

Dear Vicente,

We have been working together across our organisations to provide you with a 'One Voice!' list.

Please find attached a suggested set of points for your meeting [on 1 March](#) 2021. We are very pleased that this now will be an actual meeting at the Town Hall.

As you requested, we have not included all the issues but believe these are the key ones to start the dialogue with the Mayor

The main issue with all our conversations with the Mayor is that we never get REAL answers, NOT just a few comforting words- as you have seen from the copies we have sent you over the last few months.

If this initiative is to be positive, the Mayor needs to work with us positively and give you full and transparent information. If not we will have to resort to other outside means of raising action ie Newspapers etc We have not forgotten that the Mayor made many promises in reference to Cumbre del Sol in order to be elected.two years ago..

If you need anything further let us know.

We wish you all the best for [Monday 1 March](#) and look forward to your comments after the meeting.

Meanwhile Stefan of AVIB has constructed an excellent Excel sheet listing issues and enabling monitoring of progress (or not!). We will all work on this over the next week to ensure it is comprehensive in its coverage. The first working draft is attached for your information.

Best regards and thank you.

Margaret and Gerald, Anita and Paul

Points for use in first meeting with Mayor on 01.03.2021:

The principles of „One Voice for Cumbre“ – „Una voz para Cumbre“ and the reason for the meeting are outlined in the letter sent on 17th February 2021.

In an effort to progress the key points and discuss ways forward we present the details below.

The residents firmly believe that equality is not being observed and a recent comment by the Mayor regarding best value of investment in high density areas (the village) means ,conversely, that nothing is worth doing in lower density areas (like Cumbre). However, surely the Mayor has a responsibility to invest our tax money recognising his responsibility to every citizen in his municipality? [Incidentally, it is perfectly possible to interpret his statement as meaning that the Council needs to spend less on the old village to achieve the same result.]

For several years respective Administrations have neglected many of their responsibilities. This historical fact is being used as the reason why our infrastructure is as it is (bad) rather than a recognition of the need for speedy action and extra investment!

The small proportion of investment in Cumbre is disproportionate and unfair in relation to the IBI, *waste tax* and building development taxes that have been- and continue to be- paid.

We note that this last point has been recognised by the Mayor and it has been accepted by the current Administration that it needs attending to. But still nothing has been DONE. Many statements have been made about surveys, plans and intentions. BUT where are the clearly defined and detailed solutions?

The intention of One Voice for Cumbre is that an approach of positive and meaningful dialogue can lead to ongoing issues being resolved together and our rights and entitlements are met, which is currently not the case.

As a start to the dialogue the following need answers:

1. Reference Recognition of equality between rural and urban areas from the Mayor (see above).

2. Reference Roads:

We were told that the technician was evaluating the cost of repairing and resurfacing. Has this been completed? If so, what is the cost and what is happening about a subvention? If the Mayor says it is not completed, then why was it needed in the first place, as the previous Administration had already done one and they were ready to commence work? This was stopped by the current team when they were in opposition. Equally, if the evaluation not been completed surely it does not take two and a half years?

3. Reference Street lighting:

We were advised in November 2020 that “Just to let you know that the company that was hired to carry out an electrical audit is currently finishing its work. With this information we will know exactly the state of all public lighting infrastructure and a new contract can be determined”. So what is the result and the plan to rectify this ongoing issue?

4. Reference Fibre Optic supply:

It was agreed with Iberica de Redes that a test in Zone Dalias would be set up, to be completed at the end of January 2021. Has this been completed and what are the results and the proposals for the remainder of the Zones?

5. Reference Rubbish collection:

We were told that a survey for Benitachell would be completed by January this year. Was it? And what were the conclusions and how does it affect Cumbre? This is especially important regarding the Ecoparque in zone Lirios where the residents do not accept the reasoning given for its closure in the first place. The new rule of two Big bags of green waste at the main Ecoparque in Benitachell has prevented the cooperation between groups of residents transporting bags of garden waste for the elderly and has led to a marked increase in green waste being dumped in household waste bins and on empty land. This is bad environmentally. What is happening and what is the plan for solving all this?

6. Reference Details of Budgets/Expenditure data:

This was promised but never provided. How is this accessed? What has happened to money saved by previous administrations?

Finally, on a general point, what plans are currently being put into operation from a geographical point of view not only for Cumbre but Benitachell as a municipality? What projects are in the pipeline? We wish to see ALL the surveys carried out over the last two and half years by the administration led by Mayor Miguel Ángel Garcia.

AVIB, CRA and Colloquia

23 February 2021, on behalf „Una Voz para Cumbre“