

BREVES

Modificación ordenanzas

El Ayuntamiento de Torreblanca a expuesto a información pública la modificación de la ordenanza municipal que determina la posibilidad de bonificar hasta el 50% del Impuesto de Bienes Inmuebles a las empresas promotoras por

los edificios que construyen. La modificación permitirá agilizar la tramitación, puesto que se plantea que estos temas no tengan que pasar por pleno para su aprobación y de ese modo se resuelvan mas rápidamente las solicitudes que cumplan los requisitos.

Ventanilla única

Torreblanca se ha adherido al Convenio Marco firmado entre la Administración del Estado y la Generalitat Valenciana, mediante el cual se implantará una

oficina de atención al ciudadano que permitirá la presentación de documentación, solicitudes y trámites dirigidas a cualquier administración, mediante la puesta en marcha del sistema de Ventanilla Única.

Los usuarios de caminos rurales de La Ribera piden que se limpien los pasos inferiores de la AP-7 para poder circular

Vecinos de La Ribera de Cabanes denuncian el mal estado en el que permanecen algunos de los pasos inferiores que dan acceso a caminos vecinales a través del talud de la autopista AP-7. Los usuarios de estos caminos rurales, que según los vecinos del núcleo poblacional de La Ribera son muchos, solicitan al Ayuntamiento que solucione el problema, puesto que las lluvias torrenciales caídas hace unos meses obstruyeron algunos de estos pasos inferiores, lo que impide el paso de vehículos por la acumulación de tierra y piedras.

Algunos vecinos aseguran haber requerido al consistorio una actuación al respecto, habiendo obtenido la promesa de las autoridades locales de que se



limpiaría de inmediato los puentes, pero de momento eso no ha sido así.

Los usuarios de estos caminos rurales solicitan una pronta solución que les permita circular por la zona sin problemas.

El PSOE de Orpesa propone regular el tráfico pesado y medidas para la prevención de incendios

El Grupo Municipal Socialista del Ayuntamiento de Orpesa ha presentado dos mociones para su inclusión en sesión plenaria, referidas a la circulación de camiones por el casco urbano y para la prevención de incendios.

En la primera de las mociones solicita que el Ayuntamiento establezca una ruta alternativa por la que se desvíe todo el tráfico pesado que supere los 15.000 Kg, por la "peligrosidad, ruidos y además de un deterioro del asfaltado de nuestras calles, así como un gran incremento de suciedad" que conlleva el paso de este tipo de tráfico. Asimismo, los socialistas oropesinos piden al consistorio que se establezca una tasa para los camiones que por necesidad no tengan otra alternativa que pasar por el interior de la población, para "contrarrestar" las molestias que causaría y el deterioro del asfaltado, solicitando además que se cree una normativa para que la Policía Local

acompañe a estos vehículos a su paso por el casco urbano.

Incendios

Por otra parte, el PSOE de Orpesa insta al equipo de gobierno a tomar medidas para la prevención de incendios en la zona de "El Bobalar", "La Renega" y "El Balco". Para ello solicita que " por parte del Ayuntamiento de Orpesa del Mar, se realice el estudio de ingeniería necesario, para el trazado y colocación de canalizaciones fijas con bocas de incendio, en "El Bobalar", "La Renega" y la urbanización "El Balco", Y el estudio económico pertinente".

Además, la petición añade que se desarrolle un programa de voluntariado por parte del Ayuntamiento "para la limpieza y reforestación en "El Bobalar", entre asociaciones, clubes, colegios y demás organismos existentes en nuestra población".

Consultorio Auxiliar de Las Fuentes

La Concejalía de Sanidad del Ayuntamiento de Alcalá quiere agradecer públicamente a los profesionales médicos de Alcalá y Alcossebre, por el esfuerzo que están realizando para cubrir el servicio de asistencia médica en el Consultorio Auxiliar de

Las Fuentes.

Ante la petición realizada desde esta Concejalía para la realización de este servicio, la respuesta por parte de estos profesionales ha sido rápida y eficaz. Gracias en nombre de todos los ciudadanos.

**Información sobre los riesgos del tabaco**

La Asociación Azahar pasó por Torrenostra en su Campaña de Sensibilización Sobre los Efectos del Humo del Tabaco. De ese modo se les ofreció a todas las personas interesadas la medición de la Cantidad de Monóxido de Carbono en el aire respirado mediante una Cooximetría. La concejala de Sanidad, María Ferrando, participó en la campaña.

Por otra parte, la concejalía de Sanidad ha instalado un toldo en el banco que hay frente al ambulatorio, para que los pacientes que esperan su turno puedan resguardarse del sol.



EL 7 SET ENGLISH - by Brenda Cundell

The Council halts construction of the 'dry berth' as they consider that there is a 'legal basis' for doing so

Protests over the erection of the structure

The company has appealed against the municipal decision

The metal structure which was to house the 'dry berth' in the Las Fuentes Marina in Alcossebre has sparked off a controversy between business people, residents and the Port franchise-holding company. Although at first it appeared that the protests of those affected would have no effect in the face of a fait accompli, the situation took an unexpected turn when Alcalá Council announced that the work must stop.

