

## AVIB Monthly Meeting INFO of 30 MAY 2019

The most important news is the **result of the municipal elections**. Meanwhile, you all know that Mes Benitachell, the newly formed party of the mayor's government, still has an absolute majority of 6 out of 11 seats. "Red" under Josep Femenia, the overthrown former mayor, did poorly with only 4 seats. Toni Colomer has won one seat under "Ima". The ex-government owed to him that it was overthrown because he had changed fronts (this because once his special wishes were not fulfilled...).

Voices: 658 Mes Benitachell - 391 Red - Ima 163 - PP 84 - PSOE 63

Reason for the poor performance of "Red":

They started much too late with the election advertising and also did not use the medium Internet.

But also bad luck, because blocked by the press. Example CBN:

- Info Eklat at local council meeting not published, but later statement of Miguel Angel Garcia (from his personal point of view).

- Washing Dirty laundry & slander: Example: funeral & rumor because of Alzheimer Municipality obliged to pay funeral of citizens who have no relatives or those who do not want to or cannot pay (5-10 per year).

Yesterday I met Margret Hales from the Neighbourhood watch: Question whether I am again collecting signatures for **asphalting the roads on the Cumbre**. Answer: wait what is planned. Hope Mes Benitachell isn't called „Menos Cumbre“.

**Subsidy** from Valencia for road asphalting seems lost - no information at party meetings

New/old **government spend money with full hands**. Roundabout 50.000 € at Restaurant Antiquari, further at Cumbre Magnolias Pueblo del Mar 10.000 €, underground parking place at newly bought building shell, for fiestas already nearly 100.000 €, 7.000 € dromedary at Epiphany...

### **Electoral program:**

Financially viable asphalting plan (applies to Cumbre?), underground waste containers, green zones & picnic areas in Les Fonts and next to Protección Civil buildings.

Also proposal international festival (idea was taken from me at the first meeting with presidents of clubs)

Provincial Administration of Alicante: **Roundabout** is approved for Benitachell north entrance to Cumbre (1,100 pupils)

**Calistros street** closed for through traffic, only for residents

**The United Nations** established the **day** on which **young people** can express their interests and concerns to the communities. This happened in Benitachell at the end of March. The young people met with Jorge Pascual, a local councillor who is responsible for representing their interests, and with Miguel Angel García, the mayor of Benitachell. The young people had very clear ideas about the needs, also for the senior citizens. They suggested that the parks should have more natural green areas and meeting places for all generations, playgrounds for children, but also a recreation area for their grandparents. The sports facilities are also to be improved. The plague of the processional caterpillars also came up and they expressed concern about climate change. The young people were satisfied that their voices had been heard.

**Info AVIB Members Travel:**

Unfortunately, only 13 applications have been received for „Extremadura“ so far. This trip will not take place unless the number of registrations is increased to 20 at short notice.

Proposal

7 - 11 Oct Barcelona

14 - 19 Oct Madrid (same trip as 4 years ago)

Rio Jucar

Info will follow, where members can mark their interests. The trip with the strongest echo will be selected.

**Wine tasting** 11 June, 1 p.m.

The **participation of members** is in demand also for 20-year anniversary. Nobody can expect me to do everything on my own. So far only 1 member has registered and offered help.

Festival in September (?)