

2007 - Results of Local Elections

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May 2007

Local elections, Sunday 27th May. Your chance to make a difference. If you don't vote.....don't moan about the result.

PSOE Presentation to British Community

23rd May 2007

The turn-out was fantastic. Virtually a full Parilla room. speakers included two British girls on the list of councillors, and the Mayor candidate Snr Navarro. Most people declared that Snr Navarro and the PSOE had done themselves a lot of good by giving the presentation. The problem for the Brit community is the lack of voting power. It is understood only 400 are eligible to vote (see below).

At last. A politician who agrees we are illegal. He actually said the word. He also said it was not a quick fix, and anyone who said it was is deceiving you. He also said that the AUAN would be invited to join the commission to formulate the next PGOU (if they are elected).

The video tour of a future Albox was a bit 'fairy-tale-ish' but if only half came true it would be fantastic, mind you, he did say it was an 8, 10 even 12 year plan.

Bob Preston

Presentation to AUAN Members by Mayoral Candidates

May 2007

In accordance with members' request for the AUAN to arrange for the various parties to speak to members of the AUAN, Senor Navarro wants to make a presentation to the AUAN on 23rd May 2007 at 6 p.m. at La Parilla, At this party's request it has been agreed that members of the expatriate community (the majority of whom are British) may also attend.

As stated in our earlier letter and for the same reasons, it is of crucial importance that as many of the members of the AUAN as possible, regardless of which town you live in, and the expat community in general, attend this meeting also. Bring a non-member friend. We understand that there will be an opportunity for questions to be put to Senor Navarro. This meeting is also being publicised on our website and on radio.

A presentation by the PP party (the existing Mayor's party) to the AUAN on the 12th May is also being arranged and is subject to confirmation at the time of writing this letter. It is of the same importance (if not greater) to attend this one. This will be notified as soon as possible.

With the elections on the 27 May all the parties are keen to present themselves to the expatriate community, and this is being done throughout the Almanzora Valley. The AUAN is non-political. It is important that expats show their solidarity and awareness by attending these presentations regardless of the town concerned.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Naya

Open Letter from President of AUAN re. Plan General (PGOU)

May 2007

An Open Letter: To Whom It May Concern

A Plan General (P.G.O.U.) i.e. a Plan for the development of the Almanzora Valley by each municipality e.g. Albox, Cantoria, Oria, Arboleas, Zurgena, Partaloa etc., is presently being formulated by each Town Hall for eventual final approval by the Junta de Andalucia in Almeria. **THIS PLAN WILL AFFECT EVERYONE IN THESE MUNICIPALITIES.**

Among other matters, the Plan covers the re-zoning of rustic (rural) land into urbanisable land to enable lawful development of urbanisations over the next 5 to 8 years. It is a highly complex matter. In a nutshell, the Plan must meet the requirements of the laws governing town planning and the guidelines stipulated by the Junta. Re-zoning is only part of the process.

In the Almanzora Valley there are several thousand people who have bought plots and have houses built on rural land which at present is classified as non-urbanisable. Consequently they may, in the majority of cases not be able to obtain escrituras (title deeds) for their houses and/or land, or the mandatory licence to occupy the house from the Town Hall or other essential documents. All these properties are deemed to be illegal by the Authorities.

The fact is that under Spanish Law these people are liable to prosecution and legal sanctions against them and their properties. By the Junta's own estimate there are about 6,000 properties that could be affected. This is the reality of the situation.

It must therefore be the hope of these people, many of whom regrettably may not even realise what they actually are facing, that their property will be included in the areas re-zoned as "urbanisable".

THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY COMPLACENCY THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN BECAUSE THE PLAN STRICTLY LIMITS SUCH RE-ZONING.

You could be affected. If you own such a property in the Almanzora Valley we strongly advise you to get the facts so that you know whether you are affected or not.

What can be done to address this situation?

Abusos Urbanisticos Almanzora No is an Association formed to fight for the legalisation of land and homes in the Almanzora Valle. We are doing just that.

The aim of this open letter is to highlight the reality of the situation. It will NOT "all come right in the end" if nothing is done about it. If you want to safeguard your property, join the Association, so that with a great-

er voice we may influence the outcome. Join us now, help to secure the homes and futures of so many people as well as your own.

For membership details contact us on 617 118 209 or see our website at www.almanzora-au.org for more information. We will also be happy to meet with groups of people to present the facts to them.

Bob Naya

President – A.U.A.N.