**URBANISATION EL OLIVAR DE BUENAVISTA**

**President’s Report - September 2020.**

**Well how do I start? I reported that my last report was going to be my last, so I would like this report to be read in conjunction with what I wrote a year ago. You remember at the meeting the Mayor of Alcaucin, Agata González Martin, advised that the Town Hall had agreed to finally adopt the sewage station, but the formal legal process is still to be untaken by our Solicitor and that of the Town Hall to fully formalise the matter. That being the case it was proposed and accepted by myself and our Administrator (who also is a Solicitor) to stay on to complete this task and finish all that we started**

**Little did we know what we were heading into, what amounted to the “Perfect Storm” of Covid-19. Despite the unavoidable delays and difficulties I can report that the legal adoption contract was signed in early July 2020 by myself and the Mayor of Alcaucin. The final piece was to send the contract to the Junta de Andalusia for registration, which should under normal circumstances have been returned 6/8 weeks ago. (Not confirmed at time of writing).**

**The date planned for the Town Hall to commence payments for the sewage maintenance contractor is 1st October when his present agreement with ourselves expires. Likewise for the electricity for running the system. This agreement will give the Entity a saving of (circa) €10,000 pa.**

**As I gave notice to go a year ago I feel it’s my time to go quietly. I’m sure I’ve got plenty of other things to keep me more than occupied, might even write a book . . .?**

**Before I go I must give my final thanks to a number of people over the years who without their efforts and help nothing we have achieved would have been possible.**

**I have worked with 5 Mayors during my time as President, the first two being replaced owing to issues at the Town Hall, but the start of our journey began with Domingo; it was under his Mayorship the first small steps of this long journey began. These steps started to get longer and faster under the Mayorship of Mario Blancke when the Town Hall adopted the superstructure of the urbanisation in 2004/5, leaving the entity to manage only the green area and the Sewage Station.**

**We continued our pursuit and lobbing of the Town Hall regarding these two remaining areas, resulting in the Town Hall obtaining European money to plant 200 trees, with our agreement to continue to maintain them. This now provides a natural environment for wild flowers and wild life which can be seen at times in the area.**

**The Sewage Station was the sticking point and it meant that the owners were paying twice for their sewage removal and treatment. The negotiations over-lapped a change in the Administration at the Town Hall, which meant renegotiating with the new Administration.**

**This was carried out and implemented by my fifth and the present Mayor, Agata with whom I believe I’ve established a very good working relationship over the past 18 months, hopefully establishing a good foundation for my successor to continue to work on.**

**More recently, I would also like to thank Victor Calland for his helpful suggestions and initiatives, eg maintaining defibrillators, organising Urbanisation celebrations and regular provision of a private skip for gardening refuse.**

**Finally I cannot finish without mentioning the help and assistance of our administrator Alberto, together with Jose who has acted as translator; without their help I could not have totally met and achieved these objectives.**

**I believe the proposals by my possible successors and new administration are sound in taking the Entity forward with new initiatives and enthusiasm whilst**

**(a) continuing our legal obligation to the Green Area by the river,**

**(b) the formation of a Residents Association so that owners and tenants alike can contribute and enjoy the facilities being provided for the whole Urbanisation and**

**(c) continuing and improving the locally accepted status of being the Premier and totally Legal Urbanisation in Alcaucin.**

**I wish you all well.**

**John H Cuff. President.**