



Antonio López Cazorla  
04-06-1977

Antonio López Cazorla came from El Bañuelo, in the municipality of Alcaucin and was killed by the GRAPO (an extreme left-wing terrorist group) on June 4 1977. A plaque or a plinth will be erected, according to the wishes of the family.

(Personally I feel that the local people should be ashamed of having delayed 32 years before finally honouring this individual).

#### **6. Ratification of the agreement of the JGL regarding local celebrations.**

The Mayor returned to this point later, stating that the Feria Chica would consist only of a mass and a procession for the purpose of saving money.

#### **7. Urgent matters.**

**7.1** The Mayor asked for an explanation of the large number of association in existence which appear not to be very active. The PSOE councillor, José Luis Guerrero Ruiz will be responsible for providing the documentation.

**7.2** Relating to technical support. Again I must apologise for being unable to follow the details of this matter.

#### **8. Written communications.**

**8.1** The Mayor asserts that, contrary to what has been circulated in writing, "this Town Hall has not as yet lost any subsidy, although it is true that one has been rejected because the necessary conditions could not be met." (See my previous report).

**8.2** The Feria Chica (the Small Feria) will consist only of a mass and a procession due to financial restrictions. Also justified by the close proximity of the Fiesta de la Castaña.

**8.3** The Fiesta de la Castaña will take place on 31 October.

**8.4** Special permission for the use of a public road to facilitate access for an ill person.

#### **9. Any other matters.**

- The PSOE requested that the Mayor rectify his accusation that the PSOE was behind some letters signed "Some people from Alcaucin".
- The PSOE requested that the statement by the Mayor that "the good days of urban development are over for them" be retracted.
- The PSOE complained that the present councillors in power are earning more than before. The Mayor replied that those in power now have cost the municipality 15,000 Euros less than their predecessors and that "If the salaries of las personas de confianza (people appointed by those in power to paid posts in the Town Hall) are taken into consideration, then the saving amounts to nearly 25,000 Euros per year." (A councillor with responsibilities in this Town Hall earns some 1928 Euros per month, in the previous administration the salary was some 1894 Euros monthly. Personally I would think that the salaries could be reduced.)
- The PSOE insisted again on the creation of a municipal employment list (See my earlier report). The Mayor supported the current transparent system but accepted that the PSOE could present a proposal.

#### **10. Contributions to the meeting from the public.**

- The couple who currently have the franchise for the Mountain Hostel and the chiringuito requested that their franchise be extended until the end of their franchise for the chiringuito comes to an end in 2011 since "one is not viable without the other". The Mayor replied that the matter would be considered.
- A lady requested that more information be provided on the internet. This is especially important for people living outside the village. She suggested that Guadalinfo could be more involved.

My personal opinion is that this function corresponds to the Town Hall website which, at the moment, is no more than a publicity page with very little useful information. They would do well to follow the example of Frigiliana Town Hall. Their website includes the minutes of all the Council meetings. (Click on the link below to see this website. Thanks Sergio for the information.)

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