

SUMMARY OF MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR JAUME MONFORT
FRIDAY 5TH MAY, 2017

In attendance	Jaume Monfort	-	Gata Councillor for Town Planning
	Guillermo Bolufer	-	Association Specialist Lawyer
	Peter Bayliss	-	Association Membership Secretary
	Angie Dickinson	-	Association Secretary

Our lawyer Guillermo explained that we had requested this meeting as a follow up to the written instancia that we presented back in November and he restated the Association's intention to renew our collaborative relationship with the Town Hall. The function of the Association is to mediate between the residents of Gata Residencial and the Town Hall and we need some results.

The following questions were put to the councillor:

Why have we not received a written response to our instancia presented in November?

This is not a political issue but a technical one. There has been a considerable delay in answering all urbanistic instancias presented towards the end of last year due to a lack of technical staff. The Town Hall has recently employed a technical lawyer and is in the process of employing a specialist town planning lawyer and they hope to catch up with responses to instancias as soon as possible. It was confirmed that Guillermo will be able to contact these new lawyers directly on our behalf.

What is happening with the Bertolin court case?

The judge has requested a technical inspection to confirm what work is still pending. This is likely to take a few months to complete. For the duration of the case the building work cannot be continued. An independent lawyer has been appointed by the Town Hall to deal with the issue of Habitation Certificates and this is actually costing them more money than the homeowner is paying in admin fees.

However, the building work that is pending down at the Gata entrance of the urbanisation was not included in Bertolin's original contract. After the problems with the compulsory purchase of certain areas of land, the Town Hall is now in a position to begin the work which will involve the building of an access road.

Is there enough money in the aval to cover the remaining work? Can we have access to the aval document and the breakdown of expenditure?

Yes, it has been calculated that there is enough money remaining in the aval to cover the outstanding work, which is actually minimal and should only take 3 or 4 months to complete once they get the go ahead to start.

Yes, as an interested party, the Association can have sight of the expenditure figures, ie summary of the accounts and estimate of the aval. As for the actual aval document, this is a one page certificate with the name of the bank and the quantity held, nothing more.

Why hasn't the damaged notice board been replaced yet?

There have been similar incidents in Gata village where public property has been damaged by drivers and the insurance companies have taken an excessive amount of time to carry out the repairs. The case of our notice board has gone to court and we are still waiting for a final decision. However, Jaume will talk with the Councillor for Residents to see if they can

proceed with the repair and the Town Hall will cover the cost and then recover it when the Court makes its decision.

Can anything be done about the road signage?

All the signage within the urbanisation falls within the remit of Bertolin and therefore no work can be continued by order of the judge. However, we request that the black spots that we have previously pointed out be looked at as a matter of urgency because they are accidents waiting to happen. Jaume will speak with the Mayoress as she is in charge of citizen security.

What is the Town Hall's current position regarding the M8 rock face?

The repairs of the rock face will be included in the outstanding work covered by the aval as noted in the minutes of the Plenary session of the Council, despite the technical/legal report which rules that it should not be covered.