On Tuesday, 7th August, those affected called a protest meeting, which little by little was joined by residents and owners not only of businesses but also of homes on the Marina. The demonstrators gathered at the entrance to the port precinct banging saucepans and blowing whistles, before moving on towards the Harbourmaster's office. They stopped at the barrier at the entrance to the inner part of the port, although some of the participants crossed into this area, which then meant that the Civil Guard officers who were there to make sure that there was no sort of riot, had to prevent those who were most excited from going any further.

Although there were no serious incidents, the Civil Guard officers proceeded to take the names of some of those taking part in the gathering.

Protests of those affected

The owners of business premises situated on the Marina are protesting because the construction of the warehouse has such an enormous impact on the port surroundings. Those affected by this building, which is to be a 'dry berth' for storing boats out of the water whilst they are not in use, believe that their views were not taken into account when building the structure was approved. According to statements by some of the business owners on the port, work began during the interval between the departure of the previous governing group and the current team taking over. "They began on a good day, without taking our views into consideration". Now the businesses on the port are afraid that their properties will be devalued, believing that the new structure is very ugly, stops breezes circulating, and the metal sheets with which it is being covered reflect the sun, making it very hot and raising the temperature and the feeling of heat around it. The construction of these facilities within the marina has created a lot of discontent, because they consider that it not only affects the landscape enjoyed by visitors, but also their very businesses. This is why they are wondering who authorised something which harms residents, as well as asking themselves under what criteria the Coastal Territorial Management and Generalitat Valenciana permitted this to happen, when they are so restrictive on other matters, such as promenades.

The owners of businesses on the marina have been given the support of residents, tourists and businessmen in the area, who have joined the campaign to collect signatures to try to stop the construction process of the metal structure which they consider threatens their businesses and the image of Alcossebre, "which is what provides a living for the majority of residents here. Just imagine now, the image Alcossebre offers the rest of the world has this metal structure hiding the view, because this is what you can see on the internet via the Tourist Board's webcam and which is on the net for the entire world to see".

The Council halts work

As explained to El 7 Set by the deputy mayor, Ricardo Aguilar, Alcalá de Xivert Council has now stopped the work. He explained that when the current local executive came into power following the municipal elections, they found the structure already under construction as it had been started between the two legislatures. Aguilar said that after they had formed the new government, they had proceeded to study the file and to apply for all the available information, asking the

company to provide new documentation. The councillor stated that there were out of date reports in the file and other unfavourable ones, so they had proceeded to stop the work immediately.

The previous governing team would have approved a Licence for Activity but not for Work for the company, based on the documentation presented. Now clarification is needed as to whether the company has a Building Licence or not, and whether one should be granted with the current documentation.

Aguilar stated that it is his intention to reach a satisfactory agreement for all parties, although he recognised that the courts will have to decide now whether the stoppage is effective or not, "if the company is right, they will be able to build the warehouse, but I hope not, because of the tremendous visual impact on the surroundings of the Marina which should have been taken into account when granting the Licence for Activity". At the same time he considers that there are now legal reasons which justify the stoppage of the work.

The company will appeal to the courts

Sources at the Las Fuentes Marina concession company have informed this paper that they have presented an appeal in court against the decision of the Council to stop the work on the "dry berth". They also said that if this appeal is not accepted, they will take it further through the courts to defend their company's rights.

Those responsible for the management of the marina were very surprised at the reaction of the owners of businesses on the port and the residents "who did not come to talk to us, but just said that they did not like the building, and now they are demonstrating". The company is defending its right to carry out the work, as it was included in the project which was approved in 1974, which planned the construction of a "dry berth" with capacity for 400 boats. The concessionaire also maintains that just as the initial project was approved, so later in 1998, the Plan for Use was approved, which once again included this installation. The plans for the work which has now begun only cover the construction of 108 places in the "dry berth", reducing the number to just over a quarter of that in the initial plan.

Sociedad Náutica Las Fuentes maintains that it has at all times strictly followed the legal processes to be able to carry out this work.

Prats denies that the previous government granted the Licence for Work

The Socialist Group's spokesperson, Lola Prats, has stated that "The problem with the licence for work is the PP's problem not that of the previous government. We only granted a Licence for Activity, because all the engineering and legal reports were favourable, including that from the Classification Committee, which was compulsory as it was a classified activity". The socialist councillor, who was a member of the previous governing group, stressed that they only granted a licence for activity, "because it had all the reports and there was nothing else we could do. It was also included in the Plan for Use which the PP approved in 1998, when Francisco Juan Mars was mayor. The licence we granted does not permit work, so that the PP has granted it or the PP is consenting to illegal work".

Prats holds that the Dry berth was included in the initial concession, so that "if there is any mistake the blame will be on the Council's or the Consellería's experts, who together with the Classification Committee, looked favourably on it, adding that the PP "also had to grant the licence for the petrol station and the building which was erected in the centre of the port, because it was all planned in the Plan for Use for the Port".